

Approved Minutes for the Town of Rocky Ripple Board Meeting, Feb. 9, 2010

Attendees: Robert Tomey, Angela Herrmann, Carla Gaff-Clark, Cathy Hurt
The meeting was called to order at 7:38pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Treasurer's Report

As of January 31, we had \$50,533.11 total in checking and savings. Expenses were \$36,895.31 and income was \$3,910.97. Expenses included \$25,351.00 for the new police car (to be reimbursed later by grant money) and \$4,250.00 for repairs to the snow plow/truck. (Note: the police car check had not cleared yet as of Jan. 31.) A copy of the financial summary that was handed out to board members is attached to this report.

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

Meeting minutes

The minutes from the January meeting were read. The phrase "and did not intentionally delay giving approval" was struck from the sentence "Angela stated that she had no issue with fixing the truck". Adam Garvey has been contracted to salt the canal path as needed, not just for the time when the truck was out of commission. The paragraph regarding the dock was changed to "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." The phrase "if they are predicting snow" was changed to "if snow is predicted" in the 3rd to last paragraph. Robert made a motion to accept the minutes with the above changes. Angela seconded and the motion was approved.

Eagle Scout Presentation

Nick Wilson from Troop 133 presented a proposal for an informational sign board to be built as part of his Eagle Scout project. It would be located by the path to the river and would contain information on the river and safety information. The town would pick the exact location- it was noted that we need to leave enough room for a truck to be able to go through. Nick submitted preliminary plans for the sign.

He wanted to know what color we would like it to be? Natural wood or dark brown. The sign would have an acrylic cover on one side and a woodboard surface on the other side where people could post things, unless the town would prefer another configuration. It was suggested that tempered glass might weather better than acrylic, but acrylic was preferred- tempered glass can still break. The original plans have the acrylic screwed down, but it could be set up with a hinge and a lock if the town prefers.

We will need a permit from the city to build it. If there is a permit cost, the town would be willing to cover it. There should not be a fee however; we should be exempt since we are a government entity. Dan Axler offered to help with the permit process.

Nick will raise money to cover the cost of the sign materials, or ask for donations of materials from places such as Lowe's. He estimates that it will cost \$400-500.

Angela made a motion to allow Nick to move forward with his plan. She will help with the permitting process. The town would pay up to \$100 for the permit if necessary. Robert seconded and the motion passed.

Citizen Concerns

The parks have been rezoned! Angela returned the signs and we will be getting the refund for the sign fees in the mail. Thank you to Dan Axler for all the work you've done on this.

People are parking at the turn-around at the end of Riverview Drive. There is no parking allowed there (or on any of the streets) but there are no signs to indicate this. Marshal Kiefer says that he typically will issue a warning first and then ticket repeat offenders. It was asked why we do not allow parking there- it is a

safety issue. Large vehicles such as fire trucks and the snow plow need room to get through there. It was asked how much signs would cost. Marshal Kiefer will look into it.

The Community Association has had trouble a few times with people using the town hall parking lot for personal use when there is an event scheduled there, leaving no parking for people participating in the event. They asked if they could put up signs similar to those used on election day indicating that parking was for the town event only. It was agreed that that would be a good solution. Angela said that she would put a line in the upcoming newsletter about events parking. It was asked if we could ticket- Marshal Kiefer said that that would not be feasible.

There has been a suspicious car observed on Crown between 52nd and 53rd. Marshal Kiefer has been notified.

The census bureau needs workers. They are paying \$15/hour for a variety of positions. More information can be found at www.2010censusjobs.gov or 1-866-861-2010.

Regarding the vacation of Riverview Drive at the 4900 end, the lawyers have reached an agreement.

Cathy received a notice that parcel 8061998, listed as 4900 Riverview Drive will be put up for tax sale if the taxes are not paid. She had called the assessor's office last November and was told that they had no record of the parcel and that taxes were not owed. She will look into the issue further- it was suggested that she contact the recorder's office.

Anne Jansen's plea hearing is set for March 31, 9am, at court 18.

New Business

The old police car is in the garage. The grant stipulates that we sell the car- we need to strip the light bar and decals first. We will advertise in the Spring.

Cathy wrote her contact for the Al-Anon group asking to have the facilities use form filled out and asking for a deposit. There has been no response so far.

Could we get the intersections at 52nd and Clarendon and 53rd and Byron salted as well as Canal Blvd? Robert will ask. Veolia does plow Canal Blvd.

Last year we used volunteers to mow the parks. We needed the volunteers to get through the year and couldn't have done it without them, but now that we are in better financial shape it would be a good idea to hire someone to do it. There can be liability issues with volunteer labor.

Robert would like to hire someone to do the mowing and other jobs such as cleaning the town hall, patching roads, etc.

He made a motion to put out a call for applications for a general labor position paying \$10/hour for no more than 40 hours a month. He would oversee the position.

Angela seconded and the motion passed.

It was asked if we would still accept volunteer labor once we hire this person. Robert would have to talk to the insurance company. Dan Axler stated that he would be happy to continue mowing behind the town hall.

With no further business, Robert made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55pm. Angela seconded.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Hurt

Rocky Ripple Financial Summary

Jan. 2010

		Checking + Savings
Starting balance:		\$ 60,346.58
expenses	Routine expenses	
	Utilities, except street lights:	\$ 327.68
	IP&L park pavillion	\$ 11.38
	IP&L town hall	\$ 77.43
	IP&L vet's monument	\$ 15.65
	AT&T, phone & internet	\$ 82.32
	Citizens Gas, town hall	\$ 129.00
	Water, town hall	\$ 11.90
	Water, park	
	park toilet rental	
	Street Lights	\$ 736.29
	Gas for police car	\$ 200.00
	Wages	\$ 2,195.00
	Marshal/Street Commish	\$ 2,195.00
	Trustees	
	Clerk-Treasurer	
	custodian/laborers	
	Other employment expenses	\$ 2,684.64
	State payroll taxes	\$ 119.74
	Workforce Development	
	federal payroll taxes	\$ 2,564.90
	Bank Fees	\$ 15.81
Legal services		
Non-routine Expenses	\$ 30,735.89	
copier/fax for police office	\$ 199.99	
gas, snow plow	\$ 60.00	
office supplies	\$ 15.84	
snow plowing, 1/5	\$ 127.50	
snow plow truck repair	\$ 4,250.00	
snow plowing 12/27	\$ 97.49	
police car	\$ 25,351.00	
snow plow truck repair	\$ 247.98	
road salting	\$ 386.09	
Total Expenses:		\$ 36,895.31
Income	Income from State:	\$ 2,767.09
	LRS	\$ 1,005.43
	MVH	\$ 1,365.36
	Cigarette tax	
	ABC gallonage	\$ 396.30
	Income from County:	\$ 637.98
	LOIT oper dist	\$ 263.00
	Public Safety dist.	\$ 374.98
	Court Costs to Municip	
	advance dist.	
	water pilot	
	river boat	
	property dist.	
	excise dist.	
	Ordinance violations:	\$ 100.00
	Gun permits:	\$ 50.00
Town Hall/ Park Pavilion Use:	\$ 140.00	
Town Hall	\$ 140.00	
Pavillion		
Other:	\$ 210.22	
Donations for park water	\$ 10.22	
Donations for power- Vet's monmnt	\$ 200.00	
Interest:	\$ 5.68	
Total Income:		\$ 3,910.97
Outstanding checks paid		\$ 2,455.97
Current outstanding checks		\$ 25,626.84
Ending balance:		\$ 50,533.11