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

Absent: Mary Bedsworth

Town Planner: Alex Smith

Guests: See Attached List

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Commissioners of Rising Sun was held on April 11, 2006 at the Town Hall with all members in attendance except Mrs. Bedsworth. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Mayor Cox followed by the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.

The minutes of the March 28, 2006 meeting were presented. With no further additions or corrections a motion for approval was made by Mrs. Craig, seconded by Mr. Mumey and carried.

Mr. Robert Foard was on the agenda to address the Board about the water tower property. He was unable to attend the meeting,

Resolution 2006-6 was introduced and read by Mayor Cox. This resolution adopts the Personnel Rules and Regulations for the Town of Rising Sun. Copies of the manual will be given to the individual employees for their review. Resolution 2006-06 will be presented for adoption at the 4/25/06 meeting. Mr. Mumey asked about dates being on the manual. He was advised that the final adoption date would appear at the bottom of each page.

Mr. Smith explained the need to be under contract with Miss Utility and participant in the "one call" system to Miss Utility to locate all lines at a construction site including the Town water and sewer lines. The cost would be \$1 per ticket. The Town could possibly have additional charges. Alex will look further into the matter. The liability after the lines have been located is more on the contractor than on the person who owns the lines. A motion was made by Mr. Mumey to enter into the contract with Miss Utility, seconded by Mrs. Craig and carried. Clarification is to be made on the \$35 fee.

REPORTS:

Mayor - Mayor Cox advised that the latest issue of the Cecil Soil Magazine features stories about Rising Sun and encouraged everyone to take a copy.

Streets & Sidewalks - Mr. Mumey advised that the work on Louise Court has restarted and they are making good progress. He has talked with some residents who seem pleased with the improvements. They should begin putting in the Handicapped rails on Thursday on those units with 3 or more steps. After they finish with the upper half, they will be moving to the lower half and may come in ahead of schedule.

He is reviewing the cost estimates for Mason Runn and has met with the Town Engineer to discuss other streets that need repair. He is looking at ways to finance the work and should have additional cost estimates back for resurfacing. He advised that he would be getting back to the Board with his recommendations.

Parks & Recreation - Mrs. Craig advised AmericaCorp did not get funding and would not be clearing the stream bed in Rising Sun this year. They would keep us on their list if funding was available next year. Mr. Megee has not gotten back with her concerning the plantings in the small park and contract. The Mayor advised that his contract was for another year and he would be taking care of the flower beds at no additional charge except for the cost of mulch. The secretary advised he was waiting for the cost of a tree for the prices of doing the small park area.

She and Ron will be looking at where to plant the trees left over from streetscape. Debbie advised that she had been in touch with the State and they will allow us to use the rest of the money. She and Alex will be meeting to try to figure it out tomorrow. She reported an incorrect submittal in January.

Water & Sewer & Streetscape - Mr. Bowers advised that he had received 2 bids on the chop pump for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. This would pump the incoming sewage to the #2 cell. The bids are: Vaughan \$9,690 and Schultes for \$11,525. The bid from Schultes includes installation, wiring and testing, the other bid is just for the pump. Mr. Bowers recommended that the bid be awarded to Schultes and made a motion to that affect. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mumey and carried. In addition to the chop pump, the Town will need to purchase 600 feet of discharge pipe. The only bid received to date is from USA Blue Book for \$4,777. Mr. Bowers advised that these repairs are the only way to keep the Town from making more violations. A motion was made by Mr. Bowers to purchase the discharge pipe. It was seconded by Mr. Mumey and carried. Mr. Bowers advised that he was still waiting for TRB with regard to rehabbing the manholes. The last date given was 4/15.

Clint advised that the committee had finished interviewing the engineering companies for the preliminary engineering for the water system. They interviewed 3 final companies and reviewed their costs. They are: Gannett Fleming \$90,550; RK & K \$80,000; and CLSI \$59,962. Mr. Bowers advised that CLSI was the lowest and had done the best job in their presentation. He motioned that the work be assigned to CLSI, seconded by Mr. Mumey and carried.

Mr. Bowers advised that the Town is still working with SRBC and WRA on getting the necessary testing done on the legion wells. As soon as the Town gets a date, we will advise.

Mr. Bowers addressed the issue of the recent dry weather. Currently the wells are holding steady and he did not feel that it was necessary to ask for a voluntary cutback of water usage, he did feel that everyone should be asked to be cautious with their usage. If the wells start dropping, it may be necessary to take other steps. A discussion ensued concerning the Legion allowing groups to hold car wash funding raisers in their parking lot. The Board was reminded that Cecil County is still in a burning ban for outside fires. It was decided to put off making a decision until the next meeting. However, if the situation warrants, Ron may make the decision and the Legion will be advised and they can make the contacts to cancel the activities.

Under streetscape, Clint reported that there would be a walk through with the State and Delegate Rudolph on Thursday, April 13 at which time the checklist items would be looked at and addressed.

He addressed the issues of the millings he amended his motion of last meeting to state that the \$140 per load was for 20 ton or \$7 per ton. The same other criteria with regard to list of person and Town usage remains the same. The amendment was seconded by Mr. Mumey and carried.

Town Planner - Mr. Smith advised that the Council of Governments has completed the 1st draft of the APFO for the County. Once adopted by the County, the APFO will be presented to municipalities for adjustments and adoptions. This APFO was based on the one adopted by Fredericks. He advised that the Council is sure that many items will get cut, but if the County does not adopt an APFO, there will be legislation mandating that one be put in place.

Alex also advised that the State's Attorney for Cecil County has proposed a standardization of all codes and enforcements on infractions and misdemeanors. This would allow for a more timely process and would help to ensure that the violations will be enforced.

Alex reported that he had been doing some inspections at the Maple Heights Apartments and that they were coming along nicely.

Ron Thomas advised the Board that Grant Coates had received his temporary water and wastewater license.

Chief Michael advised that everything was going well with the police department. There has been a lot happening within a reasonable distance of Town where our department had been assisting.

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 reported on her interview with George Prettyman. She thanked Sandi for getting a showcase from the auction at Farmington Garage for the group

Under unfinished business, the Mayor reminded everyone to have their budget requests turned into Sandi.

CITIZEN'S INPUT:

Mr. Callahan questioned who would do the markings for Miss Utility. He was advised that the Town was only responsible for the water and sewer line markings. He questions the plans for the wastewater treatment plant. Mr. Bowers advised him that it could not remain a lagoon because of the ammonia limits that must be met by 2007. The Town has been working 3-4 years on a new plant. The work is being done in stages and will only address the current capacity of 275,000 gallons per day. Anything above that amount will be the developers responsibility.

Stanley and Tina Amarin were in attendance to discuss the no parking zone in front of Amarin's Barber Shop on Pearl Street. They asked if one parking place could be put just past the shop since he has no other parking and parking has always been in front of the shop. Mr. Mumey advised that the no parking zone had been placed on Pearl Street to address safety and congestion. He suggested that Mr. Amarin have his customers park across the street. He advised that he had watched and observed traffic on Pearl Street along with the Chief of Police. Mr. Amarin again voiced his need for parking and advised that he was never contacted concerning the matter. Following further discussion, Mrs. Craig questioned if the Town could not provide something more concrete for the no parking areas. She advised that she was never consulted concerning the issue and did not think it was fair or professional to make these decisions. Further discussion ensued between Commissioners Craig and Mumey. Mr. Mumey advised that he apologized to Mr. Amarin for him not receiving a letter, but he did not apologize for making the no parking area because of safety reasons. Additional discussion ensued.

Mrs. England asked when the turn lane would be returned to E. Main Street at the entrance to Martin's. She was advised that the State is suppose to take care of it and they will be reminded during Thursday's walk-through. She also asked about the new street lights and was advised that that would also be addressed on Thursday.

Mr. Ehrhart questioned who put up the stop sign and speed limit sign on the same pole on Pearl Street at the Middle School. Maintenance will check.

With no additional business coming before the Board, a motion for adjournment was made by Mr. Bowers, and seconded by Mr. Mumey and carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM

Respectfully submitted

Sandra D. Didra
Secretary