

Minutes for the Town of Rocky Ripple Board Meeting, Jan 12, 2009

Attendees: Robert Tomey, Angela Herrmann, Carla Gaff-Clark, Cathy Hurt

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Carla made a motion to formally appoint Cathy Hurt as Clerk- Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Robert and approved. Cathy will need to go downtown to get sworn in.

The minutes from the December meeting were read. The following corrections were made:

- Currently there is approximately \$12,000 total in the checking and savings accounts, not \$12,000 in savings.
- Robert, not Carla, said that Chase bank would not allow counter signatures on checks
- The \$130/T amount for salt was an estimate. The actual amount is \$350/T.

Angela moved to accept these changes, Robert seconded. The motion was approved.

Danny Orr asked to be e-mailed a copy of the approved minutes.

Treasurer's Report

There was no prepared report. There is about \$300 in checking and \$19,000 in savings. Bills paid for Nov & Dec included utility bills, all with late charges, Marshal Kiefer's salary and gas for the police car, a bill for tires, Lexis/Nexis, and a bill for the ad for the clerk-treasurer position in the Indianapolis Star. Robert stated that he had already paid that bill using his credit card.

Action: Cathy to follow up on double payment

It was brought up that checks cannot be written without a warrant (Town form 39, Accounts Payable Voucher) signed off by at least two board members. This was not done for the checks written after the resignation of the former clerk-treasurer.

Action: Cathy will write warrants retroactively for the checks already written and will not write any new checks without the proper authorization

The question was brought up as to whether people who mowed or plowed snow need to be issued 1099 forms for tax purposes.

Action: Cathy to find out.

Follow up: Anyone earning more than \$600 in the year needs a 1099

We were once again billed for property taxes on properties that are exempt. This has been an ongoing issue.

Action: Angela to call & dispute property tax bills

It was brought up that we need a secure place to store archival town records. It was decided that the town hall attic would be acceptable.

Old Business

Angela made a motion for the town board to stand as is:

- Robert- president
- Carla- meeting chairperson
- Angela- in charge of communication.

The motion was seconded and approved.

Marshal Kiefer submitted his contract for 2009. The only difference from 2008 is a 3% pay raise. Angela made a motion to accept the contract, Robert seconded. The motion was approved. The contract will be retroactive to Dec 31, 2008.

Robert stated that anyone that needs to get in touch with him should call him and not use e-mail.

It was agreed that an official list of important phone numbers would be a good idea.

Action: Cathy to write & distribute list

Robert said that we have keys to the safe deposit box at Chase bank now. Randy Naïve of IMPD organized crime will have to be there when the box is opened in case it contains evidence.

The subject of the deeds to land owned by the town came up- no one is sure where they are. We will check the safe deposit box, as well as check with Mr. Elrod.

Action: Carla to contact Mr. Elrod and ask about deeds.

Robert stated that we do have a copy of the insurance policy, but he was advised not to leave it open for review. It can be seen on an as-needed basis.

Maintenance Report

The Marion County Department of Public Works is responsible for salting the bridges. If they are not salted, residents are advised to call Jim Little at 327-1627.

Robert talked to Davidson Wholesale- the price of salt is \$350/T. We had previously budgeted \$300/year for salt, but had not used it because we had a verbal agreement with the city that we could get salt from them if we picked it up. With the high price of salt, that agreement no longer stands. We will have to limit salt to intersections, if we use salt at all. Sand is a viable alternative.

The salt spreader is currently locked up- the hydraulic motor on the conveyer is stuck. Currently it is not usable. Labor is \$85/hour with no time estimate. A new one costs \$1600. Robert said that he will work on it this weekend if he has time. Angela made a motion to pay up to \$500 for repairs to the salt truck. Carla seconded. The motion was approved.

It was noted that the truck is still usable as a dump truck and that salt/ sand can be spread by hand.

Some donations have been received for road salt. If we can't spread salt what should we do with the money?

Action: Angela to contact donors and ask them if they want the money returned or put in an earmarked fund.

New Business

Angela created an online calendar for the town hall. It can be accessed through the town website, RockyRipple.com.

Angela submitted a preliminary form for town hall reservations, including a checklist for how the hall should be left after an event. Some questions remain:

- Should we charge an hourly rate or a daily rate?
- Should we charge differently for a public vs. private event?
- What constitutes a private event (example: how do we classify the Veterans Association)? It was suggested that maybe we can have the categories of public, private, and quasi.
- Should we specify a curfew? If so should it be 11pm or midnight?
- Should we designate someone to check the town hall after an event to determine whether the security deposit should be returned? Danny Orr said that he and people from the Veterans Association could help. Mandy Redmond likewise said that the Community Association could help. Cathy Hurt said that she could do it when the key was returned.
- It was suggested that we contact Mr. Elrod regarding a liability waiver for events at the town hall.

Action: Carla to contact Mr. Elrod about a liability waiver

Please contact Angela with suggestions about town hall rental & the form before the February meeting.

The account at Lowe's needs to be updated; the people listed on it need to be changed and the tax exempt status needs to be updated. Marshal Kiefer has the credit card for this account.

Action: Cathy to update the account. Cathy, Mike, and Robert should be the people listed on the account.

Marshal's Report

Three tickets were written for failure to stop at stop signs, \$100 was collected for one of them. Two handgun permits were issued, \$50 was collected for each.

Committee Updates

Bingo will be held on the 7th in February to avoid conflicts with Valentine's Day.

Citizens Input

The solicitation ordinance should be taken off the books- it is unconstitutional.

Action: Carla to have Mr. Elrod look at it

The question was brought up as to whether Rocky Ripple residents could get memorial bricks in the Veteran's monument for relatives that don't live in Rocky Ripple.

Action: Danny Orr to follow up with the Veteran's Association

Robert got a report that a large tree had fallen and taken out a chunk of the levee near the town hall. He and Danny Orr said that they would look to see what the situation was. Angela said that she would do so also.

Carla got an e-mail from Mike Holley saying that the "little wall" on the canal would not be constructed. See attachment.

With no further business, Angela made a movement to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 pm. Robert seconded.

Respectfully submitted
Cathy Hurt

Attachment: Copy of E-mail from Mike Holley regarding "little wall"

----- Original Message ----- From: "Holley, Michael Q LRL" <Michael.Q.Holley@usace.army.mil>
To: "cgaff" <cgaff@indy.rr.com>
Cc: "Ralph, Lane (Lugar)" <Lane_Ralph@lugar.senate.gov>; "Murphy, Linda R LRL" <Linda.R.Murphy@usace.army.mil>; "Bond, Sharon M LRL" <Sharon.M.Bond@usace.army.mil>; "Setters, Roger D LRL" <Roger.D.Setters@usace.army.mil>; "Toutant, Susan M LRL" <susan.toutant@us.army.mil>; "Oakley, John" <JOAKLEY@indygov.org>
Sent: Monday, December 15, 2008 3:13 PM
Subject: RE: canal wall project

Carla,

Because of geotechnical issues, we recently decided we will not construct the floodwall along the Indianapolis Water Canal towpath. We currently anticipate a wall alignment that crosses the canal near the Riviera Club property and then runs in a southwesterly direction for termination on Butler University property. The wall would cross the canal on a gated-structure similar to the Broad Ripple Headgates.

Prior to finalizing the realignment, we will be conducting cultural resources investigations and circulating an Environmental Assessment (EA) for review by the public and environmental resources agencies. The EA should be available for public and agency review in the spring of 2009. The proposed realignment does not require removal of any houses or other structures.

Please let me know if you have any further questions about the alignment of the Indianapolis North floodwall.

Thanks,

Mike Holley

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