

Town of Rising Sun
Mayor & Commissioners Town Meeting Minutes

Let it be remembered that the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the Town of Rising Sun, held a Town Meeting at the on the third floor of the Town Hall in Rising Sun on Tuesday evening, August 12, 2014 at 7:00 PM. For the record the meeting place and time were duly posted as required.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Travis Marion, Vice Mayor George Walker, and Commissioner David Warnick.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Allen Authenreath

STAFF/CONSULTANTS PRESENT: Derrick Lowe, Clerk of the Circuit Court for Cecil County, Town Administrator Calvin A. Bonenberger, Jr., and Town Clerk Marsha Spencer

MEETING OPENING: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Travis Marion, followed by a pledge of allegiance. Lending his personality and faith to the meeting, Mayor Marion announced that he is changing the moment of silence to a time for prayer at the beginning of each meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Commissioner Walker and seconded by Commissioner Warnick to approve the Minutes of July 22, 2014. Motion carried 2-0.

Reporting of Executive Sessions – Town Administrator Calvin Bonenberger read into the minutes the Executive Session held August 8, 2014, at 7:15 PM on the 2nd floor of the Town Hall. A motion to open the meeting was made by Commissioner Warnick and



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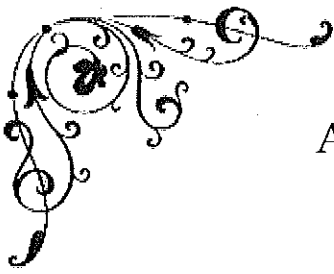


seconded by Commissioner Walker. Present members of the elected body were Mayor Marion, Commissioners Walker and Warnick. Commissioner Authenreath was excused. A motion to hold Executive Session was made by Commissioner Warnick and seconded by Commissioner Walker and passed 2-0. Persons present other than the elected body were Town Administrator Calvin A. Bonenberger, Jr. and Town Attorney Jay Gullo who was available by conference call. As provided under the Maryland Open Meetings Act, the meeting was closed for two reasons. The first reason was to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction; or any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals. The second was item 7 to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice. Motion was made by Commissioner Warnick and seconded by Commissioner Walker to leave Executive Session. That motion passed 2-0. A motion was made by Commissioner Warnick and seconded by Commissioner Walker to adjourn. That motion passed 2-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 PM.

Motion was made by Commissioner Warnick and seconded by Commissioner Walker to approve the Minutes of the August 8, 2014 Executive Session meeting as read. Motion passed 2-0.

Business Meeting Items: Mayor Marion reported that he had received a letter from Jim Boyd who has served on the Planning and Zoning Board for five years or so. He has been most active in the Town of Rising Sun through the Middle School and the 5K Tiger Trot. For personal reasons he has submitted his resignation to vacate his position on the Planning and Zoning Board. Mayor Marion expressed many thanks to Jim for his service.

With respect to open slots on the Planning and Zoning Board, the Mayor initially received a letter from Ms. Susan Himmer announcing her interest in serving. After conducting several meetings with her and receiving a recommendation from ex-officio



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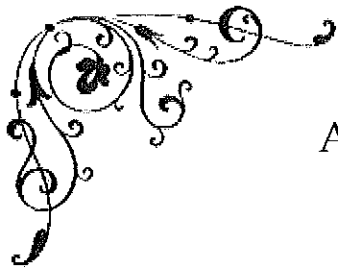


Allen Authenreath, the Planning and Zoning Board voted unanimously to recommend Ms. Himmer for this appointment. Commissioner Walker made a motion to appoint Ms. Susan Himmer to the Planning and Zoning Board. Commissioner Warnick seconded the motion which carried 2-0. Congratulations were extended to Ms. Himmer. Mayor Marion announced that there are still two vacancies on that Board. Please contact ex officio Authenreath to express your interest and begin the process for an interview.

Citizens' Input: Several residents shared comments.

Public Presentations: Mayor Marion had met with four candidates for the slot left vacant by Commissioner Lynn Dugger. The Mayor found Jennifer Scully's viewpoints in line with the direction of this Board. Jennifer considers economic development of extreme importance and values the Town's historical charm and quality of life. Mayor Marion put forward Jennifer Scully to fill the vacant Commissioner spot on the Board. Commissioner Walker moved to accept the appointment of Jennifer Scully to Town Commissioner. Commissioner Warnick seconded the motion which carried 2-0. Mayor Marion congratulated Jennifer Scully to this appointment and prepared the way for Derrick Lowe to conduct the oath of office. Mayor Marion read a brief statement of congratulations from Commissioner Authenreath in support of Commissioner Scully's appointment.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Marion has held several meetings regarding economic development in the interest of rehabilitating the old district of the Town. Future plans include a meeting with the Neighborhood Revitalization Committee formed by the State of Maryland. This committee has been very present in the neighboring communities of Port Deposit and Elkton and can possibly offer pointers on how to move ahead with the old district.



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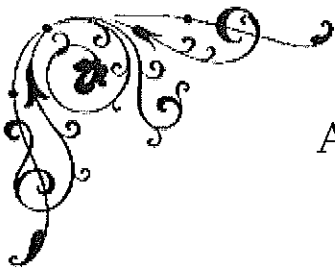


Mayor Marion also presented tee shirts to be sold as good advertisement and fund raisers for amenities to be added to Triangle Park. These shirts will be available on a first come, first serve basis at the window on the first floor of Town Hall for \$20.50.

Staff Reports: Commissioner Warnick presented the report on behalf of Chief of Police Peterson. Total call for service were 383 with one assault, one sexual offense, one malicious destruction of property, one domestic assault, one sale of tobacco to a minor. There were also a number of traffic and parking citations as well as five hours of training and fourteen hours of court time. Events included the COP meeting with five hours of training and fourteen hours of court. Events included the Chief of Police meeting with the State's Attorney, the Public Safety Security meeting with Department of Emergency Services, and the August 8th Night Out Against Crime. Most of the officers have received training and are carrying Narcan, an opiate blocker used to revive overdose patients.

Town Administrator Calvin Bonenberger Jr. reported that the Public Works crew has completed six of the eight storm water catch basins in Summer Hill. The remaining two are not of a critical nature. They are also moving forward with the repair and replacement of five fire hydrants as allocated in the budget. Some potholes have also been repaired with consideration for a cut in the overall paving budget due to a reduction in highway usage fees. The Public Works crew has also replaced some traffic control and streets signs. As the Mayor can elaborate, the grading project for the parking lot is the next step at Triangle Dog Park.

Mayor Marion added that KCI Engineers have agreed to perform some free surveying at Triangle Dog Park – a savings of nearly \$600. A bulldozer will be used by the Town to complete some grading before the opening of the Park. The Public Works crew has also installed benches, waste stations and trash cans. Signage from graphics designers will be mounted on stone bases and protective stain will be applied to the sidewalks.



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Mayor Marion was also in the dunk tank for the National Night Out and was amazed (and slightly amused) at the high number of people who wanted to target/drown the Mayor. A fun evening was enjoyed by many.

The Annual Halloween Spooktacular will be scheduled in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce. Sponsors can be expected to be contacted soon.

Historical Preservation Commission – No Report.

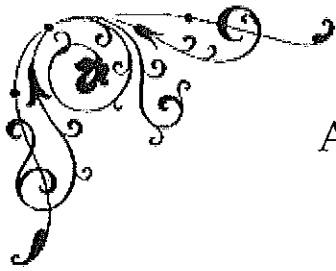
Old Business: None

New Business – Commissioner Walker drew the Board's attention to an Amendment to the Engineer Agreement included in this evening's packet of information.

Commissioner Walker asked Town Administrator Bonenberger to explain the details. The Town Administrator explained that as a result of delays and other issues at the plant, the scope of the engineer's work has continued beyond the second amendment to this third amendment. One example is legal assistance to the Town's attorney in positioning the Town to legally protect the residents. The Agreement Summary on Page 4, Item 3 references the \$251,400 as the Adjusted Agreement amount. Because of the Federal Government funding, an on-site inspection is required every day at a significant cost. Commissioner Walker made a motion to approve this Amendment. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Warnick and carried 3-0.

Mayor Marion reported the following formal appointment for the commissioners' slots: the appointment of Commissioner Dave Warnick to Parks & Recreation and the appointment of Commissioner Scully to Public Safety. Commissioner Walker moved that these appointments be approved. Commissioner Warnick seconded the motion which carried 3-0.

Commissioners' Reports: Commissioner Walker reported that the new contractor is on site at the Sewer and Waste Water. The Town has received MDE's letter advising the



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Town of a grant award to cover part of the cost of the new waste water treatment plant - \$2,798,620.

Mayor Marion commended Commissioner Walker for his service in the Sewer and Water Department. Thank you also to the Town Administrator for keeping this project moving along.

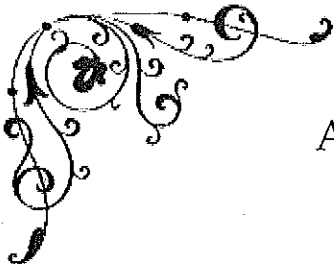
Commissioner Warnick reported that last night a gentleman rode his bike through town (traveling from Maine to Texas) and stopped at the park pavilion where he hoped he might sleep on the bench. After noting this gentleman's back trouble and noticing a Veterans' Administration card with his identification cards, Officer Herbert made contact with the VA, learned of this man's delicate health and intervened with immediate arrangements for transport to the hospital after which he would be moved to the VA Hospital. Commissioner Warnick commended Officer Herbert for his interest, instincts and compassion to offer a solution with help that went above and beyond usual duty.

Details will follow shortly on the trail system in town. A young man is working on his Eagle Scout Project and will provide help at our existing parks by building boardwalks and/or bridges.

The opening of Triangle Dog Park is planned for the near future.

Town Administrator Bonenberger and Commissioner Warnick met with Engineer Rupert Rosetti to review final storm water management details, mowing, and boardwalks for Phase 2 of the Triangle Dog Park. An announcement is forthcoming for a grand opening event.

There is one more "Movie in the Park", *Divergent*, planned for this weekend.



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Commissioner Scully announced her excitement at being part of this Board. She looks forward to becoming more acquainted and expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve the Town of Rising Sun.

Mayor Marion thanked former Mayor and Mrs. Mumey for graciously donating the art work hung in the meeting room. The beautiful representation of Cecil County lends some ceremony and history to Town Hall.

Mayor Marion also extended special thanks for the photos displayed on the walls in Town Hall. When school commences, the art students will again fill the stairwells with photos as a walking gallery here in Town Hall.

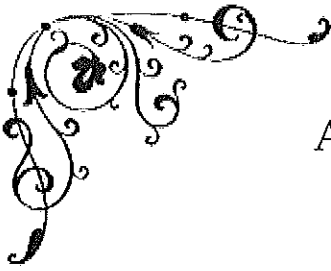
Mayor Marion has been in discussions with Commissioner Warnick regarding the Economic Development and Community Revitalization Committee and will plan to present an Executive Draft for this committee. If anyone might be interested in joining this team, please contact Commissioner Warnick or Mayor Marion.

After adjournment the Board of Commissioners will rejoin on the second floor at 8:15 PM here in Town Hall for an Executive Session to discuss personnel and to update Commissioner Scully on legal issues.

Motion was made at 8:20 PM by Commissioner Warnick and seconded by Commissioner Walker to adjourn. Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha Spencer
Town Clerk



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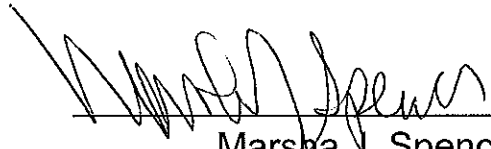
Motion to approve the minutes made by Commissioner Scully, seconded by Commissioner Warnick at the August 26th, 2014 Town Meeting. Motion passed 4 to 0.

DECLARATION AND VERIFICATION OF AUTHENTICITY

I, Marsha J. Spencer, 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 hereunto set my hand and have affixed the seal of the Town of Rising Sun as of this August 26, 2014.

Respectfully submitted



Marsha J. Spencer
Town Clerk

CERTIFICATE & TOWN SEAL

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(COUNTY OF CECIL)
(TOWN OF RISING SUN)**