

# TOWN OF RISING SUN

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June 12, 2007

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

Town Administrator: Calvin Bonenberger, Jr.

Guests: See Attached List

The regular scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Commissioners of Rising Sun was held on June 12, 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.

A public hearing was held on the Constant Yield Tax as required by the State of Maryland. Mr. Bonenberger explain the Constant Yield Tax to those in attendance. The CYT as proposed by the State of Maryland Department of Assessment and Taxation is \$ .335 per \$100 of assessed value based on this year's assessment values. At that rate the Town would bring in the same amount of taxes as last year. However, this calculation does not take into account the increase in expenses such as gas. The Mayor and Commissioners feel that by keeping the current tax rate of \$ .36 per \$100 of assessed value, with the increased assessments, will enable the Town to cover the increase in expenses.

A motion was made by Mr. Mumey to adopt the tax rate of \$ .36 per \$100 of assessed value for the FY 2008. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pierson. Mayor Cox asked for further discussion from the Board, none was forthcoming. She then asked for questions or comments from the public, none was forthcoming. The motion passed by a vote of 4 yeas and 0 nays.

Mr. Bonenberger presented the proposed budget for FY 2008. He explained the process of putting the budget together. He advised of additional separation of accounts, establishing investment assets and diversifying funds, based on the history of revenues and expenditures. He also addressed plans to get aggressive about grant monies. The budget also includes a Code Enforcement section which is designed to support itself through fees and fines. Salaries are reallocated between the variety of departments with which an employee may deal. Additional Capital Outlay accounts have been established with regard to future spending.. Mr. Bonenberger reviewed the proposed General Budget, Revenues and Expenditures page by page with includes the Town Administration, Public Safety, Public Works and Parks departments..

Mr. Bonenberger reviewed the propose FY 2008 budget for the Wastewater Department. This is an enterprise fund and must pay for itself. He explained that the cost of the new Wastewater Treatment Plant is proposed to be born by the developers not the current taxpayers. In addition the cost of the new WWTP is to be divided between FY 2008 and FY 2009. He also reviewed the proposed budget for the Water Department that includes putting the Legion Wells on line and upgrading the current water plant. When the upgrades to the WWTP and the Water System are completed, the Town should realize approximately a \$4 million and a \$3.4 million dollar reserve respectfully.

Mr. Bonenberger also introduced a new Trash Refuse and Recyclables Fund. This would also be an enterprise fund that would pay for itself. He advised that we would be taking the tipping fees out of the trash contract and the Town would pay them. Since the Town would then receive a \$15 per ton rebate on all recycling, we need to be aggressive about the recycling program.

Additionally, a new Streets & Sidewalks Fund has been established. Utilizing a line of credit at NBRF Financial, the Town would commit the revenues from the Highway Users Revenue for payment of the loan. This could be repeated every 2 years as needed for street restoration.

Mr. Boneenberger advised that he felt the proposed budget provides good service to the residents. There will be one more budget workshop on 6/13/07 at 6:30 PM. There will be a special meeting to adopted the FY 2008 budget on 6/21/07 at 7:00 PM

Mrs. Craig asked for a round of applause for the work Mr. Bonenberger had done on the budget.

### REPORTS:

Mayor Cox read a list of the accomplishments and happenings over the past fiscal year. She also read the accomplishments of the police department. Copies of both are attached to these minutes. She also thanked Mrs. Donahun,

Mrs. Shallcross and Mrs. Madron for their help at the polls during yesterday's election. She acknowledge the help of the National Honor Society of Rising Sun Middle School for their help with the train planter in Diddie Richardson Park.

Diane Ehrhart gave a report on the activities of the Rising Sun Historical Preservation Committee over the past year. She had the framed map that will be raffled off at the fireman's carnival on display. A copy of her report is attached.

CITIZEN INPUT:

Dee Emsley shared with the Board that her electric supplier had contacted her and advised that they could no longer supply her with electric cheaper than Delmarva.

Ron Smith questioned Mr. Bonenberger reference to 33% of units in Rising Sun are rentals. Mr. Bonenberger advised that the figure was from the 200 census and that it is above the national average.

Mr. Ellision suggested that the Board use microphones so that the audience could hear what was going on.

Mayor Cox asked everyone to stay for refreshements which had been requested by Mrs. Craig. She also congratulated Mrs. Craig and Mr. Yust on their recent election wins.

With no further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

The regular session adjourned at 8:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra D. Didra  
Secretary