

Approved Minutes for the Town of Rocky Ripple Board Meeting, Jan. 12, 2010

Attendees: Robert Tomey, Angela Herrmann, Carla Gaff-Clark, Cathy Hurt
The meeting was called to order at 7:36pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board roles

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

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

Robert seconded and the motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report

As of December 31, we had \$60,346.58 total in checking and savings. Expenses were \$7,588.55 and income was \$20,991.75. Expenses included \$1,200.00 for legal services for Q2-4 2009. Expenses also included \$2,770.50 for town board salaries for Q1-4 2009 (Robert declined to take a salary). Notable income was \$5,000.00 advance distribution from the county, \$2,377.38 excise distribution from the county and \$8,677.57 property tax distribution. 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.

Meeting minutes

The minutes from the December meeting were read. Under New Business, the minutes erroneously said that Marshal Kiefer uses his time and money for oil changes and brake jobs. He does not perform brake work. Also, under Citizen Concerns, the phrase "snow and salt removal" was changed to "snow removal and road salt". Robert made a motion to accept the minutes with the above changes. Angela seconded and the motion was approved.

The minutes from the special meeting of January 5th, 2010 were read. The utility easement is 25" on either side of the center of the road, not the side of the road. Also, only part of the property was originally owned by Butler. Angela made a motion to accept the minutes with the above changes. Robert seconded and the motion was approved.

Citizen Concerns

John and Julie Bleakley are back living in Rocky Ripple. Welcome back John & Julie!

Greg Goodrich asked why Angela did not want to fix the truck in a timely manner when it broke down last month. Angela stated that she had no issue with fixing the truck.

There have been several instances of lights left on and the town hall left open after Wednesday Al-Anon meetings. We will have them sign the facilities use form and pay a deposit. The next time the town hall is not left in acceptable condition we will keep the deposit.

Thanks to Ely Hinkle for doing the snow plowing!

Jim Little is the person to contact if the bridges need salting. His number is 327-1627.

The town hall needs to be cleaned and re-supplied. It was previously suggested to Cathy that high school students could be enlisted as part of their service obligation.

Action: Cathy to find out more about this.

As mentioned above, the truck was in very bad shape from salt. Among other things, the brakes were shot.

Adam Garvey has been contracted to salt the canal path. He had to do 3 runs and use salt that was good at very low temperatures. He submitted a bill.

The truck still needs work, but is operational now. It was asked whether we have a regular maintenance program for the truck so this doesn't happen again. When the weather is warmer the truck will be washed. We will also look into finding a neutralization agent. It was suggested that Jim Little might be able to help us with that.

It was asked what we have in the budget for vehicle maintenance.

Carla has the paperwork for the police car grant. She will need to get some signatures once she figures out exactly what is required.

There was a question in the town newsletter about selling the dock. The dock is owned by the Community Association. Mandy will bring it up at the next Community Association meeting.

It was asked whether we have a no-solicitation ordinance. We do not- it is not constitutional.

Marshal's Report

2 ordinance violations were issued for failure to stop at stop signs. 1 gun permit was issued. There have been complaints of loose dogs. Marshal Kiefer has called animal control and they will be doing sweeps. Their number is 327-4622.

The fax/copier in the Marshal's office has been replaced.

Residents are reminded not to park on the streets, especially if snow is predicted. Parking on the street impedes the snow plow.

The new police car should be here within the week. It will take several weeks to equip, however.

With no further business, Robert made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35pm. Angela seconded.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Hurt

