

Approved Minutes for the Town of Rocky Ripple Board Meeting, May 8, 2012

Attendees: Robert Tomey, Carla Gaff-Clark, Brad Barcom, Cathy Hurt
The meeting was called to order at 7:32pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Treasurer's Report

As of April 30, we had \$67,545.50 total in checking and savings. Expenses were \$9,146.01 and income was \$5,301.60. Notable expense was \$4,151.00 for auto and general liability insurance.

Robert asked that in the future the Marshal's gross salary be reported in the summary, not net salary.

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, Brad seconded.

Meeting minutes

The minutes from the March meeting were read. Several typos were corrected, and Marion County was replaced by IMPD in the fourth paragraph under Resident Concerns. Regarding the third paragraph under New Business, Citizens Water did not propose that plan, it was a plan that was suggested.
Brad made a motion to accept the minutes with those changes, Robert seconded.

Old Business

Citizens Water has not gotten back with us regarding the proposal for repairing Canal Blvd. Robert stated that we need to block vehicle traffic on Canal Blvd. now. Brad suggested that we let Citizens Water make their next proposal and then close the road for repairs if they will not help. Carla was uncomfortable with closing the road at this point, as it may signify that we have taken ownership of the repair. Robert stated that the repair will cost a lot, as we will have to hire an engineering firm. Bank erosion is the big concern.

It was suggested that it would make more sense to close Canal Blvd. from 53rd to 54th, where the houses have access from Karstadt, instead of from 54th street to Ripple Rd. The latter is where the road conditions are worse, however.

Carla suggested installing warning signs.

Robert suggested putting "road closed" signs on 54th at Karstadt, allowing people to detour on Karstadt, and at the point where Ripple Rd. turns into Canal Blvd. We could place the signs so that Canal Blvd. residents with no other access could drive around them. Dhyana Raynor and Marshal Kiefer were concerned about access for delivery trucks, emergency vehicles, and the garbage truck. Also, there were concerns about the sign on Ripple and Canal. It is possible that closing the road could make it more dangerous if vehicles have to go around signs or back up.

Dhyana suggested that we keep Canal open and lower the speed limit to 5 mph. Marshal Kiefer worried that that would show that we have taken ownership of the road. It was asked whether "road closed" signs would do the same thing.

It was decided that we would wait for Citizen Water's response and talk to Mr. Elrod about the legality of closing the road. We would put up signs, but not barricades.

Dhyana asked whether she was still responsible for removing trees if they are on her property but in Citizen Water's right of way. Yes.

Carla and Marshal Kiefer have received some complaints from residents about noise from Butler ballgames and the carillon, and about the lights left on in the stadium all night. These complaints should be directed to Butler University.

Marshal's Report

On April 21, seven people showed up for CPR training at the town hall. Thanks very much to Jill Morris and Ken Lock of Samaritan Ambulance for providing this free training.

Marshal Kiefer responded to the following this month:

4/11- disturbance

4/24- warrant arrest during traffic stop- the person was wanted on a charge of possession of dangerous drugs

4/25- disturbance

4/26- stolen truck plate

4/30- trespass complaint

5/4- report of suspicious person. The resident saw someone doing something with a parked car around 3am. It turned out to be a tow truck that had been called for disabled car. Even so, Marshal Kiefer emphasized that calling him was the right thing to do.

5/8- report of credit card fraud.

Marshal Kiefer's bicycle needs repair. Is it ok to take it in? yes.

Resident Concerns

Is it true that they caught the men responsible for the armed break-in last month? Marshal Kiefer said that they did catch some people who matched the description and were committing similar crimes, but we really don't know.

New Business

Carla sent a message to Chris Wright regarding the neighborhood watch.

Brad has the town email list and will send out blasts for crime alerts or other issues. He would like to be the central communication point, and asked that Marshal Kiefer send crime alerts to him so that he can send them out. Brad would ultimately like to coordinate with the Community Association and have one email list. He would not send out lots of messages or frivolous messages- the blasts would be used only for important issues.

Cathy was in the park and noticed that the trash was overflowing. Do we have a regular method of pick up for the park? People that pay to use the pavilion take away their trash, but casual park users do not. There is no regular procedure- we should just check it periodically.

Brad made a motion to adjourn at 9:00pm. Carla seconded.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Hurt

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

Rocky Ripple Financial Summary									
Apr. 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:	\$ 67,490.31	\$ 19,184.13	\$ 17,812.43	\$ 28,726.92	\$ 12,225.00	\$ 1,898.35	\$ 11.80	\$ (840.50)
expenses	Routine expenses								
	Utilities, except street lights:	\$ 311.12	\$ 311.12						
	IP&L park pavilion	\$ 12.23							
	IP&L town hall	\$ 65.98							
	IP&L vet's monument	\$ 15.01							
	AT&T, phone & internet	\$ 97.71							
	Citizens Gas, town hall	\$ 102.00							
	Water, town hall	\$ 13.21							
	Water, park	\$ 4.98						\$ 4.98	
	park toilet rental								\$ -
	Payroll	\$ 3,186.70							
	Marshal wages	\$ 2,278.86	\$ 2,278.86						
	Street commish wages			\$ -					
	Trustee wages		\$ -						
	Clerk-Treasurer wages		\$ -						
	Federal payroll taxes	\$ 716.23	\$ 716.23						
	State payroll taxes	\$ 141.18	\$ 141.18						
	Workforce Development	\$ 50.43	\$ 50.43						
	Other	\$ 1,421.80							
	Bank fees	\$ 15.51	\$ 15.51						
	Street lights	\$ 736.29		\$ 736.29					
	Police car gas	\$ 250.00		\$ 250.00					
	Legal services		\$ -						
	Cleaning service	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00						
	Mowing service	\$ 345.00	\$ 345.00						
Non-routine Expenses	\$ 4,226.39								
Office supplies		\$ -							
Police supplies (info systems fee)	\$ 34.89	\$ 34.89							
Police training		\$ -				\$ -			
Legal ads		\$ -							
Insurance	\$ 4,151.00	\$ 4,151.00							
Town hall repair & maintenance		\$ -							
Pavilion repair & maintenance		\$ -							
Refunds for town hall use		\$ -							
clerk-treasurer school/ ILMCT dues		\$ -							
snow plowing			\$ -						
snow plow gas			\$ -						
snow plow repair				\$ -					
vehicle maintenance (police car tires)			\$ -						
street repair materials			\$ -						
Road salt service			\$ -						
Stormwater Fees	\$ 40.50	\$ 40.50							
	Total Expenses:	\$ 9,146.01	\$ 8,159.72	\$ 986.29	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4.98	\$ -
Income	Income from State:	\$ 3,595.01							
	LRS	\$ 1,201.37			\$ 1,201.37				
	MVH	\$ 2,065.51		\$ 2,065.51					
	Accelerated MVH1			\$ -					
	Accelerated MVH2			\$ -					
	Cigarette tax		\$ -						
	ABC Gallonage	\$ 328.13	\$ 328.13						
	Income from County:	\$ 1,238.75							
	LOIT	\$ 339.68	\$ 339.68						
	2011 PST makeup	\$ 389.91	\$ 389.91						
	Public Safety dist.	\$ 509.16	\$ 509.16						
	Court Costs to Municip		\$ -						
	advance dist.		\$ -	\$ -					
	water PILOT								
	river boat								
	property dist.								
	excise dist.								
	Other:	\$ 467.84							
	Donations	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00					\$ 40.00	
	Repayment, A Jansen		\$ -						
	Town hall use	\$ 145.00	\$ 145.00						
	Pavilion use	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00						\$ 50.00
	Ordinance violations	\$ 225.00	\$ 225.00			\$ 225.00			
	Gun permits		\$ -				\$ -		
	Interest	\$ 7.84	\$ 7.84						
Refunds		\$ -							
	Total Income:	\$ 5,301.60	\$ 2,034.72	\$ 2,065.51	\$ 1,201.37	\$ 225.00	\$ -	\$ 40.00	\$ 50.00
	Outstanding checks paid	\$ 1,766.83				Total of positive balance funds: \$14,395.17			
	Current outstanding checks	\$ 5,666.43				Unrestricted in General Fund: \$ (1,336.04)			
	Old outstanding checks								
	Ending bank balance:	\$ 67,545.50	\$ 13,059.13	\$ 18,891.65	\$ 29,928.29	\$ 12,450.00	\$ 1,898.35	\$ 46.82	\$ (790.50)