

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 Workshop Meeting on the third floor of Town Hall Tuesday August 13, 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 23, 2013 Town Meeting minutes. Commissioner Chiominto motioned to approve the minutes as presented and was seconded by Commissioner Marion. Vote passed 4-0.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS, -

Youth Panel Update – Dawn Rodenbaugh; presented an update of the Neighborhood Youth Panel program which serves the Town to the elected body. Ms. Rodenbaugh outlined how the program works, the benefits, and the youth eligibility. Explaining that eligible youth participation must be under age 18, charged with a misdemeanor crime, be a first time or low risk offender, admit to

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the crime, and consent of turning the case over to the panel. In closing Ms. Rodenbaugh commented that the "number of referrals to the program in Rising Sun are down significantly".

Ordinance 2013-04 Citizen Comment and Meeting Decorum; Commissioner Walker introduced and read into the minutes a summary of Ordinance 2013-04 amending and adding language to Chapter 2, titled Administration & Government of the code of ordinances of the Town of Rising Sun, for the purpose of ensuring that meetings of the Mayor and Commissioners are conducted in an organized and productive manner and that proper conduct and decorum is followed at all times.

Update Rising Sun High School State Championship Signs; Commissioner Marion presented to the Board a proposal to clean and update all four signs and motioned to accept option A of the proposal at a cost of \$1,300.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dugger. Vote passed 4-0.

Mayors Report- Mayor Fisher stated that it has been reported that citizens are putting trash out for pickup on Town property and expressed that they should be putting the trash on their own property. He also shared his concerns regarding the number of feral animals in the Town.

POLICE CHIEF REPORT –

Crime Statistic; the number of calls for service in the last two weeks have dropped and let everyone know that the crime statistics are available at Town Hall if anyone would like to view them.

National Night out Against Crime; commended MPO Dominick for a job well done.

Maple Heights Community; commended MPO George Vanaskey for his youth presentation in the Maple Heights community.

DARE Program; PFC Stephen McKinney will be the DARE officer assigned to the Rising Sun Middle School.

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Governors Drug Overdose Roundtable Meeting; attended and the discussion was regarding concerns that the County has a high drug use problem.
Hiring new Officers; we have interviewed and offered two of the candidates the positions.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY - Mr. Mumey thanked Mr. Bud McFadden for allowing the society to use the old Parts Plus store for a display and informed everyone that the Historical Society members will be taking a trip to a Herb farm.

CITIZEN IMPUT -

Brenda Maynard; asked the Board what the Town's curfew was. Chief Peterson replied that it is 10:00 PM. She also asked the Board about handicap parking in the Valley View development.

Joanne Osborne; shared her concern regarding the Board voting at the Public Hearing regarding Mount St. She also asked about the status of the Explorer Program.

Chris Callahan; shared his concern regarding the Meeting Decorum Resolution stating that he thinks the part about the Board being addressed as a single body should be left out. He also shared his disappointment regarding turning Mount Street back to two way.

OLD BUSINESS – Armstrong Drainage Project on Cooper St; Commissioner Walker informed the Board that Armstrong turned down the offer from the Town of a \$25,000 share of the cost to them. Armstrong counter offered at \$15,000. Commissioner Walker stated that the total cost of the project is 96K. After discussion Commissioner Walker motioned to keep the share cost at \$25,000 for Armstrong. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Marion. Vote passed 4-0.

Lions Club Summer Feast; Commissioner Marion updated the Board that the Lions Club does not want to sell the Summer Feast tickets at a discount.

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NEW BUSINESS. No new Business

COMMISSIONER S COMMENTS –

Commissioner Chiominto; discussed the drug issues facing Cecil County, and explained how complicated the process for obtaining prescriptions is.

Commissioner Marion; announced that the Town is having a coloring and name the Heron contest for ages 1-12 for the mascot for Triangle Park. He stated that a coloring page can be picked up at Town Hall. He also updated the Board regarding the Town's website stating that the website is expected to be completed by mid September.

Commissioner Dugger; updated the Board on the progress of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. She stated that we are moving forward and have dealt with a \$70,000 discrepancies for the cost of stone.

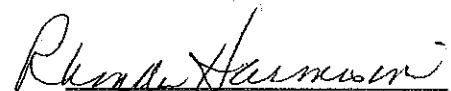
Commissioner Walker; updated the Board that the sidewalk replacement work on Pearl and Mount St. He also informed everyone that Mount St will be closed tomorrow, between Pogue and Haines to install pipe.

Commissioner Walker asked Commissioner Dugger if we should vote on paying the contractor \$400k for the stone regarding the wastewater treatment plant. Commissioner Dugger motioned to pay Howard Robson \$400,000 for the change order for stone. Mr. Bonenberger clarified that the Town engineer justified \$330k for the stone and the discrepancy was \$70K. Mayor Fisher stated that he received correspondence from USDA regarding two different approval amounts and asked for clarification. Mr. Bonenberger replied that he did not receive that correspondence but would check into it. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Walker. Vote passed 4-0.

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ADJOURNMENT – meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM

Respectfully submitted



Rhonda Harmison
Town Clerk

Motion to approve the minutes made by Commissioner Bernard Chiominto,
seconded by Commissioner Evelyn Dugger at the August 27, 2013 Town
Meeting

Motion Passed 3 0

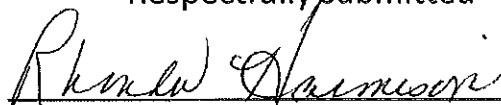
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Declaration And Verification Of Authenticity

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 23rd day of August 2013.

Respectfully submitted



Rhonda Harmison
Town Clerk

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