



Town of Rising Sun  
Town Meeting Minutes  
March 31, 2016

Let it be remembered that the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the Town of Rising Sun, held a Town Meeting on the 3rd floor of the Town Hall on Thursday evening, March 31, 2016 at 7:00 PM. For the record the meeting place and time were duly posted as required.

**The Town Meeting can now be viewed in its entirety on the Town's Website**

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Travis Marion, Commissioner Dave Warnick, Commissioners Allen Authenreath, Commissioner Brian Leishear and Commissioner Joe Shephard.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF/CONSULTANTS PRESENT: Town Administrator Calvin A. Bonenberger, Jr., Police Chief Chip Peterson.

IN THE MATTER OF CALLING THE MEETING TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Marion and followed by the roll call, pledge of allegiance, and a moment of silence.

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Commissioner Shephard and seconded by Commissioner Warnick to approve the Minutes of February 23, 2016. Motion carried 4-0.

IN THE MATTER OF REPORTING OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:

None.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

A. Consideration of Ordinances:

The Town Administrator provided a 2<sup>nd</sup> overview of ordinances that were previously read into the minutes at the February 23, 2016 meeting. The following ordinances and actions that were taken are listed below:

**Ordinance 2016-01** Titled Timelines for snow removal: Motion was made by Commissioner Warnick and seconded by Commissioner Shephard to adopt Ordinance 2016-01 titled Timelines for Snow Removal. Motion passed 4-0

**Ordinance 2016-02** Titled Classification of Violations – Misdemeanors and Municipal Infractions Motion was made by Commissioner Warnick and seconded by Commissioner Leishear to adopt Ordinance 2016-02 titled Classification of Violations – Misdemeanors and Municipal Infractions Motion passed 4-0

B. Consideration of Resolutions:

The Town Administrator provided an overview of Resolution 2015-05 titled Ryan Drive Street Repair Loan, which is a resolution authorizing the Town of Administrator to execute various loan documents from Howard Bank for a 10 year loan to help pay for some of the cost associated with the emergency repairs of the Ryan Drive Water line and subsequent road repair related thereto. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Warnick and seconded by Commissioner Leishear to adopt Resolution 2016-05 titled Ryan Drive Street Repair Loan. Motion passed 4-0

IN THE MATTER OF CITIZENS' INPUT – The board heard comments from audience, to include a Ms Anita S Casteel, of 2471 Liberty Grove Road Colora, MD, who has started a foundation in memory of her grandson called, “Ryan’s Birthday Party Foundation”, who recently died of a rare brain tumor. She is hoping to involve the Town of Rising Sun in a 5k benefit fun walk/run, just outside of Town, to help raise funds to build a park for handi-“capable” children in his honor. The event will be held on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. She would like to turn the Town Red and Black for the month of September to help celebrate his birthday and hopes to sell ribbons to the local businesses to help with this goal. The Foundation’s goal is to continue to raise awareness and provide fun activities for children with cancer. Roughly 250 children per day die of cancer. She would love for the Town to participate in this effort and would like to know what her next steps are. The board asked her to send more details about the event to the entire board so that they could discuss this effort in more detail. The board also heard comments from Mr. Robert Fisher of Delaware, who challenged various members of the board on transparency, staffing questions and timelines for when some of his questions would be answered.

IN THE MATTER OF THE REPORT OF THE MAYOR:

Mayor Marion spoke about joint initiative put forth by Delegate Hornberger to install gateway signs on the route one corridor listing information about the Town of Rising Sun and to promote people to visit the town and the amenities it has to offer. The Mayor provided information about the Pinwheels for Prevention initiative that will plant a pinwheel garden in the Town Square. The event raises awareness for Childhood Growth and Wellbeing issues. He also gave an update on his Mayor for the day activities at the Tome Elementary School.

IN THE MATTER OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Shephard: Thanks the community for participating in the Coffee with a Cop initiative that the Town has started. Roughly 50 people came out. He also thanked Officers Stickney and Vanaskey for their participation in the "Active Shooter" training that was held at the Conowingo Baptist Church

Commissioner Warnick: Wanted to echo Commissioner Shephard's comments about the value of the Active Shooter Training and suggested that the Town have that training here at Town Hall. He announced various clean up initiatives at the parks. He also spoke about some clean stream events that were to be held at the park and invited anyone interested to come out and learn about the streams.

With no other business to come before the Mayor & Commissioners, the Mayor advised the audience that there would be a brief 5 minute break before entering into a budget meeting. However a motion was made by Commissioner Warnick and seconded by Commissioner Leishear to adjourn at 7:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Calvin A Bonenberger Jr". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Calvin A Bonenberger Jr  
Town Administrator – Acting Town Clerk