

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 at the Community Fire Hall of Rising Sun on Tuesday evening, July 8, 2014 at 7:30 PM. For the record the meeting place and time were duly posted as required.

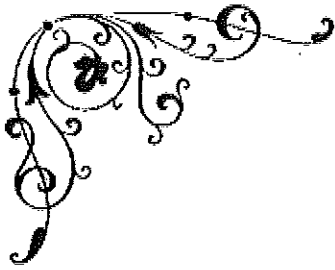
***Special Note:** As outlined by the Town Attorney at the June 17th Special Town Meeting, the board can legally take action at any meeting with only two commissioners, due to the previous resignations of 2 former commissioners. Furthermore, a vote of 2-0, or a 1-1 tie with the Mayor casting the deciding vote, would carry any motion.*

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Robert A. Fisher, Commissioner Travis Marion and Commissioner George Walker.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF/CONSULTANTS PRESENT: Derrick Lowe, Clerk of the Circuit Court for Cecil County, Town Administrator Calvin A. Bonenberger, Jr., and Town Clerk Marsha Spencer

MEETING OPENING: Due to a scheduling conflict with the Clerk of the Court, the meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Mayor Fisher, followed by a pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence dedicated to the passing of respected resident Bob Cameron.



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APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Commissioner Marion and seconded by Commissioner Walker to approve the Minutes of May 13, 2014. Motion carried 2-0. Motion was made by Commissioner Walker and seconded by Commissioner Marion to approve the minutes of June 17, 2014. Motion carried 2-0. Motion was made by Commissioner Marion and seconded by Commissioner Walker to approve the Minutes of the Special Town Meeting of July 1, 2014. Motion carried 2-0.

Reporting of Executive Sessions – None.

Public Presentations: Derrick Lowe, Clerk of the Circuit Court, conducted the swearing in of newly elected Mayor Travis Marion, newly elected Commissioners Allen Authenreath and Dave Warnick.

Special Invocation: Pastor Josh Phillips of Pleasant View Baptist Church made a special invocation.

Mayor's Report: Newly appointed Mayor Travis Marion presented his recommendation of the department responsibilities of each Commissioner.

Vice Mayor – George Walker

Streets & Sidewalks – Allen Authenreath

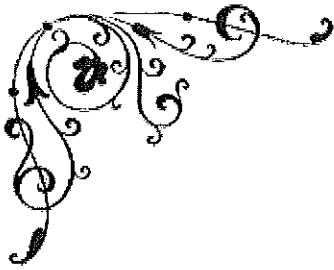
Sewer & Water – George Walker

Public Safety – Dave Warnick - temporary

Planning & Zoning – ex officio Allen Authenreath

New Committee: Economic & Community Revitalization - ex officio Dave Warnick

Parks & Recreation – Dave Warnick – temporary



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Motion was made by Commissioner Walker and seconded by Commissioner Authenreath to approve the slate of appointment recommendations as listed above. Motion carried 3-0.

As a result of Commissioner Dugger's resignation, one commissioner position remains open. Mayor Marion will consult with the commissioners and appoint that position at one of the next two meetings.

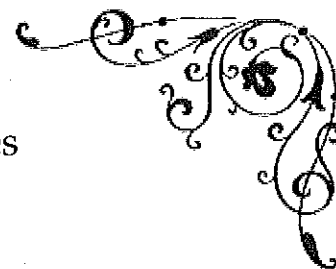
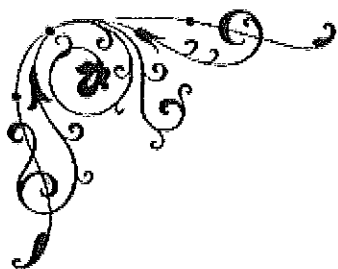
Since newly elected Commissioners Authenreath and Warnick have both resigned their positions on the Planning and Zoning Board, two new board members will be considered for appointment by that Commission over the next two or three weeks.

Mayor Marion read a brief statement in which he thanked outgoing Mayor Robert Fisher for his service to the Town over the last two years. Mayor Marion's focus is to continue with progress on the water and sewer projects plus to revitalize existing businesses with aesthetic improvements through a newly created committee for Economic Development.

Business Items:

Resolution 2014-4 – Authorization and designation of check signers, bank accounts, and safety deposit boxes. Commissioner Warnick read the resolution and Commissioner Walker moved that Resolution 2014-4 be adopted. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Warnick and passed 3-0.

Approval of Auditors Engagement Letter - Town Administrator Calvin Bonenberger explained the need to change auditors from time to time, and after issuing Requests for Proposal, two responses were received, one from the previous auditor and another



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from Lindsey & Associates. Lindsey & Associates has an established background in performing municipal audits with clients in Cecil and Harford counties. With a good price that would save the Town roughly \$6,500 each year over the next four years, motion was made by Commissioner Authenreath and seconded by Commissioner Warnick to hire Lindsey & Associates as the Town's auditor. Motion carried 3-0.

Citizens' Report: Several citizens shared comments of appreciation to outgoing Mayor Fisher and recently resigned Commissioners Chiominto and Dugger.

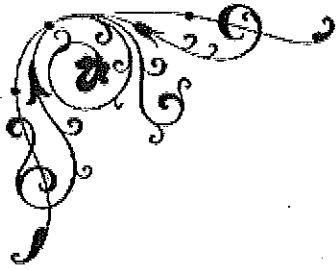
Tom Mumey reminded attendees of the Saturday hours for the Historical Museum in Town Hall (1—4 PM).

Commissioners' Comments:

Commissioner Authenreath expressed appreciation to his wife Donna as well as voters for their support and work behind the scenes. He has been serving the Town since 2008 on the Planning and Zoning Commission and will continue to support the work of the board. Streets and sidewalks in a particular development are being considered a priority for safety reasons. He also extended a thank you to Mayor Marion for being a good role model, especially for younger generations.

As ex officio for the Planning and Zoning Commission, Commissioner Walker announced that the new chairman Tom Mumey and Vice Chair Joanne Osborne will assume those duties as decided at last evening's meeting. The new contractor at the Waste Water Treatment Plant is preparing to commence construction over the next week or two.

Commissioner Warnick expressed thanks to his wife and kids for their support. He congratulated Mr. Mumey and Ms. Osborne. After seven continuous years of service on



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the Planning and Zoning Commission, Commissioner Warnick is looking forward to serving as commissioner for Economic Development and Rails to Trails. Again, repeated congratulations to the Mayor and other board members.

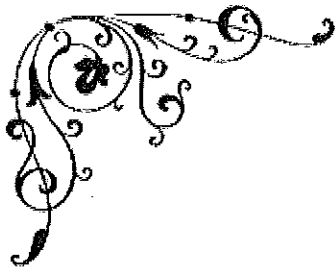
As outgoing Commissioner for Parks & Recreation, Mayor Marion reported on the completion of Veterans' Park with a ribbon-cutting ceremony this past Saturday. The formal dedication is this Saturday at 11 AM. Refurbished basketball rings/nets will be installed after the resurfacing and sealing of the court. Commissioner Warnick will follow through with completion of the Veterans' Park, to include a trail system in the fall.

Mayor Marion will oversee completion of Triangle Dog Park over the next two weeks. Tee shirts with the park's logo will be sold with funds used to add other amenities such as agility exercise areas. The Town is also working with an Eagle Scout project in the fall, which will include the construction of a boardwalk through the wetlands area.

The next Movie in the Park is July 19th, showing "Despicable Me Too." The Way of Life Community is providing free refreshments.

The Mayor reported that The Rising Sun Herald is partnering with Perryville to help their outreach to collect school supplies. Drop off points are the Rising Sun Herald, the Chesapeake Bakery and the Post Office in Charles Town.

Commissioner Authenreath added thanks to Commissioner Chiominto with wishes for a speedy recovery as well as thanks to outgoing Mayor Fisher.




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The Mayor reported that he and Commissioner Warnick attended today's viewing for town resident Bob Cameron who was a pillar of the community, was involved with the Lions Club and was always willing to help this town.

Motion was made by Commissioner Authenreath and seconded by Commissioner Warnick to adjourn at 8:20 PM. Motion carried unanimously 3-0.

Respectfully submitted

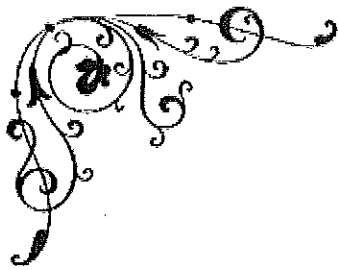


Marsha J. Spencer
Town Clerk

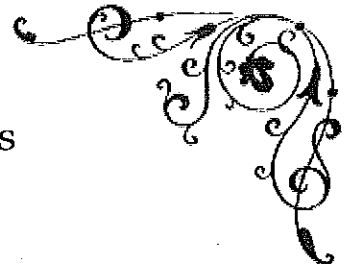
Motion to approve the minutes made by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Warnick at the July 22, 2014 Town Meeting. Motion passed 3 – 0.

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.



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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 22nd day of July 2014.

Respectfully submitted



Marsha J. Spencer
Town Clerk

CERTIFICATE & TOWN SEAL

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