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

Town Administrator: Calvin Bonenberger, Jr.

Absent: Augie Pierson

Guests: See Attached List

The special meeting of the Mayor and Commissioners of Rising Sun was held on June 21, 2007 at the Rising Sun Town Hall with all members in attendance except Mr. Pierson. The purpose of the special meeting was to conduct a public hearing to present and adopt the FY 2008 budget. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Cox, followed by the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.

Mr. Bonenberger gave a line by line power point presentation of the general fund revenues and expenditures. The general fund revenue & expenditures are \$1.3.

Mr. Bonenberger reviewed the water and wastewater enterprise funds. He explained how both of these funds will directly be affected by developer involvement, especially with regard to capital improvements. The budget also reflects a 5 year capital improvement plan. Any increase in water and sewer user fees will depend on the costs, as they relate to the upgrade of both systems.

Mr. Bonenberger also introduced the creation of two additional enterprise funds. The first is the Streets & Sidewalks Enterprise Fund which would utilize the State Highway Users Revenue to pay for the costs of street & sidewalk repair which for the next 2 years involves a bank loan which is repayable by the quarterly HUR. In addition, the Streets & Sidewalk Impact Fees will be invested in interest bearing accounts for future streets & sidewalk projects.

The second newly created enterprise fund will be for Trash & Recyclables. Mr. Bonenberger shared information he had obtained from a meeting with Cecil County Landfill personnel. He advised that with an aggressive approach to recycling, the Town could realize a \$15 per ton rebate from the county. One suggestion is that the Town could purchase a chipper and small dump truck and collect all yard waste including Christmas trees

Mr. Bonenberger also proposed, as reflected in the budget, that the Town pay the landfill "tipping" fees rather than the hauler.

It may be necessary to amend the water, wastewater and trash portions of the budget pending the award of the trash contract and settlement on the MDE loan for the water lines and sewer line portion of the streetscape project. User fees and service charges may need adjusting to meet new data.

As an overview, Mr. Bonenberger advised that this year's budget is comprehensive and aggressive. By setting up additional accounts and establishing capital improvement accounts for future needs as well as establishing a true "rainy-day" fund, the Town has laid a road map for the future. Monthly reports and management issues should be easier and better distributed between departments.

With no further discussion on the budget, a motion was made by Mr. Mumey to adopt the budget for FY 2008 as presented, seconded by Mrs. Craig and carried by a vote of 3 yeas and 0 nays.

With no further business coming before the Board, a motion was made by Mrs. Craig to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue and a legal issue with regard to the contract with S & M Paving. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mumey and carried. This portion of the regular session adjourned at 8:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra D. Didra
Secretary