

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

### **Meeting minutes**

The minutes from the June meeting were read. Robert said that the people in the house at 54<sup>th</sup> and Clarendon had not actually moved out- he had been told falsely. It was pointed out that according to Robert's Rules statements cannot be deleted from minutes. So the statement in the June minutes will be amended to say that Robert was told that the people had moved out, and a note will be added to clarify that the statement was not true.

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

### **Treasurer's Report**

As of June 30, we had \$4823.77 total in checking and savings. Expenses were \$3654.24 and income was \$3770.08. The only unusual expense was \$170.10 to Marion Count Storm Water Management. This payment was for 2008 and 2009- the bill was not paid last year. A copy of the financial summary that was handed out to board members is attached to this report.

If we do not get either the property tax money or our insurance settlement by the middle of August we will run out of money. The property tax payment is expected by then, however.

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

### **Citizen Concerns**

Cathy asked if she could issue checks for refunds of security deposits for town hall or park pavilion use without waiting for signatures from the board, and have them signed at the next board meeting. She was advised that it would be ok to accept money for the deposit and hold it without depositing it, and then give it back if the property that was used was in acceptable condition.

Robert stated that he did not want to allow refunds if the town hall or pavilion is reserved and then not wanted at the last minute.

The parks continue to look great- our continued thanks to Danny Orr and all the volunteers doing the mowing! (Note: At the August meeting Danny stated that he did not deserve recognition- the work has been done by the volunteers. Our thanks to everyone involved.)

Dan Axler said that Emanuel Oyewo has a mower that he would be willing to sell to the town for a good price, or perhaps donate.

Dan also asked if he could mow the top of the levee behind the town hall using the Bush Hog. The answer was yes. It was clarified that the slope of the levee cannot be mowed because the Bush Hog cannot be operated on a slope, and also because there are native plantings there that should not be mowed.

Dan further asked if he could apply for a KIB grant to improve the center of the turn around on Riverview Dr. He would like to fill in the ruts and put in plantings. It was asked that parking spaces not be included- it is against the town ordinance to park on the street.

He also cleaned the gutters at the town hall. (Thanks, Dan!)

It was asked whether we have any civil recourse against Anne Jansen for the stolen money.

**Action:** Carla to check with Mr. Elrod.

Marilynn Hunter stated her concern about groups of children riding their bikes around town who do not stop at stop signs or intersections. She is concerned that they are in danger- she came very close to hitting a girl who ran in front of her the other day. It was suggested that maybe a bicycle clinic geared to kids would be a good idea.

Marshal Kiefer and Robert are planning on clearing tree limbs that are blocking stop signs in the town.

It was asked what the insurance company is telling us?

Carla is still working with Mr. Elrod on challenging Scottsdale- the \$50,000 general liability policy.

The \$15,000 bond will be paid, but it will pay the State Board of Accounts (SBOA) for their investigation and we will get the remainder. We are waiting for the SBOA to submit a detailed bill.

### **Old Business**

The grant for the police car has been applied for. Matching funds will not be a problem- this grant is issued through stimulus money and the entire cost of the car would be covered. We should know whether we got it by the next meeting.

We have not resolved the forms for renting the town hall & pavilion.

**Action:** Carla to check with Mr. Elrod.

Jermaine Chaney of the Indianapolis Colts will be working with the census to promote awareness. He would like to come to community events such as the festival to do that. It is important that everyone gets counted- funding is based on population and if people do not get counted we will miss out on some money.

### **New Business**

Effective July 1, in House Bill 1483, golf carts are no longer allowed on public highways. Our streets are considered to be public highways. According to IC 9-21-2-3 and IC 21-1-3.3 local towns and cities can adopt an ordinance to allow golf carts. Drivers of golf carts must be licensed drivers- we cannot change that.

Robert said he would like golf carts restricted to daylight hours for safety reasons. Other people asked that only electric carts be allowed as gas carts are noisy.

We did not previously have an ordinance covering golf carts- we had grouped them under slow moving vehicles. This is not allowed under the new law- it specifically targets golf carts.

Motors under 49cc (such as motorized scooters) are considered motorized bicycles and are not covered under the new law. Operators of these do have to be at least 15 years old however, and helmet laws apply.

This law is still very preliminary and is not yet tied to an IC code. Seat belt and/or child restraint laws may apply- it is still unclear.

**Action:** Carla to talk to Mr. Elrod about a town ordinance and liability for the town if we allow golf carts (often golf carts are not insured).

**Action:** Angela to put out a notice regarding the new law.

### **Marshal's Report**

2 ordinance violations were issued for failure to stop at stop signs, and 2 were issued for speeding. One UTT was issued for driving with a suspended license. 1 firearms permit was issued.

Thanks to Dan Axler for the donated phone.

With no further business, Robert made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:37pm. Angela seconded.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Cathy Hurt

Rocky Ripple Financial Summary

June 2009

	Checking + Savings	General Fund	Motor Vehicle Highway Fund	Local Roads & Streets Fund	Park water
<b>Starting balance:</b>	<b>\$ 6,907.92</b>	<b>\$ (5,207.75)</b>	<b>\$ 3,021.33</b>	<b>\$ 5,339.28</b>	<b>\$ 2.38</b>
<b>Routine monthly expenses</b>					
<b>Utilities, except street lights:</b>	<b>\$ 292.88</b>	<b>\$ 292.88</b>			
IP&L park pavillion	\$ 11.38				
IP&L town hall	\$ 34.50				
IP&L vet's monument	\$ 16.24				
AT&T, phone & internet	\$ 82.24				
Citizens Gas, town hall	\$ 129.00				
Water, town hall	\$ 6.84				
Water, park	\$ 12.68				\$ 12.68
<b>Street Lights:</b>	<b>\$ 736.29</b>		<b>\$ 736.29</b>		
<b>Town Marshal/ Street Commissiner:</b>	<b>\$ 2,431.68</b>				
Wages	\$ 2,111.94	\$ 1,055.97	\$ 1,055.97		
Gas for police car	\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00		
State taxes	\$ 119.74	\$ 119.74			
<b>Other:</b>	<b>\$ 23.29</b>	<b>\$ 23.29</b>			
bank fees	\$ 23.29				
security deposit refunds					
<b>Routine Quarterly expenses</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>			
legal services (Q4 2008 & Q1 2009)					
wages, town board					
federal taxes					
<b>Non-routine Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 170.10</b>				
Marion Cty Storm Water Mngmnt	\$ 170.10	\$ 170.10			
		\$ -			
		\$ -			
		\$ -			
		\$ -			
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$ 3,654.24</b>	<b>\$ 1,661.98</b>	<b>\$ 1,992.26</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 12.68</b>
<b>Income from State:</b>	<b>\$ 2,902.31</b>				
LRS	\$ 1,082.40			\$ 1,082.40	
MVH	\$ 1,527.10		\$ 1,527.10		
Cigarette tax	\$ 292.81	\$ 292.81			
ABC gallonage		\$ -			
<b>Income from County:</b>	<b>\$ 626.13</b>				
LOIT oper dist	\$ 169.17	\$ 169.17			
excise tax distribution	\$ 456.96	\$ 456.96			
advance dist					
<b>Ordinance violations:</b>	<b>\$ 100.00</b>	<b>\$ 100.00</b>			
Gun permits:					
Town Hall/ Park Pavilion Use:	\$ 115.00	\$ 115.00			
<b>Other:</b>	<b>\$ 26.16</b>				
Donations for park water	\$ 25.16	\$ 25.16			\$ 25.16
Donations for soda	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00			
<b>Interest:</b>	<b>\$ 0.48</b>	<b>\$ 0.48</b>			
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$ 3,770.08</b>	<b>\$ 1,160.58</b>	<b>\$ 1,527.10</b>	<b>\$ 1,082.40</b>	<b>\$ 25.16</b>
<b>Outstanding checks paid</b>	<b>\$ 3,755.06</b>				
<b>Current outstanding checks</b>	<b>\$ 1,555.07</b>				
<b>Transfer of funds:</b>		<b>\$ 6,421.68</b>		<b>\$ (6,421.68)</b>	
<b>Ending balance:</b>	<b>\$ 4,823.77</b>	<b>\$ 712.53</b>	<b>\$ 2,556.17</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 14.86</b>