

# **TOWN OF RISING SUN**

## **BOARD OF TOWN COMMISSIONERS**

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April 25, 2006

Present: Judy Cox, Clint Bowers, Tom Mumey, Debbie Craig, 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 25, 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 April 11, 2006 meeting were presented. With no further additions or corrections a motion for approval was made by Mr. Bowers, seconded by Mrs. Craig and carried.

Dr. Thresher was in attendance and addressed the Board concerning parking on street cleaning days. He advised that a number of vehicles were ticketed recently after street sweeping had been completed on S. Queen Street. The signs say until 12 noon and the sweeping in that area is usually done by 9 am. He requested that the Board look at the situation and consider changing the times on the signs.

Mayor Cox presented Resolution 2006-6, Personnel Rules and Regulations for the Town of Rising Sun. A motion was made by Mrs. Craig to adopt the Personnel Manual with the minor correction submitted by the Town Attorney. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mumey and carried.

Mr. Bowers presented bids for the wiring of the new street lights in Town. The original bid from SHA/Daisy was \$44,000. He had received 3 bids: Rommel - \$30,945; McGlothlin & Benham - \$19,200; and Mr. Electric - \$10,432. A discussion arose as to whether the companies were all bidding on the same thing. Standards and inspections must be met for the State and Delmarva Power Company. Ron Thomas had verified with the companies to be certain that they were. A motion was made by Mr. Bowers to award the contract to Mr. Electric for \$10,432. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mumey and carried. Mr. Bowers advised that this project is not in this year's budget and would be done after July 1. He also advised that the new light poles would not support the current Christmas decorations.

### **REPORTS:**

Mayor - Mayor Cox reported that representatives from the State, Delegate Rudolph, herself, Ron Thomas and Mr. Mumey had done an inspection of the streetscape work on E. Main Street. They added about 15 items to the punch list. She is unsure when they will be doing the walk-through for W. Main Street.

She reported on attending the Harmony Peace Run at Rising Sun Elementary School and the participation of over 800 students in the ceremony.

The Mayor advised that she had signed the contract for the retirement package on 4/20. Representatives will be here on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of May to go over the package with the employees. Mrs. Bedsworth advised that they would be getting the packages out to the employees to look at a week before those meetings.

She shared with those in attendance information about a website for business what was presented at a recent Rising Sun Chamber meeting. Rising Sun has been added to the list and suggested when looking for a business, the website should be viewed much like the yellow pages.

Mayor Cox recommended hiring Shawn Hershberger as the new Town Administrator. A motion to that affect was made

by Mr. Mumey, seconded by Mrs. Craig and carried. Mayor Cox advised that he should start the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> week in May.

Mayor Cox recommended appointment of James Majewski as a new member to the Planning and Zoning Commission. A motion to that affect was made by Mr. Mumey, seconded by Mr. Bowers and carried.

The mayor also advised those in attendance that there was a meeting of the Land Use Forum at Cecil Community College at 7 PM tomorrow night and they were requesting all to attend.

Streets & Sidewalks - Mr. Mumey advised that the work on Louise Court is progressing nicely. Some areas needed special attention and he believes that everyone has had their issues resolved. Everyone will be notified when they begin paving. No one will be able to drive on the new pavement for a period of time until it cools down. At the houses where there are 3+ steps handicapped railings will be put in. He has received cost estimates on the other streets and is looking for ways to fund the projects in Summer Hill and the other streets. Alex is attempting to find grant monies.

Public Safety - Mrs. Bedsworth advised that the packets would be given to the employees before the meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> so that they may see what is available. Ron Thomas asked what type of a retirement system was being offered. He was advised a 401K.

Chief Micheal advised he had attended a conference in Ocean City and had received his yearly re-certification. The Chief of Slydel LA was a guest speaker and had a slide presentation about the hurricane in the New Orleans area.

Ofc. Dominick was in civilian clothes and the Chief advised that he was working on tobacco grant money and was doing foot patrol around town looking for underage smoking.

Parks & Recreation - Mrs. Craig advised that she had been in touch with Mr. Megee reference his mowing contract. Since his current contract expires in April, for budget purposes she has asked for a renewal contract in 2 parts: 1 to cover from April 2007 – July 1, 2007, and the other from July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2009.

She advised that the 6<sup>th</sup> grade at Rising Sun Middle School will be doing a clean-up in the parks and that she has asked them to pay special attention to the stream beds.

Water & Sewer & Streetscape - Mr. Bowers complimented Debbie on the new parking areas in the park. She advised that she also hopes to plant trees left over from streetscape in that area. She also requested a handicapped port a pot in the park to meet ada standards.

Clint reported that contact has been made with TRB who did the sliplining of the sewer line. He has \$21,000 leftover from the sliplining project and plans to use part of it to rehab 7 manholes to correct the I&I problems. TRB's cost will be \$12,420. A motion was made by Mr. Bowers to have TRB rehab the 7 manholes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mumey and carried.. The project is in this year's budget.

Mr. Bowers advised that the wells were holding steady. But he felt that everyone should still be conservative on their water usage until the Legion wells are online

Town Planner - Mr. Smith advised that the special meeting of Planning and Zoning had gone well and he has been directed to incorporate the amendments recommended by the CAC into the plan. The plan will then go back to P & Z for their review and recommendation then to the Town Board for public hearings.

Diane Ehrhart gave an update on the activities of the RSHPC. She showed the brick that Jane Wassmer had painted as a fundraiser and advised that tickets would be on sale soon. She and the Mayor had attended the first meeting of the proposed Captain John Smith celebration. A copy of her report is attached and made a part of these minutes.

There was no unfinished business. Under new business, the Mayor reminded everyone of the Annual Fishing Derby on May 6. It is open to 12 year olds and under and is sponsored by the Greater Rising Sun Chamber of Commerce and is a rain or shine event.

She also asked the Board to respond to the request for participation in the Sunfest parade.

#### CITIZEN'S INPUT:

Mrs. England asked when the Little League Parade was being held. She was advised that it was to be held on Saturday, then Sunday, but both were cancelled due to the inclement weather.

Mr. Ron Smith advised that the State Police had been working traffic patrol on Stephens' Road for which he was very grateful.

Mr. Callahan questioned who would be responsible if any problems were found with the conduit and the new street lights. He was advised that Rommel and Daisy would be responsible. He asked about the status of the skateboard park. Mrs. Craig advised that when the new Town Administrator started he can spend time on the project.

Mr. Pierson questioned in the sewer status is still waiting for state funding. He was advised that we were waiting for our rating and ranking which should come after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month.

He questioned Commissioner Craig's reaction to the no parking on Pearl Street and asked for an apology for her fellow board members. Mrs. Craig advised that she would research the matter and get back with him.

Mr. Pierson also said that it was his understanding that the sewer situation goes back to the 1990's. He felt there was a lot of misinformation being spread and that the citizens should not be lead in another directions as to what is actually happening..

Mr. Barr voiced his concerns about the curbing on Louise Court. He thought that all the curbing was to be replaced, but in fact only portions are being replaced. He asked about the bus traffic during paving and was advised that the contractor would take care of the bus traffic. He asked for copies of minutes and is to get with Sandi after the meeting.

Mayor introduced and congratulated Jim Majewski on his appointment. Mr. Majewski thanked the Board for the appointment.

Diane Ehrhart questioned availability of grant monies for a building for the RSHPC. Alex will give her a copy of the state's red book and she can tell him what she would like him to look for. The group needs to decide what direction they will be going because any grant monies will be based on a specific project.

It was suggested that Ron get a copy of the as-built drawings for the street lights before the wiring project is started.

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 7:55 PM

Respectfully submitted

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Secretary