

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 3rd floor of the Town Hall on Tuesday evening, August 26, 2014 at 7 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 Dave Warnick.

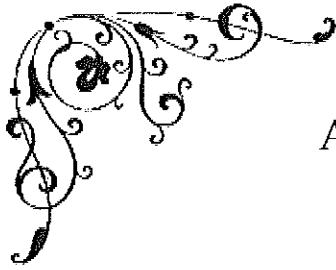
MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

MEETING OPENING: The meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM by Mayor Marion, followed by a pledge of allegiance and an opening prayer. Note that the meeting began half an hour later to allow the Mayor and Commissioners to present a proclamation to the players on the 10—11 year-old Little League team at the Opening Day on the Little League baseball field.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Commissioner Scully and seconded by Commissioner Warnick to approve the Minutes of August 12, 2014. Motion carried 4-0.

Report of the Executive Session: None



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Public Presentation: None

Business Meeting Items:

County Master Sewer and Water Update – In conjunction with the County's update of their Sewer and Water Plan, Commissioner Walker reported updates to the Town's plan include the following major changes:

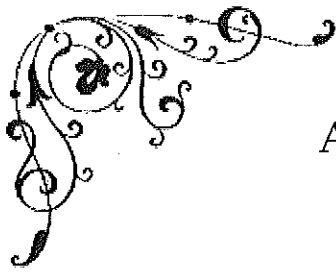
- the Town's new sewer plant replaces the lagoon;
- 10,000 lineal feet of 4 inch water line will be replaced as budget allows.

Resolution 2014-05 Fee Schedule – Commissioner Authenreath and Town Administrator Bonenberger reported on the changes needed to provide a fee structure for building permits for agricultural construction. Without this revision to the Fee Schedule, agricultural construction would be unfairly treated as commercial property where the fees are generally based on the square footage of the improvement. In summary, the Town's Fee Schedule is \$1.50/square foot less than the County's schedule.

Commissioner Authenreath recommended that the board review the Fee Schedule and plan to take action at the next meeting in September.

Executive Draft – The Economic Development and Community Advisory Revitalization Committee – Mayor Marion summarized the highlights of the drafted document that includes rules, appointments, membership terms of office and other details. Again, the board will review this document for consideration at the next meeting in September.

Citizen's Input – None



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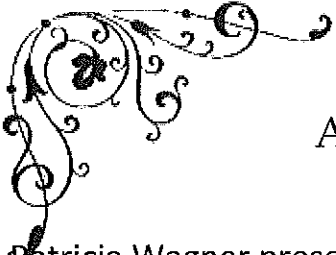
Mayor's Report – Mayor Marion read into record Proclamation 2014-06, Plumpton Park Zoo. The Zoo recently broke ground on Jimmie's Giraffe House with an educational complex that will attract visitors throughout the County. The Mayor also read into record Proclamation 2014-07, Rising Sun Little League 10—11 Year Old State Champions.

Progress continues on Triangle Dog Park with grading of the parking lot. Commissioner Warnick has assumed responsibility for the trail system. Mayor Marion has met with a graphics designer to create signage that includes park rules.

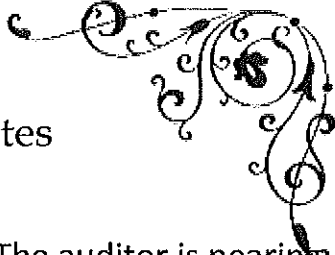
The Mayor referenced Joanne Osborne's concerns about the need for speed limit signs on Cherry Street. Commissioner Authenreath will follow up. For September, many of the street lights will turn green for Donate Life month to focus on the need to sign up for organ donation. Through a proclamation to be presented at the next meeting, Mayor Marion will honor one particular family who made the ultimate sacrifice. Lastly, Commissioner Warnick and Mayor Marion said goodbye to their exchange students from Spain. The Mayor encouraged community members to participate by hosting students or joining in other related activities next year.

Staff Reports –

Chief Peterson formally welcomed new police commissioner, Jennifer Scully. The Chief's reported for the past two weeks showed 262 calls for service which required no unusual attention. The Chief highlighted school bus safety with the start of school. The Governor's office conducted their audit for Crime Control and Prevention for Juvenile Detention. The Police Department was rated 100% compliant. The National Criminal Information System Audit will be conducted on September 2nd. The Chief expects similar results.



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Patricia Wagner presented an overview for year ended June 30th. The auditor is nearing the end of their review. A draft of financial statements is expected in another week. This year's audit has been quick-paced and positive.

Town Administrator Bonenberger reported that an application has been submitted for reimbursement of approximately \$580,000 from USDA. Despite all the issues at the sewer plant, the Town is enjoying a healthy cash flow.

Having attended an economic development meeting with Delegate Rudolph, Mr. Bonenberger learned of several changes to the federal government grants and loan procedures. One change is a different chart used to evaluate how Rising Sun could qualify for up to 70% of the expenses for which we apply. Grant money could be used for:

- a consultant to move ahead with the Economic Development Study;
- an engineer to complete the required preliminary engineering studies;
- actual water line construction;
- a museum;
- community centers;
- small scale paving equipment;
- the 10,000 lineal feet of pipe mentioned earlier in the sewer and water plant update;
- walking trails

Obviously we can't get all of them, but the Town can prioritize projects and start to apply.



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Historical Preservation Commission Report:

Mr. Thomas Mumey reported that he had attended the above mentioned Economic Development meeting with Delegate Rudolph as well. The changes with the federal government have loosened up some money for grants and loans at 4.5% interest. Mr. Mumey has become more hopeful about the Historical Preservation Commission's goals for the museum.

Future planned events are:

- On September 30, an Amish lunch is planned on an Amish farm on September 30th for \$15/person. Up to thirty people can be accommodated.
- The Civil War Reenactment is scheduled for October 3rd, 4th, 5th. The October 3rd date is when the schools go through the encampment and learn about the Civil War. Last year more than 250 children enjoyed the day.
- A trip to Mount Harmon is scheduled for Friday, October 17th, a day on which the schools are closed. The senior rate of \$8/person can be enjoyed by all. The two hour tour begins at 10:00. Everyone is welcome to join this trip. The next Historical Preservation Commission meetings are planned for September 10th and October 8 at 7 PM.

Old Business: Since the media has recently cited expenditures at Town Hall, Mayor Marion explained the necessary replacement of carpeting due to age, tripping hazards and mold. He also mentioned the need to replace some outside fixtures, to power wash the building, to paint and to add art work. In order to encourage the old town district to make improvements, the Town Hall should represent a professional environment.

Commissioners' Comments:

Commissioner Authenreath mentioned the congratulations made to the Little League team and the coaches this evening. Let us also remember the sacrifice the parents



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made in support of the team. The Town should continue to enjoy and support the Plumpton Park Zoo.

Some major work needs to be done on Pearl Street along with some other big paving jobs. The season is nearing an end for paving and we are mindful of remaining funds within the budget.

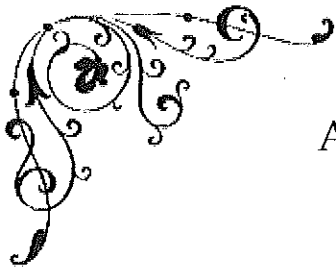
The Chief and Commissioner Scully are mindful of watching speeders in the community, especially mindful of Joanne Osborne's request for a speed limit sign on Cherry Street. September 15th is the next Planning and Zoning Commission meeting.

Two vacancies still existing and anyone interested should submit a letter of intent to Town Hall. Emails and photos for street problems are appreciated.

Mayor Marion thanked Commissioner for assimilating well onto the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Scully has been gathering information and coordinating meetings with the Chief and the other commissioners and plans to meet individually with the police officers. One common denominator she noticed is the high probability of a basis of addiction in many of the service calls. Commissioner Scully considers addiction and domestic issues a personal mission and would like to start with awareness through social media and partnering with county-level programs.

Commissioner Walker is excited about the progress of the at the sewer plant in the last couple of weeks. The new contractor is moving along at a good pace and has submitted a schedule for substantial completion by July 2015 (plant start up) with testing by September. Chester County has completed engineering on the Pennsylvania portion of the line and the plan is to move forward with engineering from the Pennsylvania line to Rising Sun.



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Commissioner Warnick reported that grading of the Triangle Dog Park parking lot will redirect the water to ensure proper water quality. Town resources are performing much of the work for less than \$10,000 (in comparison to the original quote of \$25,000). The Boy Scouts are making plans to construct a deck for the overlook at Triangle Dog Park. When the work on the trail system at Veterans Park is completed, application for grant reimbursements will be made.

Since Commissioner Walker's wife had been ill and caused him to miss a meeting, Town Administrator added that the next progress meeting with USDA is September 15 at 10:30 AM. Mayor Marion extended wishes for her continuing improvement to good health.

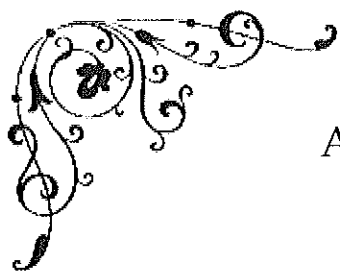
Motion was made by Commissioner Warnick and seconded by Commissioner Authenreath to adjourn at 9 PM. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion to approve these minutes was made by Commissioner Walker and seconded by Commissioner Warnick at the meeting held the 9th day of September 2014. Motion passed 4-0.

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.

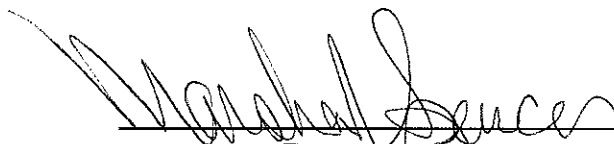
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have affixed the seal of the Town of Rising Sun as of this 9th day of September 2014.



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Respectfully submitted



Marsha J. Spencer
Town Clerk

CERTIFICATE & TOWN SEAL

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