

Approved Minutes for the Town of Rocky Ripple Board Meeting, Jan. 8, 2013

Attending: Brad Barcom, Carla Gaff-Clark, Robert Tomey, Cathy Hurt
The meeting was called to order at 7:34pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Treasurer's Report

As of December 31, we had \$74,126.97 total in checking and savings. Expenses were \$7,728.24 and income was \$16,753.95. Notable income was \$13,452.70 from property and excise taxes.

For 2012, our income was \$75,278.10 and our expenses were \$77,070.62. We are continuing our trend of spending slightly more than we bring in. We do have significant savings, however, dating from the clerk treasurer bond settlement in 2009. We spent under our budget of \$106,725.

Bills for road salting and plowing totaling \$1,265 were received from Gardens of Growth. It was questioned why we needed to use them, and why the bills were so high. Robert stated that at the time of the snows the truck was still in disrepair. Furthermore, they salted much more than just the key intersections that Robert asked them to salt.

Copies of the yearly and monthly financial summaries that were handed out to board members are attached to this report. Robert made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, Brad seconded.

Meeting minutes

The minutes from the November board meeting were read. A sentence regarding the possibility of a river wall was struck out as conjecture. Robert made a motion to accept the minutes with that change, Brad seconded.

The minutes from the December meeting were read. Robert made a motion to accept the minutes with no changes, Brad seconded.

Brad asked whether reading the minutes out loud at the meeting was really necessary. They are posted online- board members should read them ahead of time. It is not required by law to read the minutes at meetings.

This has been discussed in the past, but citizens have always wanted it. However, it was pointed out that we didn't used to have the electronic resources that we have now. Furthermore, the minutes are posted on the town hall bulletin board for those who do not have computer access.

Brad made a motion that we stop reading the minutes in entirety at meetings. Robert and Carla were in favor and the motion passed.

Old Business

Regarding the repairs to the truck, it was discovered that the fuel pump was out just before the Veterans Day parade. Robert worked on it, but the repair took more time than he had available. The truck was then taken to Andy Mohr Ford. They finished the job but then over-billed, claiming that they had removed the fuel tank when it was clear to Robert that they had not done so. They then sent an amended bill.

During the test drive by Andy Mohr, the alternator went out. One quote for the repair was \$600, a second was \$475.64. Robert did the repair himself, charging for parts only.

The police car has had an issue. Marshal Kiefer took the car to the dealer, but after \$800 of repairs the problem still isn't fixed. It is an intermittent issue. The dealer advised to wait until the issue happened more frequently. Robert has taken care of the town equipment for the past five years, and the issue of conflict of interest has been brought up. He has also overseen street and park maintenance, and it is too much for him to handle all of that work. He made a motion to divide responsibilities as follows:

- Brad- police commissioner
- Robert- park and town hall maintenance
- Carla- street and vehicle maintenance

Carla stated that she would get quotes, but has no knowledge about vehicle repair. Would this be acceptable? Robert stated that it would. Marshal Kiefer stated that big repair issues would usually be run by the board anyway. Brad confirmed that large repairs did need to be approved by the board.

Brad seconded the motion and it was passed. The board and residents joined in thanking Robert for all the work he has done for the town.

Regarding a credit card for gas for the snow plow, Cathy said that when she had looked into it the bank required a board member to personally sign for the card, and no one was willing to do that. Robert said that he had talked to the bank about a pre-paid card, and that that would not require a personal signature. Cathy will get a pre-paid card for \$500 so that snow plow operators will be able to get gas without using their own money.

Brad asked that work from Mr. Elrod, our lawyer, be pre-approved by the board.

A member of the Broad Ripple Village Association told Robert that the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) wants to have a meeting with neighborhoods that are affected by the canal wall. Robert has seen no official communication about this, however.

We do have the power to stop the USACE from building the canal wall. We can file an injunction. We have a lot of support from other neighborhoods.

New Business/ Resident Concerns

Paul Redmond installed No Parking signs for the river access off of 54th Street (Sunset extension) to replace old signs. People were parking there, blocking access to the river and blocking access for his tenants to their house. The signs have since been removed, posts and all. He would like the signs to be returned.

Marshal's report

The police car has been issues, as described above. It was asked how old the car is. It is 3 years old. The Chargers have not had a good track record for police departments.

The city did not salt the bridges during the last snow as they have in the past. We need to call them.

Marshal Kiefer asked if we need to buy more salt. Robert said yes- 20 to 25 bags.

Marshal Kiefer's employment contract for 2013 will be the same as that for 2012.

Carla stated that during the last snow, a trash truck got stuck on the hill at the 4900 end of Riverview and left big ruts. Jon Stohler said he'd fix them. Carla asked him to send a bill to the town.

Brad asked whether we should ask the city to pay the bill. Carla did take pictures. Brad asked her to send them to the city.

Cathy asked whether we should have the park toilet picked up for the winter. Yes.

Brad made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45pm. Robert seconded.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Hurt

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

Rocky Ripple Financial Summary									
Dec. 2012									
		Checking + Savings	General Fund	Motor Vehicle Highway Fund	Local Roads & Streets Fund	Funds under General fund			
						Police car	Police Training	Park water	Park toilet
Starting balance:		\$ 65,897.09	\$ 22,851.34	\$ 9,872.37	\$ 30,506.59	\$ 13,450.00	\$ 1,848.35	\$ 94.49	\$ (1,469.00)
expenses	Routine expenses								
	Utilities, except street lights:	\$ 342.77	\$ 342.77						
	IP&L park pavilion	\$ 11.38							
	IP&L town hall	\$ 74.99							
	IP&L vet's monument	\$ 17.58							
	AT&T, phone & internet	\$ 98.22							
	Citizens Gas, town hall	\$ 42.00							
	Water, town hall	\$ 10.30							
	Water, park	\$ 10.30						\$ 10.30	
	park toilet rental	\$ 78.00							\$ 78.00
	Payroll	\$ 3,906.23							
	Marshal wages	\$ 2,796.00	\$ 2,796.00						
	Street commish wages			\$ -					
	Trustee wages	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00						
	Clerk-Treasurer wages	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00						
	Federal payroll taxes	\$ 160.23	\$ 160.23						
	Error correction- July fed tax allocation		\$ 53.67	\$ (53.67)					
	Workforce Development		\$ -						
	Other	\$ 1,346.32							
	Bank fees	\$ 17.53	\$ 17.53						
	Street lights	\$ 736.29		\$ 736.29					
	Police car gas			\$ -					
	Legal services		\$ -						
	Cleaning service	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00						
	Mowing service	\$ 517.50	\$ 517.50						
Non-routine Expenses	\$ 2,132.92								
Office supplies		\$ -							
Police supplies (info systems)	\$ 34.89	\$ 34.89							
Police training		\$ -				\$ -			
Legal ads		\$ -							
Insurance- CT bond		\$ -							
Town hall repair & maint. (sign repair)	\$ 550.00	\$ 550.00							
Pavilion repair & maintenance		\$ -							
Certified mailing costs		\$ -							
clerk-treasurer school/ ILMCT dues		\$ -							
snow plowing			\$ -						
snow plow gas	\$ 75.00		\$ 75.00						
snow plow repair	\$ 1,473.03			\$ 1,473.03					
vehicle maintenance (snow plow truck)			\$ -						
street repair materials			\$ -						
Road salt service			\$ -						
Stormwater Fees		\$ -							
Total Expenses:	\$ 7,728.24	\$ 5,497.59	\$ 757.62	\$ 1,473.03	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10.30	\$ 78.00	
Income	Income from State:	\$ 2,427.05							
	LRS	\$ 1,041.35			\$ 1,041.35				
	MVH	\$ 1,153.87		\$ 1,153.87					
	Accelerated MVH1			\$ -					
	Accelerated MVH2			\$ -					
	Cigarette tax	\$ 231.83	\$ 231.83						
	ABC Gallonage		\$ -						
	Income from County:	\$ 14,009.32							
	LOIT	\$ 220.06	\$ 220.06						
	2011 PST makeup		\$ -						
	Public Safety dist.	\$ 336.56	\$ 336.56						
	Court Costs to Municip		\$ -						
	advance dist.		\$ -	\$ -					
	water PILOT	\$ 883.32	\$ 738.18	\$ 145.14					
	river boat		\$ -						
	property dist.	\$ 10,740.85	\$ 8,975.96	\$ 1,764.89					
	excise dist.	\$ 1,521.61	\$ 1,299.61	\$ 222.00					
	property tax dist: sold properties	\$ 306.92	\$ 256.49	\$ 50.43					
	Other:	\$ 317.58							
	Donations		\$ -					\$ -	
	Repayment, A Jansen	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00						
	Town hall use	\$ 160.00	\$ 160.00						
	Pavilion use		\$ -						\$ -
	Ordinance violations		\$ -				\$ -		
	Gun permits		\$ -				\$ -		
Interest	\$ 7.58	\$ 7.58							
Refunds		\$ -							
Total Income:	\$ 16,753.95	\$ 12,376.27	\$ 3,336.33	\$ 1,041.35	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Outstanding checks paid	\$ 2,666.79							Total of positive balance funds: \$15,382.54	
Current outstanding checks	\$ 1,870.96							Unrestricted in General Fund: \$14,347.48	
Old outstanding checks									
Ending bank balance:	\$ 74,126.97	\$ 29,730.02	\$ 12,451.08	\$ 30,074.91	\$ 13,450.00	\$ 1,848.35	\$ 84.19	\$ (1,547.00)	

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Q1-4 2012		Checking + Savings	General Fund	Motor Vehicle Highway Fund	Local Roads & Streets Fund	Funds under General fund			
						Police car	Police Training	Park water	Park toilet
Starting balance:		\$ 74,542.73	\$ 30,123.06	\$ 18,543.63	\$ 25,381.84	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 1,848.35	\$ 12.67	\$ (840.50)
Expenses	Routine expenses								
	Utilities, except street lights:	\$ 4,099.05	\$ 4,099.05						
	IP&L park pavilion	\$ 142.30							
	IP&L town hall	\$ 696.51							
	IP&L vet's monument	\$ 191.17							
	AT&T, phone & internet	\$ 1,174.94							
	Citizens Gas, town hall	\$ 540.00							
	Water, town hall	\$ 159.15							
	Water, park	\$ 288.48						\$ 288.48	
	park toilet rental	\$ 906.50							\$ 906.50
	Payroll	\$ 43,272.56	\$ 28,270.52	\$ 15,002.04					
	Marshal/ Street Comm. wages	\$ 36,348.00	\$ 21,345.96	\$ 15,002.04					
	Trustee wages	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00						
	Clerk-Treasurer wages	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00						
	Federal payroll taxes	\$ 3,052.50	\$ 3,052.50						
	Workforce Development	\$ 72.06	\$ 72.06						
	Other	\$ 15,985.58	\$ 4,400.10	\$ 11,585.48					
	Bank fees	\$ 210.10	\$ 210.10						
	Street lights	\$ 8,835.48		\$ 8,835.48					
	Police car gas	\$ 2,750.00		\$ 2,750.00					
	Legal services	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00						
	Cleaning service	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 1,050.00						
	Mowing service	\$ 1,940.00	\$ 1,940.00						
	Non-routine Expenses	\$ 13,713.43	\$ 9,738.59	\$ 2,501.81					
	Office supplies	\$ 209.50	\$ 209.50						
	Police supplies (info systems fee)	\$ 438.36	\$ 438.36						
	Police training	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00				\$ 100.00		
	Legal ads	\$ 190.16	\$ 190.16						
	Insurance	\$ 7,374.00	\$ 7,374.00						
	Town hall repair & maint.	\$ 1,178.47	\$ 1,178.47						
Pavilion repair & maintenance	\$ -	\$ -							
Flyer printing	\$ 12.10	\$ 12.10							
clerk-treasurer school/ ILMCT dues	\$ 155.00	\$ 155.00							
snow plowing	\$ -	\$ -							
snow plow gas	\$ 75.00		\$ 75.00						
snow plow repair	\$ 1,473.03			\$ 1,473.03					
vehicle maintenance	\$ 592.36		\$ 592.36						
street repair materials	\$ -		\$ -						
Road salt service	\$ 1,834.45		\$ 1,834.45						
Stormwater Fees	\$ 81.00	\$ 81.00							
	Total Expenses:	\$ 77,070.62	\$ 46,508.26	\$ 29,089.33	\$ 1,473.03	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 288.48	\$ 906.50
Income	Income from State:	\$ 31,936.26							
	LRS	\$ 11,746.11			\$ 11,746.11				
	MVH	\$ 15,325.16		\$ 15,325.16					
	Accelerated MVH1	\$ 2,307.71		\$ 2,307.71					
	Accelerated MVH2	\$ 774.86		\$ 774.86					
	Cigarette tax	\$ 438.35	\$ 438.35						
	ABC Gallonage	\$ 1,344.07	\$ 1,344.07						
	Income from County:	\$ 38,799.23							
	LOIT	\$ 2,639.91	\$ 2,639.91						
	2011 PST makeup	\$ 726.49	\$ 726.49						
	Public Safety dist.	\$ 4,228.20	\$ 4,228.20						
	Court Costs to Municip advance dist.								
	water PILOT	\$ 2,349.62	\$ 1,963.54	\$ 386.08					
	river boat	\$ 3,589.90	\$ 3,589.90						
	property dist.	\$ 22,580.73	\$ 18,775.06	\$ 3,805.67					
	excise dist.	\$ 2,377.46	\$ 2,030.59	\$ 346.87					
	property tax dist: sold properties	\$ 306.92	\$ 256.49	\$ 50.43					
	Other:	\$ 4,542.61							
	Donations (\$200 for vet's mon, rest for park water)	\$ 360.00	\$ 360.00					\$ 160.00	
	Repayment, A Jansen	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00						
	Town hall use	\$ 1,310.00	\$ 1,310.00						
	Pavilion use	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00						\$ 200.00
	Ordinance violations	\$ 1,450.00	\$ 1,450.00			\$ 1,450.00			
	Gun permits	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00				\$ 100.00		
	Interest	\$ 95.61	\$ 95.61						
Refunds	\$ 277.00	\$ 277.00							
	Total Income:	\$ 75,278.10	\$ 40,535.21	\$ 22,996.78	\$ 11,746.11	\$ 1,450.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 160.00	\$ 200.00
	Transfer: LRS to General fund		\$ 5,580.01		\$ (5,580.01)				
	Income + starting balance	\$ 76,238.28	\$ 41,540.41	\$ 37,127.95					
	Outstanding checks paid	\$ 494.20				Total of positive balance funds: \$15,298.35			
	Current outstanding checks	\$ 1,870.96				Unrestricted in General Fund: \$14,431.67			
	Old outstanding checks								
	Ending bank balance:	\$ 74,126.97	\$ 29,730.02	\$ 12,451.08	\$ 30,074.91	\$ 13,450.00	\$ 1,848.35	\$ (115.81)	\$ (1,547.00)