

Rocky Ripple Town Council Meeting
May 9, 2017

Rocky Ripple Town Board Chair Carla Gaff Clark called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. Town board members Mandy Redmond, Jill Morris were in attendance as well as clerk-treasurer Kandy Kendall.

Secretary Report

Carla called for a motion to accept the secretary report with corrections. Mandy moved that the secretary report be accepted with corrections. Jill seconded it and all were in favor.

Kandy indicated that she had been contacted by Michael Vance, Rocky Ripple resident, who indicated he would like to mow the Town parks for the same rate as last year's company. The board approved Mr. Vance to mow the Town for 2017. Kandy also reported that she had been contacted by INDOT and there will be a meeting on May 19th concerning the Community Crossings paving grants. Kandy is unable to attend and had emailed Marshal Mike last week to see if he could attend. At this point, he is uncommitted to being there.

Treasurer Report

Kandy gave the treasurer report and indicated there were no outstanding payments for April. Jill moved that the treasurer's report be accepted with corrections. Mandy seconded it and all were in favor.

Paychex Inc. had requested an update to our account and Kandy indicated she had left Mandy on the account with full access.

Kandy stated the exit audit with the IN State Board of Accounts (SBOA) had occurred and as soon as the report is publicized she can talk about it. Two items that need to be addressed at this time:

1. The Town needs to maintain a capitol asset record. A discussion was held concerning the minimum dollar amount we will asset. Kandy volunteered to write the policy for board approval at the next meeting. Mandy moved that we create a capitol asset record with a minimum value of \$2500.00. Jill seconded it and all were in favor.

2. The SBOA suggested we have a tracking system in place for Marshal Mike's \$250 monthly gas check. Kandy indicated she had met with the Mark Simanski, Chase Bank, and he is looking into a debit card called an associate card. Kandy would be the administrator of the card and it could not be used at an ATM machine. The Board liked this solution and Kandy will follow up next month when more information is available.

The new Community Crossing grants are becoming available. Kandy said this year there is a new category for Town's with populations less than 10,000, the split is 75/25. Kandy pointed out on our executive summary that we will have \$14,450 left in the rainy day fund if we don't go over the 2016 quote from Globe Paving for last year's work. We also currently have \$7387.00 in the LRS fund which this year can be used for paving. With this in mind, Mandy moved that we allocate \$25000 for this year's paving grant. Jill seconded it and all were in favor

Finally, Kandy asked Carla if Ms. Locke had received information from the attorneys' general office concerning *State of Indiana v. Ann Jansen*. Carla said she will follow up on this.

Jill moved that the treasurer's report be accepted. Mandy seconded it and all were in favor.

New Business

No new business

Old Business

Flood project rendering meeting

The Board is in the process of finding a location for the City and Board's rendering meeting where the Town residents and all others interested will be able to review the pictures showing the different types of levee repair and the impact at chosen locations. The meeting will be scheduled for June 6th at 7:00 p.m. Currently the Board is looking at holding the meeting at the Rivi and if that doesn't work, then possibly Butler University. The notice of meeting will be sent to residents via E-News, postcards and social media.

Mandy is working on the survey but doesn't have the final draft from the public participation meeting held March 21st. She will get the corrections incorporated this week and then back out to Carla and Jill.

At the rendering meeting, the Board will also hand out right of way entries for the properties that they will need to do soil borings on.

Hohlt Park Stage

Julie Bleakley reported that John got a copy of architectural rendering from the manufacturer of the roof struts for the stage. Now that he has this, he is ready to start the permitting process, which he hopes to have permits by the end of May. Carla would like to have a photo op with the Hohlt family and "shovels in ground" as a dedication. Julie suggested Carla call John so this date can be coordinated. June seems to be the start date due to all the rain we had in April.

Paving

Marshal Mike reported he has been in contact with Globe paving and as soon as the evening temperatures stay above 60 degrees we are ready to go. The new Community Crossing grants are becoming available and Mike would like to pave Canal Boulevard and have Citizens Energy be part of the funding. Kandy asked if Mike will also contact Baumgartner Paving for a quote on the new project. Mike said he would.

Jon Stohler Variance

At the April meeting the Board voted to write a letter on Jon's behalf indicating they had no problems with the variance being granted. However, the City has filed an appeal in opposition to the variance. The Stohler variance is being continued.

Butler

Michael Kaltenmark, external relations for Butler, gave an update on Butler activities. Graduation was last weekend so the campus is quieter. Construction continues on Schwitzer Hall. Any day they will break ground just north of the library for the new school of business building. Butler would like to continue the establishment of mediums on Hampton and Clarendon Street.

Carla again asked on behalf of the Dirt Committee if Rocky Ripple could have more top soil from the pile north of the soccer fields. Michael said he will ask again. Phase 3 of the flood wall will start in October and take 40 trees from Holcomb Gardens and zig zag behind the baseball field and connect with the land behind Hinkle Fieldhouse.

Committee Business

RREM

Due to the high water event, RREM was busy monitoring the stream gage behind the town hall. The Town's gage got to 11.8', which was still yellow & not orange, which will cause an alert to be issued. Al with the NOAA National Weather Service stated that since 1998 Rocky Ripple consistently runs about 4 ½ feet different than the Nora stream gage.

Michael Mooney said it would be good to know the 4 or 5 low spots in Town. Carla mentioned that one of the low spots is his lot just west of the town hall. Scotty said this is a low area and when the water rises it percolates in this low area. He suggested the DIRT Committee fill in this area with dirt.

Whit volunteered to take pictures of our stream gauge next time we have a high water event and send them to Jill. Jill appreciated this and said that during the rising he could send 3-4 a day and then once a day when the water starts receding.

RRCA

Mandy reported elections for secretary and treasurer are next Tuesday, May 16th. The community wide garage sale will be June 3rd and for those who don't want to do their own sale, they can donate items to the community garage sale. The money will go to RRCA for mulch at Hohlt Park and other items.

Nancy Barton reported the plant exchange –was May 6th and 20 - 30 people participated.

It was suggested that RRCA hold an electronics recycling event. Mandy will check into this.

Marshal Report

Marshal Mike's only report was in reference to stolen lawn furniture from the Browns property as well as a bench from Jim Dickerson's place.

Community Concerns

Margaret Brabant said she had received the survey from Citizens Energy about Rocky Ripple septic systems. She called the number given to ask questions and the person knew absolutely nothing about the type of sewer systems being proposed.

Carla indicated she had talked to Mike Massonne at DPW about the letter and he said we should say yes so that it becomes part of the flood wall project. Carla thought the letter was to just put areas in an order of priority. It was suggested that maybe we need to get Citizens Energy out again to talk to us about sewers.

With no further business, Jill moved the meeting be adjourned at 8:33. Mandy seconded it and all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted
Kandy Kendall
Clerk Treasurer