

Approved Minutes for the Town of Rocky Ripple Board Meeting, Oct. 13, 2009

Attendees: Robert Tomey, Angela Herrmann, Cathy Hurt

The meeting was called to order at 7:31pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Jim Lawson and John Oakley from the City of Indianapolis gave a presentation regarding work on Combined Sewage Overflow (CSO) 205, located between the Riviera Club and Rocky Ripple.

The project is a joint project with the city and the US Army Corps of Engineers. It will reduce raw sewage overflows from 42-44 instances in an average year to four. Sewage flows will be re-routed away from an overflow pipe near Boulevard Place to a storage tank at the Riviera Club. The storage tank will also be improved so that it can treat the water before it is released into the river.

In the tank, sewage overflows will be chlorinated and then de-chlorinated. There will also be screens to remove trash and debris. The project is due to be completed in February.

It was asked whether anything was planned for the overflow by the Broad Ripple boat ramp, behind Applebees. The city has done some testing and believes that that outlet is storm water only, not sewage. Robert said that he had video of toilet paper coming out of it. The city would be interested in seeing it. The paper could be trash from the streets.

This project has no relationship to the flood control project. At one time they tried to incorporate the two projects, but that wasn't feasible due to the timing mandated by the EPA consent decree for the CSO project.

Meeting minutes

The minutes from the September meeting were read. Angela suggested that the full name for the State Board of Accounts be written out instead of SBOA. Robert said that the second unapproved structure was located at 654 W 54th St. Robert made a motion to accept the minutes with the above changes. Angela seconded and the motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report

Cathy presented the 2010 budget to the board. Our budget has been cut to \$41,340 for the general fund, \$19,897 for the motor vehicle highway fund, and \$12,492 for the local roads & streets fund (from \$41,340, \$40,513, and \$19,760, respectively). The budget will be adopted at the Oct. 27 meeting. Citizens have the opportunity to file an objection at that time- details for this procedure can be found at the website IN.gov. (Note: the budget cut was for 2009. The budget being adopted Oct. 27 is the 2010 budget. We are asking for the same budget as always for 2010. I was confused because of the overlap of 2009 and 2010 budgets due to the property tax reassessment. -Cathy)

As of September 30, we had \$47,165.55 total in checking and savings. Expenses were \$4,631.04 and income was \$18,912.15. Income included a second \$15,000.00 for the clerk-treasurer bond; the theft occurred over two terms of office for Anne Jansen, and we were reimbursed for each term. A copy of the financial summary that was handed out to board members is attached to this report.

Robert made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, Angela seconded.

Citizen Concerns

Kurt Laker, the lawyer for Paul and Christine Anderson presented an agreement to vacate the southernmost 460 feet of Riverview Drive.

The problem is that the Anderson's house is in the current plat for Riverview Drive. They would like to vacate the unpaved portion of Riverview and use the current asphalt path as the street. This would allow

Jon Stohler the same access to his house that he has currently. They would also grant a permanent river access easement to the town of Rocky Ripple for use in emergency situations.

The current asphalt path is not on the levee.

This has been presented to the Rocky Ripple board previously and approved, but then was not acted on.

It was asked whether the river access would include community access. It would not. There is no record of an existing community access there.

There would be no cost to the town of Rocky Ripple.

This does not affect the property that was formerly owned by Red Thompson, it only affects the two properties discussed above, owned by the Andersons and Jon Stohler. Mr. Stohler is in agreement with the plan. (Note: Mr. Stohler stated at the November meeting that he has not had time to review the proposal and has not agreed to it.)

Robert said that he would like to have Carla involved in this decision since she is familiar with the situation as it was discussed previously. He would like to bring it up at the November meeting.

Dan Axler strongly suggested that the town get a legal right of way instead of an easement.

Marilynn Hunter said that the stop sign at 53rd and Patterson is down and that the stop sign at 52nd and Patterson is also. There is a large pothole on 51st between Lester and Clarendon that needs to be filled. Adam Garvey said that he would fill the hole.

Marilynn also had a newsletter from Andre Carson where he talked about money allocated for flood control. She wondered if we could get some of that money for the levee. Robert said that he would look into it.

Adam Garvey asked if the town would be interested in spreading salt for him. He would pay \$80/hour for 8-10 hours every time it snowed. We would use town equipment and driver. Robert said he would like a written proposal. The town would have to consider liability and equipment maintenance costs to see if it would be worth it.

Dan Axler suggested that we could do the work in exchange for road salt.

Anne Jansen has a pre-trial hearing set for Dec. 2. Matt Bevender is the prosecutor- his number is 327-1405. Bob Hammerle is her lawyer. She has not plead yet.

John Atkinson passed away this month. He will be greatly missed.

Marshal's Report

Four UTTs (Uniform Traffic Tickets) and 3 traffic ordinance violations were issued. There was one domestic battery report and one protective order issued. The police car heater core was fixed- it had a cracked plenum.

The grant for the new police car was approved!!! We have been granted \$26,222 for a Dodge Charger. Thanks to Carla for all her hard work on this!

Old Business

The structures on the levee discussed at the last meeting were not removed- the steps are still there and the posts from the deck are still there. Robert will contact Indianapolis zoning, the DNR, and the US Army Corps of Engineers to see who the town can get to proceed with the work of removing them without harm to the levee.

New Business

Please fill out the census form when you get it- the town gets money based on headcount. There will not be a long form this time.

The portable toilet will be removed from Hohlt park Nov. 1.

The garden group has been paying half the park water bill every month.

With no further business, Robert made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:12pm. Angela seconded.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Hurt

Rocky Ripple Financial Summary

Sept. 2009

	Checking + Savings	General Fund	Motor Vehicle Highway Fund	Local Roads & Streets Fund	Park water	Park toilet
Starting balance:	\$ 34,011.41	\$ 26,553.92	\$ 3,574.84	\$ 1,370.71	\$ (16.90)	\$ (51.00)
Routine monthly expenses						
Utilities, except street lights:	\$ 285.34	\$ 285.34				
IP&L park pavillion	\$ 11.38					
IP&L town hall	\$ 47.68					
IP&L vet's monument	\$ 14.93					
AT&T, phone & internet	\$ 82.35					
Citizens Gas, town hall	\$ 129.00					
Water, town hall						
Water, park					\$ -	
Street Lights:	\$ 736.29		\$ 736.29			
Town Marshal/ Street Commissiner:	\$ 3,487.65					
Wages	\$ 3,167.91	\$ 1,055.97	\$ 2,111.94			
Gas for police car	\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00			
State taxes	\$ 119.74		\$ 119.74			
Other:	\$ 93.35	\$ 93.35				
bank fees	\$ 15.35					
park toilet rental	\$ 78.00					\$ 78.00
Routine Quarterly expenses	\$ -		\$ -			
legal services (Q4 2008 & Q1 2009)						
wages, town board						
federal payroll taxes						
Non-routine Expenses	\$ 28.41					
office supplies	\$ 28.41	\$ 28.41				
		\$ -				
Total Expenses:	\$ 4,631.04	\$ 1,463.07	\$ 3,167.97	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 78.00
Income from State:	\$ 17,819.66					
LRS	\$ 937.93			\$ 937.93		
MVH	\$ 1,881.73		\$ 1,881.73			
Cigarette tax		\$ -				
ABC gallonage		\$ -				
SBOA- partial settlement audit B34227	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00				
Income from County:	\$ 624.40					
LOIT oper dist	\$ 189.58	\$ 189.58				
Public Safety dist.	\$ 388.26		\$ 388.26			
Court Costs to Municip		\$ -				
advance dist.		\$ -				
water pilot		\$ -				
property dist.		\$ -				
excise dist.	\$ 46.56	\$ 46.56				
Ordinance violations:	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00				
Gun permits:						
Town Hall/ Park Pavilion Use:	\$ 140.00	\$ 140.00				
Town Hall	\$ 90.00					
Pavilion	\$ 50.00					\$ 50.00
Other:	\$ 122.88					
Donations for park water	\$ 15.88	\$ 15.88			\$ 15.88	
workman's comp refund	\$ 107.00	\$ 107.00				
Interest:	\$ 5.21	\$ 5.21				
Total Income:	\$ 18,912.15	\$ 15,704.23	\$ 2,269.99	\$ 937.93	\$ 15.88	\$ 50.00
Outstanding checks paid	\$ 2,511.94					
Current outstanding checks	\$ 1,384.97					
Ending balance:	\$ 47,165.55	\$ 40,795.08	\$ 2,676.86	\$ 2,308.64	\$ (1.02)	\$ (79.00)