

Approved Minutes for the Town of Rocky Ripple Board Meeting, Dec. 8, 2009

Attendees: Robert Tomey, Angela Herrmann, Carla Gaff-Clark, Cathy Hurt
The meeting was called to order at 7:31pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Meeting minutes

The minutes from the October meeting were read. The minutes erroneously said that the July minutes were read- it should have been September. Also, at the unofficial November meeting Jon Stohler stated that he had not had time to review the proposal for the vacation of Riverview Drive and could not say that he was in agreement. This was added to that discussion in the October 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 November 30, we had \$46,799.35 total in checking and savings. Expenses were \$4,672.14 and income was \$7,384.83. Expenses included \$375.00 for signs for the park rezoning, which will be refunded when we return the signs. Expenses also included \$283.38 for 2006-7 taxes for the parks that are currently in the rezoning process. They are tax exempt going forward, but everyone we contacted agreed that the back taxes were owed. Notable income was \$4,455.72 from riverboat income from the county. 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.

Old Business

Ann Jansen's case has been pushed back to Jan 27. This is the 5th continuance. Kandy Kendall offered to write a letter to the prosecutor asking that there be no more continuances. The letter ideally should come from Mr. Elrod.

Mr. Elrod has not billed us since Q1 2009 because he knew of our money situation and was keeping a low profile. He is still willing to act as our lawyer. We would like to keep him on- we will pay him for the rest of 2009 whether he bills us or not.

Regarding the vacation of Riverview Drive, Mr. Elrod said that the information presented at the October meeting was not the same as that presented initially, two years ago.

Robert stated that the title company had sold the house now belonging to the Andersons knowing that the house was in the plat for Riverview Drive. He also stated that Mr. Laker (the Anderson's attorney) had lied to the board in his presentation when he stated that an easement was the same thing as a permanent right of way. He made a motion to contact the Indiana Board of Realtors about the former, the Bar Association about the latter and the Attorney General regarding both.

Jon Stohler said that he had just come from meeting with Mr. Laker and they may have come to an agreement that would satisfy everyone involved. They would like to get Mr. Elrod's approval, assuming the Andersons approve (they have not had time to review the agreement yet). It was suggested that we meet before the January board meeting to get this straightened out.

If the residents involved can work out an agreement, legal action might cause more unnecessary problems. If this can't be settled by that time, legal action might be warranted and Robert's motion can be revisited.

It was asked whether the plan worked out by Mr. Stohler & Mr. Laker addressed the whole area, including the house formerly owned by Red Thompson. Yes, it does.

It was suggested that it might be better to have the meeting the week before the board meeting- Jan 5th.

It was asked whether anyone had contacted the current owner of Red's property. No. Scott Westphal can give us the information for the bank that owns the property.

It was asked that Marshal Kiefer also attend the Jan. 5th meeting.

Robert stated that he would like a written apology from Mrs. Anderson regarding the letter she sent him.

Dan Axler has been helping with the rezoning of land owned by the town so that it is all zoned as parks. The parcels to be rezoned are Peace Park, Fountain Park, and 5355/5319/5315 Patterson (the Patterson lots). Signs are up advertising the rezoning meeting that will be held Dec. 10 at 1pm. (This is the sign rental that was mentioned in the treasurer's report.) After the Dec. 10 meeting there will be a ratification and then a final meeting. The signs will stay up until the last meeting. (It was noted that if the signs are stolen we can file a police report and still get the refund.)

Angela said that she had had some calls about the rezoning, but no objections.

New Business

Marshal Kiefer's contract is up for renewal. Robert presented the proposed new contract. The following changes were made compared to the 2009 contract:

- It is a 3 year contract with a yearly 2% increase in pay.

There will be an election during this time; the newly elected board can decide whether to keep the contract or not. Since we got a grant for the police car we have money to support the yearly increases.

- It will allow outside employment.

We have not previously allowed outside employment, but Mike has shown outstanding integrity. He has earned the right. He would be allowed to use the police car. He already uses it to drive to & from work. He maintains the car well and uses his own money & time for oil changes.

He will not have to report outside employment to the board.

Working at bars and nightclubs would not be allowed.

It was asked how this might affect insurance? Robert has a call in to the insurance company. Our insurance is the same as what we had back when we had deputies, so he thought it wouldn't change much.

It was asked whether Marshal Kiefer would be allowed to work at liquor stores or convenience stores. Yes. The problem with working bars is the drunk people, not the alcohol itself. There is a difference between consumption & sales. It was noted that grocery stores were allowed to sell liquor now.

Insurance needs to be checked on- we need something in writing.

We should add board approval for outside jobs.

Angela made a motion to sign the contract with the contingency that insurance will cover Marshal Kiefer under the new contract.

Action: Robert to get statement in writing from the insurance company.

Carla seconded and the motion passed.

Marshal's Report

The new police car will be here in about 100 days.

Three ordinance violations were issued for failure to stop at a stop sign. One arrest was made on outstanding warrant. There is one active warrant out for Christine Coleman.

Citizen Concerns

The street sign at 52nd and Riverview is leaning & the post is mangled.

Regarding snow removal and road salt- we will plow as best we can. The salt spreader is junk and it is not economically feasible to repair it. The city will salt the bridges. Robert did salt the bridges (by hand) for the last snowfall. He suggested that sand could be put in barrels near critical intersections for people to use in the snow.

Ely Hinkle said that the plow is on the truck & the truck is ready. He is back to work full time, but is ready to plow.

We have sand in sand bags for a high water event, but the bags are old & biodegradable so they're not much use any more. We can use that sand on the road. We need to get new sandbags!

With no further business, Angela made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:53pm. Carla seconded.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Hurt

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

Rocky Ripple Financial Summary

Nov. 2009

	Checking + Savings	General Fund	Motor Vehicle Highway Fund	Local Roads & Streets Fund	Park water	Park toilet
Starting balance:	\$ 45,342.63	\$ 36,866.18	\$ 1,444.23	\$ 3,464.31	\$ (44.64)	\$ (82.00)
Routine monthly expenses						
Utilities, except street lights:	\$ 303.33	\$ 303.33				
IP&L park pavillion	\$ 13.17					
IP&L town hall	\$ 30.98					
IP&L vet's monument	\$ 15.47					
AT&T, phone & internet	\$ 82.28					
Citizens Gas, town hall	\$ 129.00					
Water, town hall	\$ 11.90					
Water, park	\$ 20.53				\$ 20.53	
Street Lights:	\$ 736.29		\$ 736.29			
Town Marshal/ Street Commissiner:	\$ 2,431.68					
Wages	\$ 2,111.94	\$ 2,111.94				
Gas for police car	\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00			
State taxes	\$ 119.74	\$ 119.74				
Other:	\$ 103.50	\$ 103.50				
bank fees	\$ 15.50					
park toilet rental	\$ 88.00					\$ 88.00
Routine Quarterly expenses	\$ -	\$ -				
legal services (Q4 2008 & Q1 2009)						
wages, town board						
federal payroll taxes						
Non-routine Expenses	\$ 1,097.34					
Sign rental for park rezoning	\$ 375.00	\$ 375.00				
office supplies	\$ 67.21	\$ 67.21				
Grass seed for levee	\$ 191.21	\$ 191.21				
police operating supplies	\$ 46.47	\$ 46.47				
clerk-treasurer bond	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00				
2006-7 taxes for unzoned parks	\$ 283.38	\$ 283.38				
gas for road repair	\$ 14.07		\$ 14.07			
Total Expenses:	\$ 4,672.14	\$ 3,721.78	\$ 950.36	\$ -	\$ 20.53	\$ 88.00
Income from State:	\$ 2,266.30					
LRS	\$ 1,039.36			\$ 1,039.36		
MVH	\$ 1,226.94		\$ 1,226.94			
Cigarette tax		\$ -				
ABC gallonage		\$ -				
Income from County:	\$ 5,013.15					
LOIT oper dist	\$ 169.17	\$ 169.17				
Public Safety dist.	\$ 388.26		\$ 388.26			
Court Costs to Municip		\$ -				
advance dist.		\$ -				
water pilot		\$ -				
river boat	\$ 4,455.72	\$ 4,455.72				
property dist.		\$ -				
excise dist.		\$ -				
Ordinance violations:	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00				
Gun permits:		\$ -				
Town Hall/ Park Pavilion Use:		\$ -				
Town Hall						
Pavilion						\$ -
Other:	\$ -					
Donations for park water		\$ -			\$ -	
Interest:	\$ 5.38	\$ 5.38				
Total Income:	\$ 7,384.83	\$ 4,730.27	\$ 1,615.20	\$ 1,039.36	\$ -	\$ -
Outstanding checks paid	\$ 3,567.91					
Current outstanding checks	\$ 2,311.94					
Ending balance:	\$ 46,799.35	\$ 37,874.67	\$ 2,109.07	\$ 4,503.67	\$ (65.17)	\$ (170.00)