

Town of Rising Sun
Mayor & Commissioners Town Meeting Minutes
March 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 3rd floor of the Town Hall on Tuesday evening, March 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, and Warnick.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Scully.

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

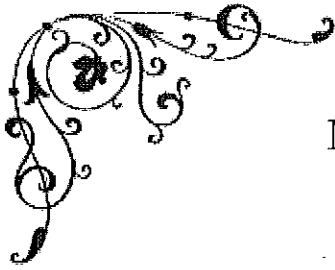
IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Commissioner Walker and seconded by Commissioner Warnick to approve the Minutes of February 10, 2015. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF REPORTING OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS: Town Administrator Bonenberger read the minutes of the Execution Session held February 18, 2015 (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: Some comments were noted.



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IN THE MATTER OF STAFF REPORTS:

Town Financials:

- Patricia Wagner reported on the Governmental and Proprietary Financial Statements for the period ending February 28, 2015. Due to some scheduled surgery, Patricia will not be available in April and recommended Mandy Girton to present financial statements in her absence.
- With respect to the water treatment plant and the grant reimbursement process, Town Administrator Bonenberger noted that the Town spends from a reserve account, borrows from various operating funds and reimburses (or repopulates) those accounts once MDE pays the Town.

Chief of Police:

- Chief Peterson reported 200 calls for service in the past two weeks. Most notable, in the top ten percent, seven calls were Code 26, drug arrests. The top 12 codes are officer-initiated calls, the highest being patrol checks. As a result of these drugs arrests, a decrease is noted in other crimes.
- The Chief had the privilege of speaking at Cecil County Community College for Black History Month Multi-Cultural Student Union Program, geared to address the recent incidents in New York, Florida and Missouri. This open dialogue cleared up some misconceptions and was quite helpful.
- The date has closed for the hiring process. Several applications have been received. The next step is to confirm that criteria have been met to further narrow the selection process.
- A few of our Ballistic Vests are nearing the end of their life expectancy. Through the Governor's Office on Crime Control and Prevention, a grant is available that offers fifty percent match of the cost, approximately \$2,500 for the vests. The Chief is in the process of writing that grant.

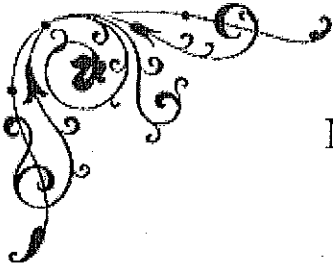
IN THE MATTER OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: None.

IN THE MATTER OF THE HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION REPORT:

- Mr. Thomas Mumey reported four guests made an appointment and toured the museum this afternoon.
- Two elderly Rising Sun residents are guest speakers at tomorrow evening's regularly scheduled meeting. Another event is planned for this Saturday, "Cabin Fever" at Moore's Chapel Church from 11 AM to 2 PM. Commissioners and the Arts Council will also be participating with give-aways for the children.

IN THE MATTER OF THE MAYOR'S REPORT:

- Mayor Marion expressed a HUGE THANK YOU to our Public Works crew who has been working diligently to repair water leaks and remove snow.
- Completing details on an Events Calendar by the end of this week.



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- Chief Peterson and Commissioner Scully are working together with the Mayor on an initiative: "Texting While Driving"
- A Cecil County Young Life event will feature the Mayor this Friday with either "pie in the face" or a dunk tank – (just for kids!)

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS: None.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS: None.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:

Commissioner Walker:

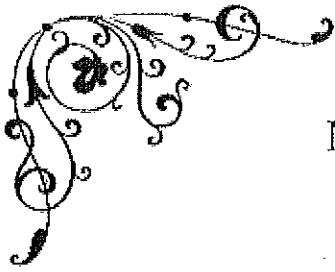
- Progress continues nicely with construction of the sewer plant. Any issues are quickly resolved between the engineer and contractor.
- Attended a meeting in Harrisburg with the Town Administrator regarding the water line.
- Thank you, too, to the Public Works crew – long hours and very good job!

Commissioner Warnick:

- Met today with the Octorara Watershed Protection team and County regarding projects to benefit the Town and Chesapeake Bay. These projects will address flooding issues at Veterans' Park, off 273 into Veterans' Park and at Wilson and Hopewell Roads at the bridge.
- Project Stream Cleanup is scheduled for April 24th at 9 until noon at Veterans' Park.
- Plans to participate in Cabin Fever.

Commissioner Authenreath:

- More THANKS to Public Works: Ron, Chris, Darrel and Grant – for the long hours in the cold, snow rain and mud. They remained on duty at the water main breaks—digging, plowing, salting, shoveling...staying until it's done.
- Outages are use, age- and weather related.
- Thanks to Calvin Bonenberger for tracking down the needed clamps.
- Thanks to the responsiveness of Contractor James Meadows too.
- Concerns abound on existing road conditions at the cul-de-sac on Ryans Drive. Of specific note:
 - Improper road surface (2 inches of asphalt on top of clay).
 - Water has undermined and left tunnels.
 - Seven connections in the pipes have broken due to poor quality.



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Five other area connections (total of 85 on the water lines) are of immediate concern and will be addressed immediately.

PVC piping with a shorter life expectancy will be replaced with ductile iron.

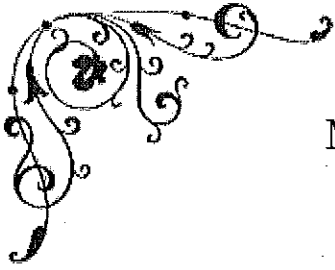
- In summary, the roads were not done properly, were finished cheaply, without proper stone and bedding for the asphalt. This pattern continues with this developer through other developments.
- KCI Engineering continues through town, having evaluated 70% of the Town's roads and infrastructure to determine a plan to fix connections and pave roads. Some inspection holes will be dug to check for proper buttresses at hills and turns to determine any premature failure.
- Please be patient, residents of Ryan Drive. The Town wants to fix the water and the roads right the first time and will need to reserve funding in the neighborhood of \$250,000 to \$500,000.
- This project is being added to current grant applications.
- The Planning Commission is tightening adequate public facility ordinances and codes to protect the Town from such shoddy workmanship.
- Mayor Marion mentioned a letter that is being sent to all residents of Ryan Drive to let them know the cause, status, plans, etc. At this point repairs and patching are planned in the April/May time frame.
- A similar situation has occurred at Maples Heights and Bryan's Grace with shoddy and unfinished work. Unfortunately, Cecil Bank had been holding funds in escrow, pending dedication. Waiting for the Bank to respond, the Town has not proceeded with these projects.
- Again, we are sorry for the inconvenience, but assure the residents that you will love the finished product.
- The next meeting of the Planning Commission is March 16th.

The Mayor stated the Town's interest to attract new residents and businesses – to not repeat bad history.

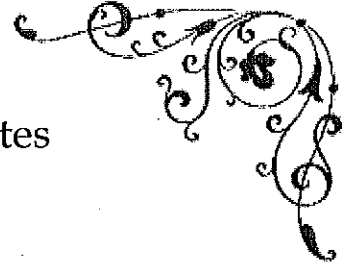
Motion was made by Commissioner Walker and seconded by Commissioner Warnick to adjourn at 8:03 PM.

Motion to approve the minutes made by Commissioner Dave Warnick, seconded by Commissioner Allen Authenreath at the March 24, 2015 Town Meeting

Motion Passed 3 – 0



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Declaration And Verification Of Authenticity

I, Marsha J. Spencer, 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 24th day of March 2015.

Respectfully submitted



Marsha J. Spencer
Town Clerk

CERTIFICATE & TOWN SEAL