

Approved Minutes for the Town of Rocky Ripple Board Meeting, Oct. 12, 2010

Attendees: Robert Tomey, Carla Gaff-Clark, Angela Herrmann, Cathy Hurt
The meeting was called to order at 7:32pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Treasurer's Report

As of Sept. 30, we had \$60,637.12 total in checking and savings. Expenses were \$6,567.48 and income was \$5,259.14. A copy of the financial summary that was handed out to board members is attached to this report.

The August and September bills for mowing will be held until Robert can talk to Gardens of Growth to make sure they are accurate. Angela made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, Robert seconded.

Meeting minutes

The minutes from the September meeting were read. Angela made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Robert seconded.

Old Business

Ann Jansen's sentencing was held on September 15. She got a year's suspended sentence with no-report probation. She will pay the Community Association \$100 a month until they are fully reimbursed, and then she will pay the town in the same manner.

It was brought up that with this repayment structure the town is unlikely to get any money. Can we split the payments between the town and the Community Association? The Community Association money was earned through volunteer labor and the town did get some reimbursement from the clerk-treasurer bond. Money paid to the Community Association benefits the town. It was decided to leave the current pay structure as is.

New Business/ Citizen Concerns

Jon Stohler patched the pothole on Crown. Thanks again Jon! Kenny Taylor volunteered to help with future repairs.

Robert got a quote of \$2,805 for repairing the pavilion roof from Universal roofing. The quote was for a roof-over using 30 year shingles. Robert will get more bids, although at under \$3000 it is not legally necessary.

There has been a complaint about the couches in the trees in the park near the pavilion. Also, some other junk (old grill parts) has been dumped there. Robert will see about getting it all removed.

A bat house was constructed for Fountain park, but after doing some research it was found that that is not a good place for it- bats like a more open habitat. Can we put it in Hohlt park? Either near the large rock by the trees near the pavilion or by the garden. Robert stated that as long as it was not in the way of the mowers any place would be fine. Multiple bat houses would be ok.

Have we ever thought about putting up purple marten houses? We can talk to the Butler Urban Ecology group about it.

Leopold benches are being built for Fountain park.

At Hohlt park there are still a couple of old house foundations near the evergreen trees. They are hard to mow over. Maybe we could plant flowers over them.

What happened with the idea of running water to the Hohlt park pavilion? We do not have enough money- we had talked about using park water donation money. It is adding up thanks to the garden group donations, but it is still not a significant amount. Also, we would not be able to install potable water without installing drains, which would be a large expense.

Robert has reserved the town hall for the day before the chili supper. Will that interfere with set up? Probably not, but Mandy Redmond said she would check at the next Community Association meeting.

Mandy asked whether Robert could drive the tractor for the hayride for the chili supper. The tractor is not working right now- it needs a new battery, among other repairs. Can the wagon be pulled using a regular truck? Yes- it has a 2" ball hitch. Danny Orr volunteered to pull the wagon with his truck.

The festival grossed over \$8000. Everyone who volunteered this year volunteered again for next year except that Ann Wickham will no longer do the signs. Mandy asked for feedback from the festival- feedback was overwhelmingly positive.

Have there been complaints about festival parking from residents? A few people have complained- Marshal Kiefer advised them to block off their yards. If the festival gets too much bigger we should look into running a shuttle from Butler.

Marshal's Report

Marshal Kiefer issued 1 ordinance violation for speeding and 2 for failure to stop at stop signs. 6 street lights are out- he reported them to IP&L. We got 5 bikes registered at the festival- thanks to Angela for the idea.

The in-car printer quit working, another has been ordered.

The money gotten from selling the old police car should go into a fund to save for a future police car. Money from ordinance violations should go into this fund as well. Cathy will calculate the amounts and this will be discussed at the next meeting. (The amount is \$2175 for 2009 and \$2125 from 2010 so far for a total of \$4300.) (Where does gun permit money go?)

The town hall needs gutter repair work- is it ok to go to Lowe's and buy parts? Yes!

There is an old couch in the town hall garage- can we throw it out? Yes. We can put it and the couches from the park out for heavy trash day. If they won't take it, Robert recommended going to the Marion County Citizen's Transfer Station at Belmont and Raymond. They charge \$5 a load.

With no further business, Robert made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:31pm. Angela seconded.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Hurt

Town of Rocky Ripple, 930 West 54th Street, Rocky Ripple, Indiana

Rocky Ripple Financial Summary							
Sept. 2010							
			Checking + Savings	General Fund	Motor Vehicle Highway Fund	Local Roads & Streets Fund	Park water Park toilet
Starting balance:			\$ 61,868.73	\$ 47,194.15	\$ 3,588.46	\$ 9,140.65	\$ 76.55 \$ (279.00)
expenses	Routine expenses						
	Utilities, except street lights:		\$ 378.80	\$ 378.80			
		IP&L park pavillion	\$ 11.95				
		IP&L town hall	\$ 45.80				
		IP&L vet's monument	\$ 15.46				
		AT&T, phone & internet	\$ 87.95				
		Citizens Gas, town hall	\$ 118.00				
		Water, town hall	\$ 21.64				
		Water, park					
		park toilet rental	\$ 78.00				\$ 78.00
		Street Lights	\$ 736.29		\$ 736.29		
		Gas for police car	\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00		
		Wages	\$ 3,072.33				
		Marshal/Street Commish	\$ 2,195.00		\$ 2,195.00		
		Trustees	\$ 554.10		\$ 554.10		
		Clerk-Treasurer	\$ 323.23		\$ 323.23		
		custodian/laborers					
		Other employment expenses	\$ 696.51				
		State payroll taxes	\$ 123.54		\$ 123.54		
		Workforce Development			\$ -		
		federal payroll taxes	\$ 572.97		\$ 572.97		
		federal tax penalty			\$ -		
		Bank Fees	\$ 15.64		\$ 15.64		
		Legal services	\$ 400.00		\$ 400.00		
		Non-routine Expenses	\$ 1,067.91				
	park & town hall mowing	\$ 465.00		\$ 465.00			
	town hall cleaning	\$ 75.00		\$ 75.00			
	town hall supplies	\$ 61.94		\$ 61.94			
	Indy star- car ad	\$ 186.00		\$ 186.00			
	police supplies	\$ 49.00		\$ 49.00			
	pavillion repair materials	\$ 230.97		\$ 230.97			
				\$ -		\$ -	
	Total Expenses:	\$ 6,567.48	\$ 3,436.19	\$ 3,131.29	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 78.00
Income	Income from State:		\$ 2,715.50				
		LRS	\$ 1,003.20			\$ 1,003.20	
		MVH	\$ 1,293.63		\$ 1,293.63		
		Accelerated MVH1	\$ 303.87		\$ 303.87		
		Accelerated MVH2	\$ 114.80		\$ 114.80		
		Cigarette tax		\$ -			
		ABC gallonage		\$ -			
	Income from County:		\$ 664.48				
		LOIT	\$ 251.00	\$ 251.00			
		LOIT special distribution		\$ -			
		Public Safety dist.	\$ 413.48		\$ 413.48		
		Court Costs to Municip advance dist.		\$ -			
		water pilot		\$ -			
		river boat		\$ -			
		property dist.			\$ -		
		excise dist.		\$ -			
		Criminal Justice Inst (police car grant)		\$ -			
		Ordinance violations:	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00			
		Gun permits:	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00			
		Town Hall/ Park Pavilion Use:	\$ 210.00	\$ 210.00			
	Town Hall	\$ 160.00					
	Pavilion	\$ 50.00				\$ 50.00	
	Other:	\$ 1,112.00					
	water donations	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00			\$ 20.00	
	worker's comp insurance refund	\$ 190.00	\$ 190.00				
	sold old police car- Barcom	\$ 902.00		\$ 902.00			
	Interest:	\$ 7.16	\$ 7.16				
	Total Income:	\$ 5,259.14	\$ 1,228.16	\$ 3,027.78	\$ 1,003.20	\$ 20.00	\$ 50.00
	Outstanding checks paid	\$ 1,945.47					
	Current outstanding checks	\$ 2,022.20					
	Old outstanding checks						
	Ending bank balance:	\$ 60,637.12	\$ 44,986.12	\$ 3,484.95	\$ 10,143.85	\$ 96.55	\$ (307.00)