

TOWN OF RISING SUN

BOARD OF TOWN COMMISSIONERS

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May 28, 2007

Present: Judy Cox, Tom Mumey, Jim Majewski, Debbie Craig, Augie Pierson

Town Administrator: Calvin Bonenberger, Jr.

Guests: See Attached List

The Annual Meeting of the Mayor and Commissioners of Rising Sun was held on May 28, 2007 at the Rising Sun Town Hall with all members in attendance. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Cox, followed by the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.

Erika Dixon and her parents, Ron & Rita Dixon were in attendance. Erika was the District 10 (Cecil and Harford Counties) of the Maryland Municipal League's "If I Were Mayor" contest. Erika read her essay and was presented with a Certificate of Recognition from the Town.

Dawn Rodenbaugh, the coordinator of the Neighborhood Youth Panel gave an annual report and update on the success of this program. She thanked the Town and Police Department for their support. She hopes to be active in other Towns in the coming year. A copy of her report is attached.

Mayor Cox advised that there was a need to appoint an election judge for the upcoming election. She recommended Barbara Shallcross. A motion was made by Mr. Pierson, seconded by Mr. Majewski and carried to appoint Barbara Shallcross as an election judge for the 6/11/07 election.

Mayor Cox advised that letters of intent to have their names placed on the ballot for the office of Commissioner for the 6/11/07 election had been received from Debbie Craig, Tom Mumey and Skip Yust. There were no nominations from the floor. A motion to close the nominations was made by Mr. Pierson, seconded by Mr. Majewski and carried. The slate of candidates for the office of Commissioner in the 6/11/07 election are: Debbie Craig, Tom Mumey and Skip Yust.

Mr. Bonenberger presented the Budget Strategy for the 2008 FY. He advised that the budget is usually presented at the Annual Meeting, however, they are still working on the budget. Currently there is a 22% deficit of expenses over revenues. The continuing rise in the cost of fuel for the vehicles and heating and the operations of the water and wastewater plants. The Mayor and Commissioners are working to close the deficit and keep the same property tax rate of .36/\$100 of assessed value.

They are looking at the possibility of hiring a person to handle the building permit process including inspections and also adding another police officer.

The Board would also like to provide a state of the art website with the ability to pay taxes, etc., on line. They are working toward outreach programs, and building partnerships. They would like to put more monies into the parks.

The Commissioners Annual Reports will be given at the next meeting as well as presenting the Budget for FY 2007/2008.

Mr. Boneberger advised that there is a mild concern about the water supply. Currently, the wells are down 11 feet from last year. Some pumps are being run 22 hours per day. He recommends that the Board request the promotion of good water usage practices and conservation measures with outdoor water activities. Notices are to be placed in upcoming water bills.

Diane Ehrhart gave a report on the Rising Sun Historical Preservation Commission. She advised they have had a very good year. She was pleased with the grand opening and gave kudos to Bill McNamee, Jr. for his participation. The sewing classes are going well. The Epic dances continue to be a major fund raiser.

CITIZEN INPUT:

Mr. Pierson thanked the public works department for the work they did on Saturday in Summer Hill. While the problem was that of the property owner, they worked with the plumber to get the water turned off. The main issue was that the turn off valve was 9' below the driveway

Mrs. Craig requested a recap of the next meeting. Mr. Boneberger advised that the end of the year reports would be given, the FY 2008 budget would be presented and the tax rate approve in conjunction with the Constant Yield Tax

Mrs. Craig requested that an article be place in the paper encouraging the community to attend the meeting. She suggested that there be a social time following the meeting where the public can talk to the Board and the Administration. Refreshment could be served

Mr. Mumey reminded the Board that there would not be a meeting on the 2nd Tuesday in June. However, there would be a second meeting after June 12. He reminded everyone of Sunfest this Saturday.

With no further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra D. Didra
Secretary