

# TOWN OF RISING SUN

## BOARD OF TOWN COMMISSIONERS

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April 24, 2007

Present: Judy Cox, Tom Mumey, Jim Majewski, Augie Pierson

Absent: Debbie Craig

Guests: See Attached List

The regular scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Commissioners of Rising Sun was held on April 24, 2007 at the Rising Sun Town Hall with all members in attendance, except Mrs. Craig. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Cox, followed by the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence asking everyone to remember Virginia Tech and the families.

With no additions or corrections, the minutes of the 4/10/07 meeting was approved as presented.

Mayor Cox reported that an agreement had been made with the trash hauler concerning the collection of yard wastes. Beginning in May, they will alternate picking up yard wastes and recyclables. They will begin with recyclables on May 4, 2007 and then yard wastes on May 11, 2007 and continue till June 30. At which time there will be a new contract covering these issues.

### REPORTS:

Streets & Sidewalks - Mr. Mumey reported that the one-way street issues has not been put into effect as of yet. Discussion has been held with SHA and we have requested that they do a traffic study with regard to this intersection and the timing of the light in Center Square.

As a result of the recent accident on Maple Heights Lane where a child was struck at the bus stop, Mr. Mumey recommended that no parking signs be placed on the east side of Maple Heights Lane as soon as possible. This would alleviate children running between cars. This side of the street is to eventually be developed as a commercial property. The Board was in agreement with his recommendation.

Mr. Mumey advised that the maintenance department is working on potholes on Mason Runn. He advised that he had been asked why the Town was not repaving instead of just repairing potholes. He advised that the cost to repave is \$230,000 and is in the 5 year plan for 2009-2010.

Water & Sewer - Mr. Majewski advised that all of the broken meters have been repaired or replaced.

Public Safety - Mr. Pierson deferred his report to the Chief. Chief Michael advised he received a call from Walmart and the department would be getting a grant from \$2,500 for the K-9 dog. He had also completed his annual certification at a recent conference in Ocean City.

Diane Ehrhart advised that the museum plans to open on May 12<sup>th</sup> and there will be another Epic's Dance on June 8, 2007 at the Rising Sun Banquet Hall. A copy of Diane's report is attached.

Bob Lucas, President of the Rising Sun Community Development Commission addressed the Board concerning the CDC's plans for the Town's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2010. They will be working with the Rising Sun Historical Preservation Commission on this event. Mr. Lucas asked for the Board blessing to continue with the planning of this event. A motion was made by Mr. Mumey, seconded by Mr. Pierson and carried to sanction and approve the CDC's planning of this event.

Under old business, the secretary presented the Board with the contract from Strategic Energy for the electric supply to the Town. She advised that the contract had been reviewed and approved by the Town attorney. The terms of the contract can be either 2, 3 or 5 years. A discussion ensued concerning item #9 in the contract "Load Change Information". Mr. Majewski advised when the new WWTP is in full operation, there could be an increase in load. It was decided that the Town would advise Strategic Energy of this possible change. A motion was made by Mr. Pierson that the Town enter into a 2 year contract with Strategic Energy with the stipulation that they be made aware, up front, of the possible change in load that will take place when the new WWTP is in full operation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mumey and carried unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT:

Jim Gibney, owner of Sue's Restaurant, addressed the Board concerning parking problems behind his place of business. The tenants of the adjacent building, 11 E. Main Street, continue to park behind the restaurant blocking access to the trash dumpster and blocking the employees of the restaurant in. He advised that he had a copy of an agreement that he had made with Mr. Baltazar, the owner of 11 E. Main, which states that his tenants will not park there. Mr. Gibney advised that Chief Michael has been working with him on this situation and the only solution is some type of no parking sign which the police can then enforce. Mr. Gibney is to get a copy of his agreement with Baltazar to Town Hall and they will contact maintenance to see what type of signs can be erected

Chris Callahan also questioned what input the state was going to have concerning the one-way streets. He was advised that they would be doing a traffic study to study the proposed one-way streets and to adjust the timing of the traffic light.

Mr. Callahan also advised that when the property along Maple Height Lane was being considered for rezoning, the owners of the property indicated that they could possibly build an enclosed bus stop along that street. He questioned, because of the recent accident, should the Town contact them to see if they would build such an enclosure. Mr. Pierson advised that he did not think we could pursue it at this time because there is not current development going on. Mr. Mumey advised it would have to be approved by the Board of Education and questioned the other bus stops around Town. The Town's involvement in such a project would be very limited.

they Mr. Callahan questioned what type of an emergency plan does the Town have in place? How do citizens know what are suppose to do? He was advised that the Chief has an emergency plan and goes to meetings on such on a regular basis. A disaster plan brochure was mailed out by the County to all residents advising what steps to take in the case of an emergency. He questioned an incident at the Middle School and was advised that the Chief and the Board of Education would handle it.

The secretary advised that the Rising Sun Community Development Commission is meeting on May 23, not the 16 as reported on the agenda.

Dee Emsley questioned the upcoming election. She was advised that the election is on June 11 and the last day to register to vote for that election is May 11. Commissioners Craig's and Mumey's term are up this year.

With no further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra D. Didra  
Secretary