

## 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 Town Hall in Rising Sun on Tuesday evening, October 14, 2014 at 7:00 PM. For the record the meeting place and time were duly posted as required.

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Mayor Travis Marion, Vice Mayor George Walker, Commissioner Allen Authenreath, Commissioner Jennifer Scully and Commissioner David Warnick.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF/CONSULTANTS PRESENT:** Town Clerk Marsha Spencer

**IN THE MATTER OF CALLING THE MEETING TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Travis Marion, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Marion opened the meeting with prayer.

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion was made by Commissioner Scully and seconded by Commissioner Warnick to approve the Minutes of September 23, 2014. Motion carried 4-0.

**IN THE MATTER OF REPORTING OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:**



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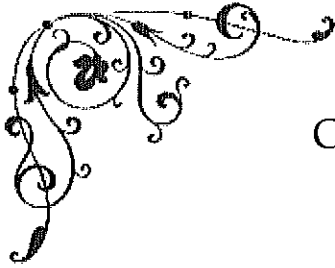
Commissioner Warnick reported on the Executive Session held on October 7, 2014 at 6:30 PM. The Mayor and Commissioners met in Executive Session on the second floor of Town Hall as provided for by the Maryland Open Meetings Act. A motion was made by Commissioner Authenreath and seconded by Commissioner Scully to open the meeting. Motion carried 4-0. Mayor Marion and Commissioners Authenreath, Walker, Warnick and Scully were all present. A motion was made by Commissioner Authenreath and seconded by Commissioner Scully to enter the Executive Session. Motion carried 4-0.

In accordance to The Maryland Open Meetings Act, Title 10. Governmental Procedures, Subtitle 5. Meetings, to discuss (1) the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction; or any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals. Topics discussed were personnel issues. Present in addition to the elected body was Town Administrator Calvin Bonenberger. With no action taken, motion was made by Commissioner Warnick and seconded by Commissioner Walker to leave Executive Session. Motion carried 4-0. Motion was made by Commissioner Warnick and seconded by Commissioner Walker to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 PM.

### **IN THE MATTER OF BUSINESS MEETING ITEMS:**

#### **Resolution 2014-08 Arts Council – Commissioner Warnick**

Commissioner Warnick read into record Resolution 2014-08 concerning the creation, appointment and scope of responsibilities of an Arts Council, made for the purposes of stimulating economic opportunities and to promote, cultivate and sustain the arts for the people of Rising Sun. Commissioner Warnick reported that item 5, the



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legal corporate development of the Arts Council as a non-profit organization, would be deleted until the time for such structure becomes necessary. Motion carried 4-0.

**IN THE MATTER OF CITIZENS' INPUT:** Some comments were shared.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE MAYOR'S REPORT:**

The Mayor expressed a special thank you to the Rising Sun Historical Society for the fantastic job on the Civil War Reenactment. Many residents and students enjoyed the exhibits as well as watching the battle. We look forward to more civil war re-enactors in next year's production.

Special thanks to Shelly Leishear for donating artwork on the Main Street side of Town Hall. Three breast cancer ribbons are displayed for a message of hope and awareness to be left by caregivers and survivors. The first signer was former Mayor Sally Teague. We wish her well on her recovery.

This Saturday is the Fall Spooktacular, 11 AM to 4 PM. A Lancaster County farmer is donating more than 250 pumpkins for painting. Other fun activities include a Nerf battlefield, trick or treating, a costume contest, and an obstacle course. The Public Works Department will assist with some of the details. The Mayor mentioned overwhelming support of gifts cards, money, free items, etc. to support the Town.

Lastly, Mayor Marion welcomed his Exchange Student, Victor, who is staying here for the next two weeks from France.

**IN THE MATTER OF STAFF REPORTS:**



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Chief Peterson reported 334 calls since the last town meeting with no significant trends. The Drug Take Back was quite successful with 3 of the 33-gallon trash bags filled with household prescription drugs.

The Mayor expressed well wishes for the Town Administrator Bonenberger who is no feeling well this evening.

### **IN THE MATTER OF THE HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION REPORT:**

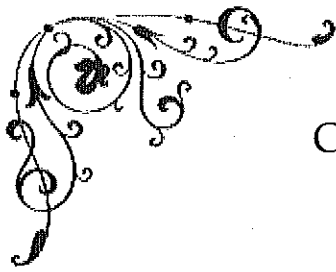
Mr. Thomas Mumey reported that the Mount Harmon trip is on schedule for October 17<sup>th</sup>, meeting at Janes Church at 11 AM to carpool. This two-hour tour is open to the public.

Mr. Mumey expressed his appreciation to the Mayor for the favorable remarks about the Civil War Reenactment. On Friday 510 children went through the encampment. Part of a medical unit and another encampment will be participating next year.

### **IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS: None**

### **IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Warnick announced the appointment of Shelly Leishear as Chairperson for the Arts Council. Motion was made by Commissioner Warnick and seconded by Commissioner Scully to make this appointment. Mayor Marion thanked Shelly for serving and hopes that the Council becomes very successful with a positive economic impact on the Town. Motion carried 4-0.



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### **IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:**

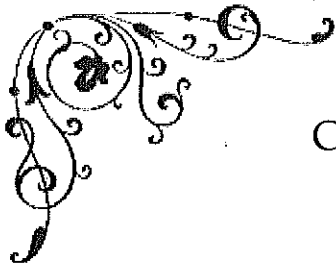
Commissioner Authenreath reported that the Public Works Department has been working on repairs to potholes on Pearl Street in front of the Middle School, have repaired some sidewalks in Maple Heights in front of the bank to the bus stop, and have cleaned storm drains to take care of fallen leaves. In the coming weeks some deteriorating fire hydrants will be replaced as well as repair of a sidewalk driveway apron on Pearl Street.

Commissioner Authenreath expressed appreciation to Cirillo Brothers for their work on Maples Heights Lane and Maple Leaf Drive. They completed the work under budget and in two days. Many thanks for their good work and fantastic job. This work adds to the appeal of Maple Heights and the home community.

Lastly, the Planning Commission is scheduled to meet Monday October 20<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM (moved from 4<sup>th</sup> Monday to third) and is still looking for interested residents to become members. Due to scheduling conflicts, the Planning Commissioner did not meet last month and plan to continue working on the lengthy Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance for new developments.

Mayor Marion echoed the positive remarks made about Cirillo Brothers who did a fantastic job on Maple Heights as well as on Cherry and Mount Streets. The Mayor was contacted by a resident on Cooper Street who reported a significant area of sidewalk that needs to be fixed. Commissioner Authenreath will visit the site and shared that such reports can be made through email or the phone at Town Hall.

Commissioner Scully reported that the Town is hosting the Youth Mental Health First Aid Program on Monday, October 27<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 9 AM to 1 PM



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here on the third floor of Town Hall. Participants will attend both half-day sessions and earn a certificate in Youth Mental Health First Aid. The program is presented by the Maryland Coalition of Families for Children's Mental Health, funded by a grant that provides instructors. The Town of Rising Sun is the first to offer such a program.

We are hosting this event in conjunction with STEPS Recovery Resources. This program trains people to offer young people experiencing mental health issues a first aid appropriate until other help is received. Good participants would be anyone who works with children, from coaches, parents, teachers, camp counselors to volunteers in youth programs, school administrators.

The minimum class size is 15, maximum is 25. April Foster and Carrie Miller of the STEPS program are coordinating the registration. Flyers are on the podium; notices have been sent to school advisors and postings have been made on Face book Attendance is required for both days.

Commissioner Walker reported that work at the sewer plant is proceeding nicely. Some consideration is being given to a four inch water line that needs to be replaced but nothing has been finalized. Commissioner echoed that the Town's Face book information could also be posted on the Town's website.

Commissioner Warnick echoed the Mayor's gratitude to the Historical Commissioner for the great Civil War Reenactment. Apparently the addition of the Medical Unit will mean forty to sixty more participants or double the size next year.

Estimates have been received for the sliding boards at Diddy Richardson Park. One option is to replace the current spiral board with an identical slide for \$5,800. The straight sliding board is significantly less expensive at \$1,600. Commissioner Warnick



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has spoken with the Public Works Department and hopes to make a recommendation for moving forward at the next meeting. The insurance deductible probably is per incident and will most likely not apply.

The Mayor offered a \$100 reward to anyone who has information about the damage. The Chief has increased patrol and surveillance.

With no other business to come before the Board, Commissioner Warnick made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion which carried 4-0 at 7:30 PM.

### **DECLARATION AND VERIFICATION OF AUTHENTICITY**

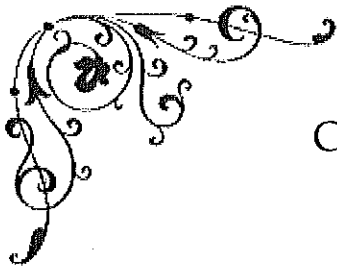
I, Marsha J. Spencer, Clerk for the Town of Rising Sun, Maryland, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing minutes are a true, perfect and complete copy of the Minutes adopted by the Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Rising Sun, Maryland, and is identical to the original thereof appearing 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.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have affixed the seal of the Town of Rising Sun as of this 28 day of October 2014.

Respectfully submitted



Marsha J. Spencer  
Town Clerk



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***CERTIFICATE & TOWN SEAL***

***(STATE OF MARYLAND)***

***(COUNTY OF CECIL)***

***(TOWN OF RISING SUN)***

Motion to approve the minutes made by Commissioner Dave Warnick and seconded by Commissioner George Walker at the October 28, 2015 Town Meeting.

Motion passed 4-0.