

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

Attendees: Robert Tomey, Angela Herrmann, Cathy Hurt

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

Meeting minutes

The minutes from the April meeting were read. The following changes were made:

- Regarding Fountain Park, the sentence “it has not been maintained since the original work on it was done” was removed. Maintenance work has been done by Rocky Ripple residents.
- The \$8,500 figure for insurance was the original estimate for the total cost of all the insurance we need, not just the cost of liability/ workman’s comp. And Robert has been able to work with the insurance company to lower that cost.
- The Mar. 31 total of \$17,981.15 noted in the treasurer’s report was actually the figure for the beginning of March. The total for the end of the month was \$16,422.68. The figures were correct on the attached spreadsheet. (This error was not noticed at the meeting- it was noticed by the Clerk-Treasurer while correcting these minutes.)

Angela made a motion to accept the minutes with the above changes. Robert seconded and the motion was approved.

Treasurer’s Report

As of Apr. 30, we had \$10,206.42 total in checking and savings. Expenses were \$8,929.94 and income was \$3,572.46. Notable expenses were \$2,247.00 for auto insurance and \$1,805.04 for federal taxes for the Marshal. A copy of the financial summary that was handed out to board members is attached to this report.

Old Business/ Citizen Concerns

Danny Orr asked why the meeting wasn’t being recorded. Angela responded that there was no particular reason- there is no requirement that the meetings be recorded.

The volleyball group donated \$20 toward the water bill for Hohlt Park.

Danny has been coordinating volunteers for park mowing. Wapahani, Fountain, and Peace Parks are taken care of in terms of scheduled mowing for the summer. Hohlt Park still has 4 segments left to be scheduled. The volunteers were trained on the mowing equipment and have signed liability waivers.

THANK YOU DANNY AND ALL THE VOLUNTEERS!!!!!!!

Mandy Redmond said that if anyone wants to donate money to the Community Association for park maintenance, please note that it is for park maintenance at the time of donation. Also, please let the Community Association know if you want an acknowledgement.

Dan Axler noted that it is free for government entities to re-zone land; we should not be paying Mr. Elrod to do that.

He also mentioned that the hose by the volleyball net is in the way for the mowers- would it be possible to store it somehow? Maybe a hose reel or a post with a hook? Danny said that would be possible.

It was asked if the place in Hohlt Park where the dirt was taken for the levee repair could be mowed. Robert said that it could. He will try to smooth it out to make that easier.

Cathy received an e-mail from Nancy Barton regarding the garden group paying for water at Hohlt Park. The group had been paying fees to Anne Jansen, and should have a total of \$182.17 in their fund. Robert said that the money has been stolen along with the rest of it, and that the group had agreed to pay for the water bill in exchange for building the hoop house.

Mandy stated that between the garden group, the volleyball group, and other fundraisers, the park water bill should not be a problem to cover. The Community Association earns money every year at the State Fair working at the tomato juice stand- maybe that could be a way to raise funds for the park water bill and other park maintenance. Angela had reserved some spots at the stand in addition to those reserved by the Community Association. It was decided to put out a call for volunteers.

Action: Angela to give Mandy a call for volunteers for the Community Association newsletter.

Regarding park maintenance expenses, Mandy stated that the Community Association can only use 5% of the money in the endowment fund per year, and the fund had lost about a third of its worth as of the end of 2008 due to the poor stock market. Also, this is going to be a big year for expenses for the festival- several big items like tents need to be replaced. She suggested we look for additional ways to raise money for the park. One suggestion was to charge a fee for using tables and chairs from the town hall. Some people expressed reluctance to charge people for this, especially if they were active in the town. It was suggested that we could ask for a voluntary donation and not have a set fee.

Another suggestion was to charge for the use of the Hohlt Park pavillion. \$25 was suggested as a reasonable fee. If we charge, it was suggested that signs be put up to indicate that the pavillion was reserved.

Robert made a motion to charge \$25 for use of the pavillion with a \$50 security deposit to be refunded if the pavillion was left in acceptable condition. Angela was not willing to second it- she felt that we needed time to let people know about the new policy and give their input. The motion did not pass.

The question of whether we are going to rent a Port-O-Let for Hohlt Park for the summer was raised. It was generally agreed that this would be a good thing to have, and that it would add value to the park for potential pavillion rentals. We would pay for it with some of the fund raising ideas already presented. Another fund raising idea was to put advertising in the Port-O-Lets asking for donations.

Dan Axler said that he had done some research and found better prices than those at Republic.

Robert made a motion to rent a Port-O-Let for Hohlt Park for the summer- now through October. Angela seconded and the motion was passed.

Action: Cathy to research pricing and rent the Port-O-Let.

(Note: After the meeting, Robert rescinded the motion, saying that no funds were allocated for this. The issue will be revisited at the June meeting.)

Robert was contacted by the insurance company regarding the \$15,000 bond. They are going to contact Ms. Jansen and give her a change to "resolve" the issue. If she cannot do this, they will pay. They will settle with the Attorney General and the State Board of Accounts (SBOA) for their work, and we will get the remainder. The audit costs were stated to be \$10,214.10 in the SBOA report. At the exit interview with the SBOA the board was told that we would be charged a discounted rate, but we don't know what that will be.

This means that we will not be getting the money soon, and we will not be getting the full \$15,000.

Potholes in the streets were brought up as a citizen concern. John Stohler stated that they have materials and are just waiting for a stretch of warm dry weather to do the work.

It was suggested that a form be made for rental of the town hall, pavillion, tables & chairs with check boxes for different options. A form is in the works, but we don't want it to get too complex.

The kitchen remodel grant did not go through. However, there are smaller grants available (\$5000). The plan will be scaled back and we will try again to get grant money.

We have not heard back from Mr. Elrod regarding his opinion of the town hall rental form.

The town hall furnace was fixed for \$105.

New Business

There was no new business

Marshal's Report

There were 2 ordinance violations for failure to stop at stop signs, one for parking, and one for a loose dog. A report was taken for credit card fraud.

Marshal Kiefer was not present at last month's meeting because he was attending Emergency Vehicle Operation and Control (EVOC) training.

Committee Updates

The annual Rocky Ripple neighborhood garage sale is June 6, 9am to 3pm.

Butler University is offering a youth challenge event on their challenge course on June 20. The event is free for Rocky Ripple residents age 12-18. Adults may participate, but it will not be free for them. More information can be found on the Community Association website, <http://www.rockyripple.org>.

With no further business, Robert made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm. Angela seconded.

Respectfully submitted
Cathy Hurt

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

Rocky Ripple Financial Summary

April 2009

	Checking + Savings	General Fund	Motor Vehicle Highway Fund	Local Roads & Streets Fund
Starting balance:	\$ 16,422.68	\$ 7,477.61	\$ 3,666.13	\$ 3,164.19
Routine monthly expenses				
Utilities, except street lights:	\$ 310.63	\$ 310.63		
IP&L park pavillion	\$ 11.38			
IP&L town hall	\$ 51.77			
IP&L vet's monument	\$ 16.79			
AT&T, phone & internet	\$ 82.13			
Citizens Gas, town hall	\$ 129.00			
Water, town hall	\$ 16.57			
Water, park	2.99			
Street Lights:	\$ 736.29		\$ 736.29	
Town Marshal/ Street Commissioner:	\$ 3,487.65			
Wages	\$ 3,167.91	\$ 2,111.94	\$ 1,055.97	
Gas for police car	\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00	
State taxes	\$ 119.74		\$ 119.74	
Other:	\$ 18.55	\$ 18.55		
bank fees	\$ 18.55			
Routine Quarterly expenses	\$ 1,805.04	\$ 1,805.04		
legal services (Q4 2008 & Q1 2009)				
wages, town board				
federal taxes	\$ 1,805.04			
Non-routine Expenses	\$ 2,571.78			
Auto insurance	\$ 2,247.00	\$ 2,247.00		
office supplies	\$ 44.78	\$ 44.78		
clerk-treasurer school	\$ 280.00	\$ 280.00		
Total Expenses:	\$ 8,929.94	\$ 6,817.94	\$ 2,112.00	\$ -
Income from State:	\$ 3,351.84			
LRS	\$ 1,127.16			\$ 1,127.16
MVH	\$ 1,922.16		\$ 1,922.16	
ABC gallonage	\$ 302.52	\$ 302.52		
Income from County:	\$ 169.17			
LOIT oper dist	\$ 169.17	\$ 169.17		
advance dist				
Ordinance violations:		\$ -		
Gun permits:		\$ -		
Town Hall Use:		\$ -		
Other:	\$ 49.97			
Republic refund	\$ 49.97	\$ 49.97		
Interest:	\$ 1.48	\$ 1.48		
Total Income:	\$ 3,572.46	\$ 523.14	\$ 1,922.16	\$ 1,127.16
Outstanding checks paid	\$ 2,114.75			
Current outstanding checks	\$ 1,255.97			
Ending balance:	\$ 10,206.42	\$ 1,182.81	\$ 3,476.29	\$ 4,291.35