

TOWN OF RISING SUN
MAYOR & COMMISSIONERS TOWN BUSINESS
MEETING MINUTES

Let it be remembered that the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the Town of Rising Sun held a Town Meeting on the third floor of Town Hall Tuesday July 23, 2013. For the record the meeting place and time were duly posted as required.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE Mayor Robert A. Fisher, Commissioner Bernard Chiominto, Commissioner Evelyn Dugger, Commissioner Travis Marion, and Commissioner George Walker.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF/CONSULTANTS PRESENT –Town Administrator Calvin A. Bonenberger Jr., and Rhonda Harmison Town Clerk.

GUESTS: See attached list.

MEETING OPENING – The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM followed by the pledge of allegiance and a request from Mayor Fisher for a moment of silence.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – Mayor Fisher asked for any corrections to the July 9, 2013 Town Meeting minutes. Commissioner Chiominto motioned to approve the minutes as presented and was seconded by Commissioner Marion. Vote passed 4-0.

RECORD OF CLOSED MEETING MINUTES – None

BUSINESS MEETING ITEMS, -

Discount tickets for the Annual Lions Feast; Commissioner Marion presented to the Board and motioned to allow the Town to sell discount tickets to the public at a cost of \$28.00 per ticket for the Annual Lions Club feast. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Walker. Mayor Fisher asked for discussion and expressed

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opposition. After a lengthy discussion, Mayor Fisher called for a vote. Vote passed 4-0.

Public Hearing for Mount St; Commissioner Walker motioned to hold a public hearing regarding changing Mount Street back to two way traffic. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Dugger. Mayor Fisher asked for any discussion and after discussion called for a vote. Vote passed 4-0. Meeting was set to be held August 7th at 7:00 PM.

Mount Street Intersection scope of work; Commissioner Walker presented to the Board the design proposed for the triangle at Mount Street. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Walker and was seconded by Commissioner Marion to approve the engineering design with modifications. Vote passed 4-0.

Armstrong Cable Company-Share of Cooper Avenue project; Commissioner Walker motioned to submit to Armstrong a cost of \$25,000.00 for their share of the proposed drainage project on Cooper Ave with a total cost of \$90,000. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Marion. Vote passed 4-0.

Response to Citizens question concerning the Town's liability regarding the Dog Park; Commissioner Marion read into the minutes a letter he received from the Town's insurance company LGIT assuring him that the insurance rate will not go up with the construction of the Dog Park.

Mayors Report-

Mayor Fisher proposed to the Board, to sit down as a group to reconcile any differences and asked for a motion to allow Mr. Victor Teavala for a cost, to come to Town and hold a workshop. Motion was made by Commissioner Dugger and seconded by Commissioner Chiominto to allow Mayor Fisher to contact Mr. Teavala to obtain further information and report back to the Board. Vote was tied 2-2. Mayor Fisher broke the tie for a 3-2 vote for the passage.

State Baseball Tournament; asked everyone for their support for the Rising Sun Junior Boys Baseball Team.

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Cecil County Fair; asked for support of the event especially the 4H Club.

Cecil County Financial Reporting; showed examples of the way Cecil County Government presents their financial reporting at Town meetings and asked Ms. Wagner if the financial report can be put on the website in a more user friendly version. Ms. Wagner agreed that she could format a PDF simpler version for the website.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Ms. Wagner presented to the Board the year to date revenue and expense and reported that the Town will finish the year in the black.

HISTORICAL REPORT – Mr. Mumey reported that they will be setting up a display across the street at the Rising Sun Home and Auto. He reported there are two openings for the historical committee and reminded everyone of the upcoming Civil War Reenactment scheduled for the 1st week in October. Mr. Mumey asked the status of the repairs for the Historical room. Mr. Bonenberger replied that maintenance department still needs to caulk and replace a drain pipe.

S TAFF REPORTS–

POLICE CHIEF REPORT – Commissioner Chiominto presented the police report in Chip Peterson's absence, stated that there were four drug arrests this month.

CITIZEN IMPUT -

Roger Lamb; shared his support for the Triangle Dog Park and stated his concerns regarding possible, liability issues that could face the Town.

Lynn Griffin; brought to the Boards attention that a fire hydrant located in Maple Heights is over grown with weeds.

Keith Campbell; commented that he never threatened Mr. Bonenbergers' safety and disagreed with the Ethics Boards decision regarding Mr. Bonenberger. Then he asked to be appointed to fill the Ethic Committee vacancy position.

Chip Slaybaugh; addressed Mr. Campbell's comments and respectfully disagreed.

Dee Emsley; shared with the Board her concerns regarding the echo that the new speaker system is putting out.

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Susan Himmer; shared her concerns with the Board regarding the lack of respect shown at Town meetings.

Nate Gerres; shared his concerns with the Board regarding people attacking each other.

Jeff Aughenbaugh; shared with the Board quotes from the US Constitution.

Tom Mumey;

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS– None

COMMISSIONER S COMMENTS –

Commissioner Chiominto; reported that PFC McKinney has been selected to attend DARE training. Interviews for officer positions are scheduled for August 8th. He reminded everyone of National Night Out on Crime on August 6th. Chief Peterson will be in the Dunk Tank for the event and he encouraged everyone to attend.

Commissioner Marion; regarding the status of the Triangle Dog Park he stated that grading will be starting next week. He reminded everyone of Movies in the Park scheduled for Saturday night. All were invited to attend.

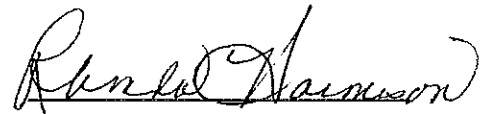
Commissioner Dugger; reported that she has toured the WWTP and attended both the project review meeting and a phone conference with the attorney on the potential legal issues with the WWTP.

Commissioner Walker; reported that he attended the Planning and Zoning meeting and one of the discussions was recommendations for the sign ordinance.

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ADJOURNMENT – meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM

Respectfully submitted



Rhonda Harmison
Town Clerk

Motion to approve the minutes made by Commissioner Chiominto,
seconded by Commissioner Travis Marion at the August 13, 2013 Town
Meeting

Motion Passed 4 0

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Declaration And Verification Of Authenticity

I, Rhonda Harmison Town 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.

In Testimony Whereof, I have here unto set my hand and have affixed the seal of the Town of Rising Sun as of this 5th day of August 2013.

Respectfully submitted



Rhonda Harmison
Town Clerk

CERTIFICATE & TOWN SEAL