

## **Approved Minutes for the Town of Rocky Ripple Board Meeting, Sept. 14, 2011**

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 August 31, we had \$65,846.93 total in checking and savings. Expenses were \$6,032.19 and income was \$4,781.99. A copy of the financial summary that was handed out to board members is attached to this report.

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

Paul Redmond asked how the Veterans' Association has handled reimbursement to the town for the power bill for the Veterans' monument in the past. Cathy responded that they have been paying a lump sum payment of about \$200 every year. She will check to see what has been paid this year and talk with Chris Wright, the treasurer for the Veterans' group.

The first budget meeting will be at the October board meeting. We will meet at 7:15pm (15 minutes earlier than usual) to present the budget. We had discussed doing this for the September meeting (today's meeting) also but that is not necessary. We will have a special budget meeting on November 1 to adopt the budget.

We are currently being audited by the State Board of Accounts. The exit interview has been scheduled for September 26, 7:30am, at the Town Hall. Cathy is required to attend and it is strongly suggested that Robert attend. Angela and Carla are welcome to attend also. This will not be a public meeting.

### **Meeting minutes**

The minutes from the August meeting were read. Thanks very much to Julie Bleakley for filling in for Cathy at the August meeting. In the August minutes Carla was recorded as making and approving some motions. This would not be the case because as meeting chair she does not do that. Wherever Carla's name appeared in this context it was changed to Angela.

Some grammar changes were made in the paragraph about the bleachers in the park. The phrase "and Robert Tomey's wife's surgery" was removed from the second paragraph under old Business.

Angela made a motion to accept the minutes with those changes, Robert seconded.

### **New Business/ Citizen Concerns**

The bouncy "spring thing" in the Hohlt park playground needs repair- the bolts that secure it to the concrete pad are coming loose. Robert stated that it is loose but that it is not unsafe and that if we try to turn the bolts to tighten them they will break.

Paul Redmond stated that he believes he can fix it. He would like to repour the concrete pad. He will use donated labor and materials. He will not be able to do the repair before the festival, however.

Carla asked Robert and Paul if they thought it was safe. Both agreed that it was, but Robert stated that if there are any concerns we should rope it off.

Dhyana Raynor stated that three generations of the Hohlt family will be attending the festival and that we want the park look its best. She would prefer not to have a piece of playground equipment roped off.

During the festival, the playground will be restricted to little kids and their parents (typically the spring thing shows the loose bolts when it is overloaded with bigger people). If there are safety concerns, it will be roped off then.

Paul was given permission to move ahead with repairs.

### **Old Business**

The tree in Peace Park with the rope swing is unsafe and needs to be removed. Robert got some quotes. Tree-O quoted \$700 to remove the tree. Tyler's Tree Service will remove the whole tree for \$900 or they

will take down the tree, grind the stump, remove the brush, and leave wood that can be used for firewood for \$450. It was decided to go with the latter and offer firewood to town residents.

Carla discussed vacating 51<sup>st</sup> Street between Clarendon and Lester with Mr. Elrod, and it is not hard to do. However, Jon Stohler graded it and it is in good shape right now. (Thanks Jon!)

Robert made a motion to pay for gas for Jon when he does work for the town. Since Jon won't ask for money, Robert stated that he would like to pay for the gas to fill up Jon's truck himself and then submit the receipt for reimbursement. He would like to approve an amount up to \$250. Angela seconded and the motion was approved.

### **Marshal's Report**

Marshal Kiefer started issuing clearing notices to people who have trees that are encroaching the street, but then was asked to stop because the board didn't vote on it.

It was stated that the board does not need to vote on it as this is covered in the town ordinance. The fire department has expressed concerns about low hanging branches in Rocky Ripple.

We need to review the town ordinances- they were rewritten in 1995 and have only been modified slightly since then.

Marshal Kiefer asked for approval to put in new paneling or drywall in his office. He has removed the old paneling and bleached the walls to take care of mold. Water has been coming in under the external door to the office and wicking up the old wall coverings. He will do the work himself.

Permission was granted. Marshal Kiefer has a town credit card for Lowe's, so he can buy materials using that.

It was asked whether there was an accident with a cyclist this month? Yes. A vehicle pulled in front of a bike and the cyclist was injured.

Has the town gotten a copy of the insurance certification for the festival? No. We need to get a copy.

Marshal Kiefer will be at the festival, but they have arranged for other security. Dhyana Raynor asked if golf carts would be helpful for security. It was decided that they would not be helpful in the park due to crowds, but that they might be good for security on the streets.

There is no committee head for festival parking. Art Bracken offered parking at his lot at 52<sup>nd</sup> & Annette. We can also offer some parking at the town hall. We need to be sure that people don't block the streets during the festival.

Could we hire security to oversee parking? Marshal Kiefer can put the word out. The going rate is \$30/hour.

Robert expressed concerns about emergency vehicle access to the park during the festival. Dhyana responded that there will be an ambulance on site at the park during the festival.

There will be booths along the west side of the garden, facing the volleyball court. Marshal Kiefer emphasized the need to keep enough space open for vehicle access.

Robert did not get bids on road resurfacing. There is so much construction going on in Indianapolis right now because of the Superbowl that rates are sky high.

Ely Hinkle donated 6 bags of cold patch to the town. (Thanks Ely!)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cathy Hurt

Town of Rocky Ripple, 930 West 54<sup>th</sup> Street, Rocky Ripple, Indiana

Rocky Ripple Financial Summary									
August 2011									
		Checking + Savings	General Fund	Motor Vehicle Highway Fund	Local Roads & Streets Fund	Funds under General fund			
						Police car	Police Training	Park water	Park toilet
<b>Starting balance:</b>		\$ 65,926.34	\$ 31,338.18	\$ 13,123.68	\$ 21,038.48	\$ 11,150.00	\$ 1,899.82	\$ 27.83	\$ (495.00)
expenses	<b>Routine expenses</b>								
	<b>Utilities, except street lights:</b>	\$ 369.16	\$ 369.16						
	IP&L park pavillion	\$ 11.38							
	IP&L town hall	\$ 65.70							
	IP&L vet's monument	\$ 12.70							
	AT&T, phone & internet	\$ 91.93							
	Citizens Gas, town hall	\$ 51.00							
	Water, town hall	\$ 13.23							
	Water, park	\$ 45.22						\$ 45.22	
	park toilet rental	\$ 78.00							\$ 78.00
	<b>Payroll</b>	\$ 4,068.41							
	Marshal wages	\$ -	\$ -						
	Street commish wages	\$ 3,356.37			\$ 3,356.37				
	Trustee wages	\$ -	\$ -						
	Clerk-Treasurer wages	\$ -	\$ -						
	Federal payroll taxes	\$ 576.42	\$ 576.42						
	State payroll taxes	\$ 135.62	\$ 135.62						
	Workforce Development	\$ -	\$ -						
	<b>Other</b>	\$ 1,582.57							
	Bank fees	\$ 16.28	\$ 16.28						
	Street lights	\$ 736.29		\$ 736.29					
	Police car gas	\$ 250.00		\$ 250.00					
	Legal services	\$ -	\$ -						
	Cleaning service	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00						
	Mowing service	\$ 430.00	\$ 430.00						
	<b>Non-routine Expenses</b>	\$ 12.05							
	Office supplies	\$ 12.05	\$ 12.05						
	Police supplies (bike rack for car)	\$ -	\$ -						
	Police training	\$ -	\$ -				\$ -		
	Legal ads	\$ -	\$ -						
	Insurance (worker's comp)	\$ -	\$ -						
	Pavilion materials (light bulbs)	\$ -	\$ -						
	Refunds for town hall use	\$ -	\$ -						
	clerk-treasurer school/ ILMCT dues	\$ -	\$ -						
	snow plowing	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -				
snow plow gas	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -					
snow plow repair	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -					
vehicle maintenance (police car)	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -					
street repair materials	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -					
Road salt service	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -					
Stormwater Fees	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -					
	<b>Total Expenses:</b>	\$ 6,032.19	\$ 1,689.53	\$ 4,342.66	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 45.22	\$ 78.00
Income	<b>Income from State:</b>	\$ 3,735.31							
	LRS	\$ 214.80			\$ 214.80				
	MVH	\$ 402.48		\$ 402.48					
	Accelerated MVH1	\$ 2,258.72		\$ 2,258.72					
	Accelerated MVH2	\$ 859.31		\$ 859.31					
	Cigarette tax	\$ -	\$ -						
	ABC Gallonage	\$ -	\$ -						
	<b>Income from County:</b>	\$ 588.00							
	LOIT	\$ 256.00	\$ 256.00						
	LOIT special distribution	\$ -	\$ -						
	Public Safety dist.	\$ 332.00		\$ 332.00					
	Court Costs to Municip	\$ -	\$ -						
	advance dist.	\$ -	\$ -						
	water PILOT	\$ -	\$ -						
	river boat	\$ -	\$ -						
	property dist.	\$ -	\$ -						
	excise dist.	\$ -	\$ -						
	<b>Other:</b>	\$ 458.68							
	Donations	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00					\$ 20.00	
	Repayment, A Jansen	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00						
	Town hall use	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00						
	Pavilion use	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00						\$ 100.00
	Ordinance violations	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00			\$ 100.00			
	Gun permits	\$ -	\$ -				\$ -		
	Interest	\$ 8.68	\$ 8.68						
Refunds	\$ -	\$ -							
	<b>Total Income:</b>	\$ 4,781.99	\$ 714.68	\$ 3,852.51	\$ 214.80	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 20.00	\$ 100.00
	Outstanding checks paid	\$ 426.00				Total of positive balance funds: \$ 13,152.43			
	Current outstanding checks	\$ 1,596.79				Unrestricted in General Fund: \$ 17,210.90			
	Old outstanding checks								
	<b>Ending bank balance:</b>	\$ 65,846.93	\$ 30,363.33	\$ 12,633.53	\$ 21,253.28	\$ 11,250.00	\$ 1,899.82	\$ 2.61	\$ (473.00)