

TOWN OF RISING SUN

BOARD OF TOWN COMMISSIONERS

MAYOR
Judith M. Cox

COMMISSIONERS
Mary M. Bedsworth
Clinton E. Bowers
Deborah Craig
Thomas Mumey

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR
Jeffery A. Williams

CLERK-TREASURER
Sandra D. Didra

1 East Main Street P.O. Box 456 Rising Sun, Maryland 21911
410-658-5353 410-287-9039 FAX 410-658-5244 website: risingsunmd.org

March 28, 2006

Present: Judy Cox, Mary Bedsworth, Clint Bowers, Tom Mumey, Debbie Craig

Interim Town Administrator: Bob McGrory

Town Planner: Alex Smith

Guests: See Attached List

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Commissioners of Rising Sun was held on March 28, 2006 at the Town Hall with all members in attendance. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Cox followed by the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.

The minutes of the March 14, 2006 meeting were presented. With no further additions or corrections a motion for approval was made by Mrs. Bedsworth, seconded by Mr. Mumey and carried.

Mayor Cox advised that the Rising Sun Planning and Zoning Commission had met and made the following recommendations to fill 2 vacant seats on their Board: William Smith 316 Stone Run Drive and August Pierson 102 Little Brick Crt. With no persons objecting to the recommendations, a motion was made by Mr. Mumey, seconded by Mrs. Craig and carried to appoint William Smith and August Pierson to the Rising Sun Planning and Zoning Commission.

Mr. William Smith was in attendance to address the Board and those in attendance. He advised that it is his desire to "raise the bar" on setting building standards and the inspections thereof. It is his feeling that some of the construction techniques are not suitable.

Mayor Cox introduced the Interim Town Administrator Bob McGrory.

Members of the Rising Sun Lions Club were in attendance. Mayor Cox advised that they are requesting to be allowed to solicit donations on April 29 with a raindate of May 6 in Center Square. They have done this fundraiser in the past, but due to last year's legislation, they must now request permission from the Town to be allowed to do so. A motion was made by Mr. Mumey, seconded by Mrs. Craig and carried to allow the Lions Club to solicit the donations in Center Square.

Mr. Tom Montgomery was in attendance to discuss the moratorium and how it affects the design of projects planned for within the Town. He advised that at the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting he had been advised that the developers could continue until they cannot go any further. Mr. Mumey questioned what impact does the situation between Montgomery Bros., and the County have on the development in Rising Sun. Mr. Montgomery advised that in a few days the situation with the County would be resolved. Mr. Bowers reminded everyone that regardless of the approvals, the Town is still currently under the moratoriums.

Former Town Commissioners, Keith Porter stopped in to say hello.

REPORTS:

Mayor - Mayor Cox advised that the Clerk/Treasurer had prepared budget request forms for the upcoming budget and requested that these forms be returned by the next meeting on April 11. Sandi explained that part of the request also includes costs associated with a particular purchase such as gas, electric, etc.

Mayor Cox advised that she and Alex Smith had met with County Commissioner Mark Gunns concerning the County's proposals for TDRs (Transfer of Development Rights). She also reported that she and Alex had met with members of the County Task Force for the County APFO. The draft should be submitted to the County next week.

Mayor Cox read an article from the Maryland Rural Water magazine. It was written about our maintenance personnel and finding the diamond bracelet. A copy is attached to these minutes. She also advised the Board to look at the latest MML Bulletin for convention information.

Streets & Sidewalks - Mr. Mumey advised he was still working on the Mason Runn issues and the contractor should be getting started on Louise Court soon.

Public Safety - Mrs. Bedsworth deferred her report to the Chief, who advised that it had been a good week. There had been a couple complaints, but everything was going well.

Parks & Recreation - Mrs. Craig advised that she and Alex had met with representatives from West Recreation. They should be getting started in the parks soon. Also, she hopes to get some bushes from Streetscape for planting along the parking area.

Water & Sewer & Streetscape - Mr. Bowers reported that he has received proposals for the engineering costs for the water system upgrade. They should make a decision shortly. This should give us some budget information. We are still trying to sort out the wastewater issues for next year's budget.

Under streetscape, Clint reported that work should begin around April 15 with landscaping and we will have what was requested. Some will go to Mrs. Craig for the park areas. She and Ron will meet to go over the list decide where to plant. Miss Utility will need to be contacted to located line, etc. Streetscape crews will be doing the pressed concrete, stripping, painting, planting, the punch list. Getting it all done and getting out of Town "I hope, finally".

He addressed the issues of the millings in the triangle park. Several people have inquired about them. The Town will be using most of the millings. What is left will be offered for sale at \$140 per load. Those who live in Town and pay Town taxes will be given first chance. He advised that Mr. England had been the first to request some of the millings. Sandi has a list of those that have their requests in. Mr. Bowers made a motion recommending that the millings be offered to those who have requested them and who live in Town. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mumey and carried.

Mr. Bowers reported that the Town is waiting on the utility company to move the wires and then a contractor will be hired to wire the new lights

Town Planner - Mr. Smith reported on the actions of the Planning and Zoning Commission. A copy of his report is attached and made a part of these minutes. He advised that the garbage at 21 & 23 Louise Court had been removed. He did not know of any other code violation to date, except on Sunrise Circle where it has been reported that someone is working on vehicles. He has been unable to gain access. He will contact the complainant again. It was suggested that he take the Chief of Police with him.

Alex explained the Transfer of Development Rights as proposed by the County. The County has just begun to look into the TDRs. The program is in the beginning stages and it could mean additional taxes for the Towns.

Interim Town Administrator - Mr. McGrory advised that he was new to Town in a temporary capacity. He had only been here 2 days and has met with the Town employees, toured the Town property. He is impressed with the collaboration between the Town and the County. He is working with Mrs. Craig with regard to the parks. He thanked Ms. Didra and Mr. Smith for their assistance. He will be working on the budget and other items.

Diane Ehrhart gave an update on the activities of the RSHPC. A copy of her report is attached and made a part of these minutes. Diane attempt to show those present a DVD of the Captain John Smith celebration plans.

There was no new or unfinished business to discuss.

CITIZEN'S INPUT:

Mr. Pierson felt that the County was talking out of "both sides of their mouth" when they expect the Towns to agree to TDRs and then they approve Aston Point. Mayor Cox advised that the TDR concept was only in the beginning stages and so far it was just talk. He asked when Delmarva would be testing the street lights.

Mr. Barr questioned if the swale was part of the street project in Valley View. He was advised that it was separate and that we are waiting for final design from the engineer. He questioned the parking situation. Mr. Mumey advised that the parking situation is still under review. The legal language still needs to be thought through and the residents need to be poled to see if that is really what they want. Mr. Barr referred to the deed restriction that some property owners have. He was advised that deed restrictions are not enforceable by the Town but must be enforced by the homeowners association. Mr. Mumey advised that there is a state law whereby the Town can create public parking if that is what the residents want.

With no additional business coming before the Board , a motion for adjournment was made by Mrs. Bedsworth, and seconded by Mrs. Craig and carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM

Respectfully submitted

Sandra D. Didra
Secretary