

Town of Rising Sun Mayor & Commissioners Town Meeting Minutes



Let it be remembered that the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the Town of Rising Sun, held a Town Meeting on the third floor of the Town Hall in Rising Sun on Tuesday evening, December 9, 2014 at 7:00 PM. For the record the meeting place and time were duly posted as required.

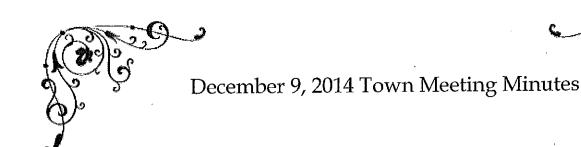
MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Vice Mayor George Walker, Commissioners Allen Authenreath, Jennifer Scully and Dave Warnick.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mayor Travis Marion

STAFF/CONSULTANTS PRESENT: Town Administrator Calvin Bonenberger, Town Clerk Marsha Spencer

IN THE MATTER OF CALLING THE MEETING TO ORDER: Vice Mayor George Walker called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM followed by the Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Commissioner Scully and seconded by Commissioner Authenreath to approve the Minutes of November 25, 2014. Motion carried 3-0.



IN THE MATTER OF REPORTING OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Town Administrator Calvin Bonenberger read into the minutes the Executive Session held November 25, 2014 at 7:45 PM. (See Executive Session Report.)

Town Administrator Calvin Bonenberger read into the minutes the Executive Session held December 3, 2014 at 6 PM. (See Executive Session Report.)

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS: NONE

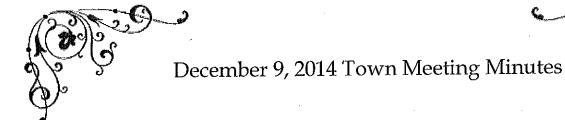
IN THE MATTER OF BUSINESS ITEMS: NONE

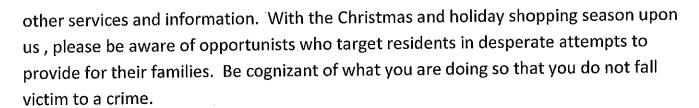
IN THE MATTER OF CITIZENS' INPUT: Appreciation was expressed for the approaching end of the year Hanukah and Christmas celebrations with thanks to all for their professionalism and continued good work.

IN THE MATTER OF THE MAYOR'S REPORT: The Mayor asked to be excused tonight due to illness.

IN THE MATTER OF STAFF REPORTS:

Chief of Police Peterson reported that for the period of November 28 through December 9 the Police Department responded to 222 calls for service with no notable trends. The Shop-With —A-Cop program is planned for this coming Saturday, where all county police agencies assist more than 50 children one-on-one with shopping at Wal-Mart where they will also receive a meal. Distribution of some food baskets has been added for families in need. This coming Saturday is the Motorcycle Run that begins around 11 AM at the Way of Life Church on Colonial Way. Also on Saturday ACE Hardware has their Christmas event where an officer will provide fingerprinting and

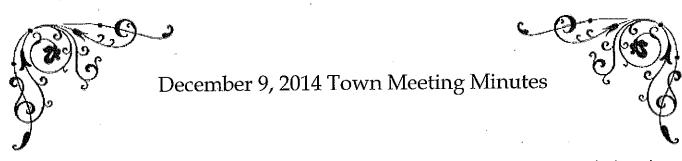




Town Administrator Bonenberger

The broken 4" water main on Main Street caused the Town water to be shut off completely. To understand the situation, the Streetscape project performed by the State, which predates us, was performed to upgrade and install a 12" water main to replace the 4" water main that was supplying water to the area. However, upon completion of the 12" water main, the 4" main, which ran parallel to the 12" main, was never disconnected and abandoned as intended. Consequently, the service lines to various houses along that area are still being fed off the smaller 4" line. Unfortunately, during the Streetscape project, the State also paved over the shut-off valves for the 4" line so that our crews could not shut off the water leak. As a result, the Town had to shut off water to the entire town. The break was not due to freezing temperatures, but because of the obvious curb damage around that corner, heavy weight, pressure and inertia of tractor/trailer traffic was the most likely culprit. Once the water was turned on, another break ruptured about a foot from the previous break. In addition, two days later a leak occurred on Haines Avenue which actually turned out to be a break in the service line running from the house to the main. Apparently gravity and the weight of the ground and street above put pressure on the galvanized piping and it slowly lost roundness over time, causing it to fail.

The Town Administrator extended accolades to the Public Works crew for the sacrifices made as they responded and persevered on a cold, long day. He also extended special thanks to the Town Staff for working alongside Public Works with the great display of Christmas decorations in town and around Town Hall.



The Town Administrator reported that roughly eight companies have responded to the 2014 Economic Development and Community Revitalization RFP. The deadline is December 30th for submission of their proposals.

IN THE MATTER OF THE HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE: Mr. Thomas Mumey reported that regularly scheduled meetings will resume in January on the second Wednesday of each month. Congratulations were again expressed to the Public Works Department for their pride and competence. Again, Happy Holidays and keep safe.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS: None

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS: Motion was made by Commissioner Warnick and seconded by Commissioner Scully to cancel the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor & Commissioners on December 23rd. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Warnick reminded everyone that Friday, December 12th is Bud McFadden Day in Rising Sun.

An Open House is planned for the Library on Tuesday, December 16th.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:

Commissioner Authenreath reported that as a result of the three water main breaks, three holes have been created in the roads and will require repairs in the spring. A meeting was held today with KCI engineers about a comprehensive evaluation over the winter to determine streets, sidewalks, sewer pipes, and water storm drains that require attention. These items will be prioritized and KCI will submit a price for evaluation sometime in January. The next meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission is scheduled for Monday, January 19 at 6:30 PM.



<u>commissioner Scully</u> wished everyone a Merry Christmas and safe and happy holidays as they enjoy time with families.

<u>Commissioner Warnick</u> reported that an additional boy scout has joined the Dog Park project that is too much work for two scouts to manage between the board walk, bridge and learning platform. The Veterans Park Project is moving forward with the scouts soliciting donations for material costs. Please watch the Town's Face Book page to offer help and make donations. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

<u>Commissioner Walker</u> reported that the Water and Sewer Plant project continues to move along well with nothing new to report.

With no other business to come before the Board, motion was made by Commissioner Warnick, seconded by Commissioner Scully to adjourn at 7:30. Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha J. Spencer

Town Clerk

DECLARATION AND VERIFICATION OF AUTHENTICITY

I, Marsha J. Spencer, Clerk for the Town of Rising Sun, Maryland, do herby certify that the above and foregoing minutes are a true, perfect and complete copy of the Minutes adopted by the Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Rising Sun, Maryland, and is identical to the original thereof appearing in the official records of the Town of Rising Sun, Maryland and the same has not, since its adoption, been rescinded or amended in any respect.



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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have affixed the seal of the Town of Rising Sun as of this 13th day of January 2015.

Respectfully submitted

Marsha V. Spencer

Town Clerk

CERTIFICATE & TOWN SEAL

(STATE OF MARYLAND)
(COUNTY OF CECIL)
(TOWN OF RISING SUN)

Motion to approve the minutes made by Commissioner Jennifer Scully and seconded by Commissioner Allen Authenreath at the January 13, 2015 Town Meeting.

Motion passed 3-0.