

Town of Rising Sun  
Mayor & Commissioners Town Meeting Minutes  
February 10, 2015

Let it be remembered that the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the Town of Rising Sun, held a Town Meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Town Hall on Tuesday evening, February 10, 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 Scully and seconded by Commissioner Warnick to approve the Minutes of January 27, 2015. Motion carried 4-0.

**IN THE MATTER OF REPORTING OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:** None.

**IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:** Town Administrator Bonenberger referenced Resolution 2015-01 Fee Schedule Modification as read into the record at the last meeting. With one change that clarified Commissioner Scully's question of last month regarding one or two family dwellings compared to apartment complexes, motion was made by Commissioner Warnick and seconded by Commissioner Scully to approve the Fee Schedule and Modification. Motion passed 4-0.

**IN THE MATTER OF CITIZENS' INPUT:** Citizens' remarks were noted.



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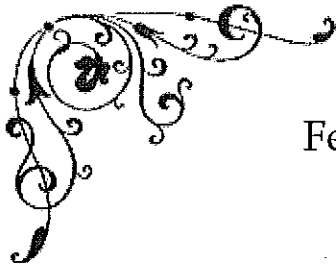
### IN THE MATTER OF STAFF REPORTS:

#### Chief of Police:

- Chief Peterson reported 432 calls for service since January 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Increase in drug activity with related calls and traffic stops.
- Safety issues at schools.
- Body cameras – proposal expected for next meeting.

#### Town Administrator's Report:

- As part of the waste water treatment plant financial settlement on bonds and BAN, Mr. Bonenberger has completed today the IRS requirements and other documentation in the Post Issuance Compliance Procedures manual. Although the IRS does not require the elected body to formally adopt such documentation, for the sake of posterity, the need for this annual update will be added to the Town's fiscal policies.
- The Town has been reimbursed roughly \$946,000 from MDE. Another \$530,000 has been submitted to MDE, plus \$256,171 is due from USDA as part of the reimbursement for other paid items. Delays in payment seem to create speculation and rumors about the financial status of the sewage plant. The plant continues to operate within budget. To add perspective, the current Contract Price is \$4,459,491.09 with \$294,936 just submitted and approved by USDA (part of the \$530,000 mentioned above). The remaining amount, just under \$3 Million Dollars, will be submitted by the contractor in the future. The Town has received financing for \$4.8 Million Dollars from USDA and another \$2.7 Million Dollars from MDE. Unless project completion or timing becomes an issue (September 30), the Town should meet the financing goals for this project.
- Four different grant applications for \$12.3 Million Dollars are in process with a goal of replacing defective water lines (\$2 Million), adding a secondary water tower (\$2.5 Million) and addition of a new water line from Pennsylvania (\$7.8 Million). Covering other components of the grant application, Mr. Bonenberger showed the overlay map of the Town that highlighted the incorporated town limits in the listed priority funding area. Other areas that are part of the Comprehensive Plan were included along with some areas that have not been annexed. These considerations are critical to the money that the Town would want to receive. Other items considered were defective water lines, issues brown water, replacement of 10,000 lineal feet of water lines, significant breaks over the last 5 years, analysis of water produced in the Town's wells, lost revenue, lost water, the declining average of daily water usage, etc.



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### **IN THE MATTER OF THE MAYOR'S REPORT:**

- Attended the Mayor's Winter Conference in Annapolis with highlights around community policing and emergency management.
- Police breakfast – many thanks to Commissioner Scully and her family, and to Martins Food Market, who sponsored the event, and the Sheriff's Department for promoting this event.
- Creating a calendar of events for the Town with Desiree Davis.

### **IN THE MATTER OF THE HISTORICAL PRESERVATION REPORT:**

- Meeting is scheduled for tomorrow evening.
- Board members were invited to consider membership.

**IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS:** None.

### **IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:**

#### **Commissioner Authenreath:**

- Kickoff meeting last week with KCI Engineering regarding maps, streets and sidewalks. On-site street reviews will begin tomorrow.
- Reminder of meeting at the Perryville Fire Hall for MARC facility. Please plan to support this project that will help rail commuters.

#### **Commissioner Scully:**

- Meeting with Arts Council to consider fund raising opportunities for the art contests and other activities with the kids.
- Invited to participate on the board for STEPS Recovery Resources.
- Enjoyed planning and participating in the Police breakfast.

#### **Commissioner Walker:**

- Since receiving the \$946,000 mentioned earlier, Commissioner Walker is feeling more confident about the finances for the sewer plant.
- The Walker's daughter is the first female Fire Chief in Cecil County.



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### Commissioner Warnick:

- Additional comments on ideas for conserving water...have personally reduced water consumption by 40%.

Since Mayor Marion and Town Administrator Bonenberger will be attending another function, Commissioner Walker will preside over the next Town Meeting.

Mayor Marion added that he had shared a preview of the Governor's proposed budget. With some disappointment in the increase in State Highway User Funds, he also noted a decrease in grants that would be available for open space.

The next stated meeting is Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at 7 PM.

With no other business to come before the Board, motion was made by Commissioner Warnick and seconded by Commissioner Scully to adjourn at 7:50 PM.

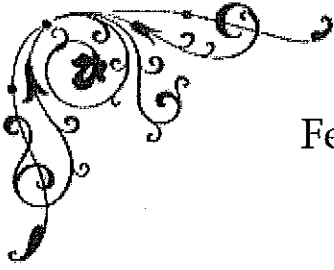
Respectfully submitted,



Marsha J. Spencer  
Town Clerk

### **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.



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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 March 2015.

Respectfully submitted



Marsha J. Spencer  
Town Clerk

**CERTIFICATE & TOWN SEAL**

**(STATE OF MARYLAND)**

**(COUNTY OF CECIL)**

**(TOWN OF RISING SUN)**

Motion to approve the minutes made by Commissioner Walker, seconded by  
Commissioner Warnick at the March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Town Meeting

Motion Passed 3-0