



Town of Rising Sun
Mayor & Commissioners Town Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2015

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 Tuesday evening, January 27, 2015 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, Commissioners Authenreath, Scully and Warnick.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

STAFF/CONSULTANTS PRESENT: Town Administrator Calvin Bonenberger, Jr., and Town Clerk Marsha Spencer

IN THE MATTER OF CALLING THE MEETING TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Marion followed by the Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance and prayer.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Commissioner Authenreath and seconded by Commissioner Scully to approve the Minutes of January 13, 2015. Motion carried 4-0.

IN THE MATTER OF REPORTING OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS: Town Administrator Bonenberger read into the record the Minutes of the Executive Session of held January 23, 5:30 PM. (See Executive Session Report.)

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS: None.

IN THE MATTER OF BUSINESS MEETING ITEMS: None.

IN THE MATTER OF CITIZENS' INPUT: One out-of-town resident made comments.

IN THE MATTER OF STAFF REPORTS:



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Mayor Marion shared that Chief Peterson had an emergency and would not be attending this evening's meeting.

Town Accountant Report: Patricia Wagner presented the Financial Statements for the six months ended December 31, 2014.

Historical Preservation Commission: Mr. Mumey announced that at the January 2015 meeting, plans were being made for the rest of the year.

Town Administrator's Report:

- Presented proposed Resolution 2015-1 to modify the fee schedule where the current code requires inspections for change of ownership on non-residential properties. The current fees allow for \$80/unit for inspection and administrative costs. However with an apartment complex of seventy or eighty units, this fee structure becomes cost prohibitive. Presenting the idea of economies of scale, five or ten inspections at a time could be planned for a reduced fee. The Town Administrator then read Resolution 2015-1 into the record and asked for the board to consider this modification for a vote at the next Town meeting.

Mayor's Report:

- Meeting with the Arts Council to learn of their plans for 2015.
- Meeting with Martin's Food Market who will sponsor the police breakfast this coming Friday.
- Meeting with Jim Boyd to plan for the Town's involvement with the Tiger Trot on April 25th. This event helps support initiatives at the Middle School as well as the high transportation costs for various field trips.
- Meeting with a town hall atmosphere at the County Building that allowed for questions and answers with other mayors.

In the Matter of Old Business: None.

In the Matter of New Business: None.

In the Matter of Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Authenreath:

- Attended Cecil Night in Annapolis which was sponsored by CC Chamber of Commerce.
- Kickoff meeting planned for next week with KCI to proceed with the update of the Town's zoning map and an evaluation of the streets and sidewalks.



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- Met with representatives from Cecil Bank regarding developer's responsibility for issues at Bryan's Grace. Commissioner Authenreath hopes to meet with the Homeowners' Association to provide an update.
- The Planning Commission meeting was postponed to last night and canceled for last night. To avoid meeting on Presidents' Day, the next meeting is planned for Monday, February 23rd at 6:30 PM.
- Cecil County has been chosen, from among other counties, by the Maryland Department of Transportation for a MARC train facility in Perryville. A meeting will be held on February 12th at the Minker Banquet Hall for more information. This expansion of rail service is a big win for Cecil County and will initially bring construction jobs and eventually long-term jobs to the community. Residents should be sure to let delegates and county commissioners know how they feel.
- With respect to current weather conditions of snow, sun, melting, snow, sun, etc. please take care to clear your sidewalks for students and residents. Be mindful that excessive salt can cause permanent damage to concrete.
- WILMAPCO has been coordinating efforts for bike paths and racks which the Town will be placing in the community. More details are coming.

Commissioner Scully:

- The art contest mentioned previously for the nationally-observed National Drugs Fact week will not occur. Productive conversations have resulted with our public schools, but the event will be planned sometime in the future. However, some fundraising will proceed for prizes for similar contests for the children.
- The Police Breakfast is this Friday with other agencies' officers stopping to enjoy the meal between 8 and 10 AM here on the third floor of Town Hall.

Commissioner Walker:

Construction of the waste water treatment plan is proceeding nicely as shared at this past Monday's monthly meeting with the contractor. Unless grant money is received soon, the Town may have to incur some costs and be reimbursed later.

Commissioner Warnick:

- One proposal was received on time in response to the RFP for Economic Development and Community Revitalization. A second proposal was received late and therefore cannot be accepted. However, both proposals are in the hands of the Review Committee who will make suggestions for reworking and potentially reissuing the RFP.



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- In the area of Parks and Recreation, Commissioner Warnick shared a letter of intent dated January 15th for application for the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Trust Fund Source Cost Effective Non-Point Source Pollution Reduction Grant in the April timeframe. This grant is in conjunction with the Octorara Watershed, University of Maryland Sea Grant and Watershed Protection Ecotone for the amount of \$795,767. This opportunity arose as a result of the water problems in Veterans' Park. Substantial water runoff, swales, erosion, retention basins and stream restoration would be addressed for a total of \$800,000. The minimum amount of the grant is \$500,000 for a timeframe that spans July 2015 to March 2017. The Town would cover some of the costs upfront and be reimbursed.

With no other business to come before the board, motion was made by Commissioner Warnick to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Scully and carried 4-0 at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha J. Spencer

Motion was made to approve the minutes by Commissioner Scully, seconded by Commissioner Warnick at the February 10, 2015 Town Meeting.

Motion carried 4-0.

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



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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 10th day of February 2015.

Respectfully submitted

Marsha J. Spencer
Town Clerk

CERTIFICATE & TOWN SEAL

(STATE OF MARYLAND)
(COUNTY OF CECIL)
(TOWN OF RISING SUN)