

Town of Rising Sun
Mayor & Commissioners Town Meeting Minutes
October 28, 2014

Let it be remembered that the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the Town of Rising Sun, held a Town Meeting on the third floor Town Hall in Rising Sun on Tuesday evening, October 28, 2014 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, Commissioner Allen Authenreath, Commissioner Jennifer Scully and Commissioner David Warnick.

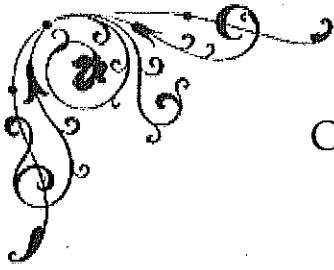
MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF/CONSULTANTS PRESENT: Town Administrator Calvin Bonenberger, 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 Travis Marion, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Marion opened the meeting with prayer.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Commissioner Walker and seconded by Commissioner Warnick to approve the Minutes of October 14, 2014. Motion carried 4-0.

REPORTING OF EXECUTIVE SESSION: None



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IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

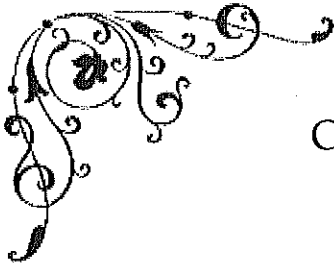
Mary Ann Scully, CEO, Howard Bank, offered background on the ten-year-old Howard Bank, headquartered in Ellicott City in Howard County now in ownership of the Town's long-standing NBRS Bank. Howard Bank realizes the responsibility in assuming the 140-year-old legacy established by NBRS.

IN THE MATTER OF CITIZENS INPUT: None

IN THE MATTER OF THE MAYOR'S REPORT:

- More than 1200 community members enjoyed the Spooktacular. Special thanks are made to event coordinator Desiree Davis and a core team of volunteers;
- Met with economic advisors from the state, county and federal levels this past week to talk about the Town's short- and long-term strategy;
- Participated in a hallway judging contest at the Rising Sun High School where theme was 'Made in the USA';
- Staff and commissioners are invited to the Rising Sun Homecoming football game this Thursday evening;
- Issued a Breast Cancer Awareness Proclamation that included a display of hard-board ribbons outside Town Hall where survivors and caregivers added their names;
- Lastly, French exchange student Victor has returned home safely with hopes to return next summer.

IN THE MATTER OF STAFF REPORTS:



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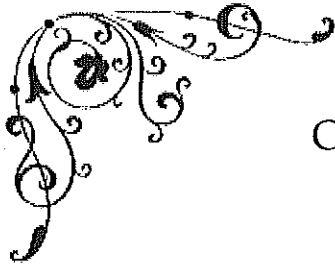


Chief Peterson:

- 200 service calls were handled between 10/15 and 10/28 with no notable trends. However, during that period residents reported numerous calls from area code 867 advising that they had won a contest. The calls were generated from Northern Canadian territory with a request to wire money to Jamaica. Unfortunately, such scams often target senior citizens and seem to be generated from information on Face book or local newspapers. The Federal Trade Commission has a great website that gives tips for how to deal with such issues.
- Sponsored a booth on Drug Awareness Display at the Rising Sun Health Fair for seven hours
- Attended the first day of Commissioner Scully's Youth Mental Health First Aid Course with approximately 20 others yesterday;
- Attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting.

Town Administrator:

- As a placeholder for respective commissioners to highlight, Town Administrator Bonenberger shared a list of items:
- Commissioner Walker and he attended the MDE meeting this past Friday and left with a clear understanding and reassurance that everyone was in agreement on the situation;
- The Town is in the process of closing on the Bond Anticipation Notes with PNC Bank. The USDA is buying out the first \$9 Million of the original \$13 Million loan on the Waste Water Treatment Plant. This transaction will dramatically help the Town's cash flow by paying off the \$9 Million over a forty year amortization schedule as opposed to a bridge loan.



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- Commissioner Authenreath will be reporting on the handicap parking space for a resident in Valley View.

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Financials:

Patricia Wagner shared copies of the July and August Financial Statements and reviewed the latest copy for September.

Historical Preservation Commission Report:

- Mr. Thomas Mumey reported that the previously scheduled activities have been completed successfully.
- The Historical Commission will not be participating in the Cecil County Christmas Parade.
- Photos and a video were shared of the Civil War Reenactment.

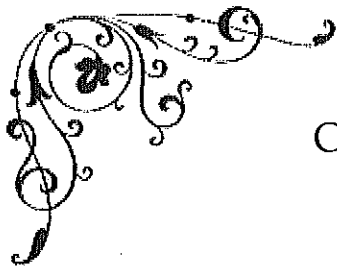
IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS: None

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS: None

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:

Commissioner Authenreath reported that the Public Works Department has been busy with preparations for cold weather: one fire hydrant has been replaced on Main Street across from Bucks Restaurant;

- The provision for handicap parking spaces, as originally raised by Commissioner Walker months ago, has come to fruition with the application of a resident in Valley View who has shown proof of need. These handicap parking spots require additional space and the burden of need is on the applicant. Representatives of the Planning Commission have



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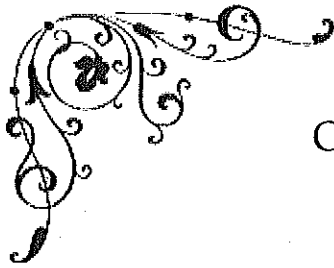


inspected this qualified need and have proceeded with completion of the parking space.

- Reporter Jane Bellmyer's newspaper article had invited residents to contact Commissioner Authenreath with concerns about streets and sidewalks. This approach has worked well with several emails being received. Town Administrator Bonenberger and Commissioner Authenreath have toured some of these areas to identify and confirm responsibility to the Town/Homeowner/Homeowners' Association. KCI Engineering will evaluate the streets and sidewalks for consistency and to prioritize the work. They will be submitting their price over the next few weeks. Thank you, Jane Bellmyer.
- With respect to the 2015 budget, the Town can afford to replace some yellowed lights, make more repairs and add stone where some erosion has occurred.
- The next Planning Commission Meeting is scheduled for November 17th at 6 PM. Interested residents are invited to submit a letter of application to join this Commission.
- The Fall Spooktacular was a great success with many positive comments throughout the community. Some out-of-towners plan to steal the idea.

Commissioner Scully acknowledged Office Vanasky's efforts to assist and apprehend an out-of-town homicide suspect;

- Expressed appreciation to the officers who made the Spooktacular a safe success;
- Sponsors April and Carrie are very excited about the opportunity for the Town to host the Youth Mental Health First Aid training. Commissioner Scully was disappointed that she was unable to attend but with future plans



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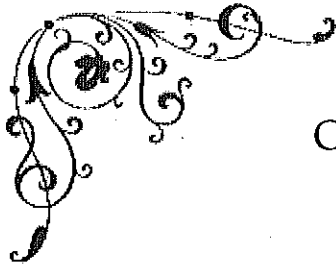
to schedule an event on Saturday, she will attend this training in the future. Current participants will complete their certification tomorrow.

Commissioner Walker and Town Administrator Bonenberger attended the monthly sewer construction meeting with the engineer on the project. As reported previously, the meetings are going very well and everyone is working together to solve problems and move ahead.

The MDE meeting, arranged by Delegate Rudolph, was productive, after covering outstanding issues regarding almost \$40,000 in fines for non-compliance on the discharge from the sewer plant. An agreement has been reached that MDE will delay such fines until project completion. If the plant is completed on time, those fines may not be required.

Commissioner Warnick attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting;

- A tour of the historical downtown area was conducted immediately following the Economic Development and Community Revitalization meeting. Parking and building conditions were considered along with funding mechanisms.
- A meeting was held with County representatives on a possible trail network. Within the town limits, a rails to trails network might connect Veterans' Park to Diddie Richardson Park with Delmarva being interested in adding power lines in the right-of- way;
- With an episode of an aggressive dog that occurred just this evening at the Dog Park, Commissioner Warnick reminded residents of their liability with respect to such dogs and read excerpts from the County law. Some such information is also listed in the posted rules for the Dog Park.



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- An Economic Development meeting is scheduled for November 20th where other agencies will network with the Town for training, resources and funding.
- Mayor Marion added that progress is delayed on the trails at Veterans' Park for better access through the sticker bushes and careful notice of the wetlands.

Mayor Marion also added a big THANK YOU to Commissioner Warnick for the personal time he shared by driving him to New York to bid a proper farewell to his exchange student.

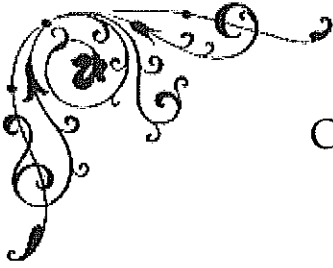
IN THE MATTER OF OTHER BUSINESS: None.

Motion was made by commissioner Scully and seconded by Commissioner Warnick to adjourn at 8 PM. 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 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 13th day of January 2015.



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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 Jennifer Scully and seconded by Commissioner Dave Warnick at the November 25, 2014 Town Meeting.

Motion passed 4-0.