

**Town of Rising Sun
Mayor & Commissioners Town Meeting Minutes
March 24, 2015**

Let it be remembered that the Vice 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 24, 2015 at 7:00 PM. For the record the meeting place and time were duly posted as required.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Vice Mayor George Walker, Commissioners Authenreath, Scully and Warnick.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mayor Travis Marion.

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 Vice Mayor Walker followed by the Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance.

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

IN THE MATTER OF REPORTING OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS: None.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS: None.

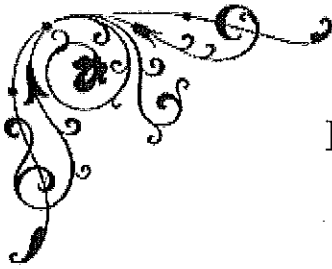
IN THE MATTER OF BUSINESS MEETING ITEMS: None.

IN THE MATTER OF CITIZENS' INPUT: Some comments were noted.

IN THE MATTER OF STAFF REPORTS:

IN THE MATTER OF THE REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE:

- 229 calls for service during the period of 3/9—3/24.
- Eleven drug arrests—majority for heroin with a few for marijuana arrests, hash and meth. Thank you to four officers on the streets uncovering this drug activity.
- Our officers are growing in their jobs as evidenced by these arrests and their reports.



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- Received as part of a grant, a new, shiny, red drug drop box will be permanently located outside Town Hall.
- A Ballistic Vest Replacement grant has been submitted electronically and is awaiting formally signature by the mayor.
- Realizing last spring that the report management system used by police chiefs in Cecil County, an RFP response was answered by a software developer who will design a computer aided dispatch system. This system will eliminate duplication of services and each police car will include a tracking resource to identify the car in closest proximity for response to a service call. Laptops will be replaced with new tablets in the car. Again, because of the grant process, the Town will enjoy this upgrade at no cost.
- The Chief joined the Board for the Bass Master 15 committee. This 4-day tournament sponsored by ESPN the second or third week of August will represent an influx of tourism into the county.

IN THE MATTER OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

- Town Administrator Bonenberger expects the first draft of rate studies from Davenport at a meeting sometime next week.
- As a result of an MML update, the Town is updating the property list to ensure that the Town is receiving its percentage of income tax from the State. If the properties are annexed to the Town, but not in the utility billing system, the Town is probably not receiving this revenue. A reconciliation is being completed and will be provided to the Comptroller's office.

IN THE MATTER OF THE HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION REPORT:

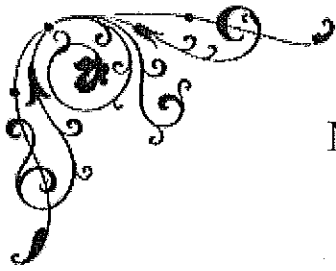
- Mr. Thomas Mumej reported that the Historical Commission participated in the Cabin Fever event at Moore's Chapel with a good turnout and good exposure.

IN THE MATTER OF THE MAYOR'S REPORT: None.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS: None.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Walker reported on the revised Consent Decree with respect to the sewer treatment lagoon. While heavy penalties could be as much as \$133,300, that amount will be waived if the plant is finished on time. Motion was made by Commissioner Warnick and seconded by Commissioner Scully to authorize the updated consent decree. While the penalties are hash, these terms give the Town an additional year to work out any issues with the plant discharge. Terms are quite favorable for the Town. Motion carried 3-0.



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Commissioner Walker also reported that the Town Administrator, Town Attorney Gullo and he met with GHD Engineers regarding the Chester Water Line. With offices in both Maryland and Pennsylvania, these engineers are quite familiar with permitting, legislation, guidelines, etc. Their standard contract will be formally reviewed by Attorney Gullo. Motion was made by Commissioner Walker and seconded by Commissioner Warnick to authorize GHD Engineers as the engineer to be selected for the Chester Water line. Four other firms have been considered. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:

Commissioner Authenreath:

Ryan Drive Update – With no as-built plans, the crew continues to dig holes to find connections. Five more connections needed to be replaced (seven were done on initial water leak).

- Saddle clamps were quickly replaced.
- A PVC pipe off the cul-de-sac feeds homes on Biggs Highway (annexed).
- Inferior products without proper bedding, pipe and saddles have been a problem.
- KCI Engineers will review the situation to make recommendations.
- Contractor Meadows continues to work with our Public Works crew to replace the line.
- Approximately \$35,000 has been spent already. Parts and labor to replace the pipe will be an additional \$6,000.
- KCI continues to evaluate the towns' roads and to create a planning map to be presented at next month's meeting.
- The community is being informed of progress on Ryan Drive through the Town's website and Face Book pages.
- Planning Commission meets the third Monday of the month, April 20 at 7 PM. Sunset laws and as-built ordinances will be the next focus of review.

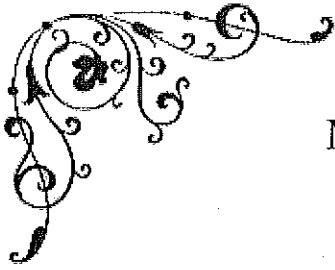
Commissioner Scully thanked everyone for their patience during her absence at the last meeting while she addressed a family issue. Her schedule is getting back to normal.

Commissioner Warnick :

The Boy Scouts will begin construction of the board walk and learning center at Dog Park this weekend. Eagle Scout candidates have completed the dimensions of the bridge for Veterans' Park and hope to start early April.

On April 25, Saturday, the Rising Sun Middle School's Tiger Trot begins at 9 AM.

Also, on April 25th, 9 AM a Clean-up Day at Veterans Park, sponsored by volunteer groups (Moore's Chapel, Octorara Watershed, and several others) will retrieve years of trash and metal accumulation.



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Participated in Cabin Fever – good exposure of the Town’s planned trail system and storm water management .
Colora Famers and Vendors Market will meet every first and third Wednesday, May to October. More information will be available tomorrow night at the library, 6:30 – 7:30 PM.

Commissioner Walker

- Meeting on Monday with USDA and Wickersham – winter has had some affect on their work but targeted substantial completion date is July 15th with final completion in October.
- Remains satisfied that we will meet MDE’s Consent.
- Started plans for the Chester Water Line.

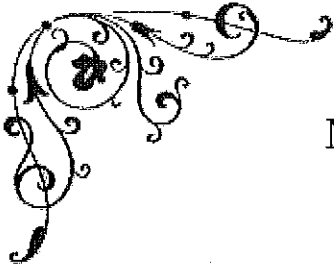
Guest Cecil County Commissioner Dan Schneckenberger offered comments and future assistance:

- Looked at responses to the RFP for the Economic Development and Community Revitalization.
- Offered his contacts with Old Dominion/Wild Cat for attracting potential revenue.
- Update on prevalence of drug and especially heroin problem in the County.
- Additional County funding is available in Capital Investments for parks. Suggestion that Town demonstrate visible support of this project.
- Suggestion to reach out to Representative Harris regarding the post office issue mentioned in Citizens’ Comments.
- Favorable comments that Rising Sun rocks with community events.

The next regularly stated meeting is Tuesday, April 14 at 7 PM.

Motion was made by Commissioner Warnick and seconded by Commissioner Authenreath to adjourn at 8:15 PM. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion to approve the minutes made by Commissioner Dave Warnick, seconded by
Commissioner Jennifer Scully at the April 14, 2015 Town Meeting
Motion Passed 4-0



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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 14th day of April 2015.

Respectfully submitted

Marsha J. Spencer
Town Clerk

CERTIFICATE & TOWN SEAL

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