

## **Approved Minutes for the Town of Rocky Ripple Board Meeting, June 12, 2012**

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

### **Treasurer's Report**

As of May 31, we had \$59,271.88 total in checking and savings. Expenses were \$8,104.16 and income was \$2,893.11. Notable expense was \$2,988 for worker's comp and law enforcement liability insurance.

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

### **Old Business**

Brad took care of the park trash this week. He left the bag on the road near the garden and it was picked up. More bags are needed for the park trash can.

Chris Wright sent a letter regarding starting a Crime Watch in Rocky Ripple. He had been asked if he would be willing to head a Crime Watch group and could not attend tonight's meeting. He suggested that it might be more effective to have an email alert system than to have a traditional Crime Watch group with meetings and phone trees. He suggested the emails come from the Marshal and only contain content that would inform residents of criminal and/or dangerous situations.

Brad said that he thought that the emails should come from the town council and not the Marshal. It was stated that some people don't want the town council to have their information, but that these people would not mind contact from the Marshal. It was further stated that this should not be a big issue because Brad, who does not have a history of divisive politics, is in charge of communications.

Dhyana Raynor suggested that the Community Association could place a notice in their newsletter regarding the alert list, and tell people to notify Brad if they want to be on it. Brad said he would get in touch with Mandy Redmond. He will also contact the people that are on the town contact list and ask them if they want to be on the alert list. The alert list would only be used for notifying people of criminal and/or dangerous situations, as stated above. It would be separate from the town contact list, which will still be used for routine information.

### **Resident Concerns**

Is there any news about sewers or the levee?

No. Robert will be meeting with Citizens Water on June 21 to discuss Canal Blvd., however.

Are there plans to fix the pavement on 53<sup>rd</sup>? It has gotten really bad.

Robert and Jon Stohler are planning to fill holes. They are going to rent a roller and hope that will help the patches last longer. The board is hesitant to do major street work because we are due to get sewers by 2014.

Dyhana Raynor asked whether citizens are allowed to attend the meeting with Citizens Water on the 21<sup>st</sup>. No, it is a closed meeting. Carla asked whether Citizens Water appears to be listening to us. Robert replied that it is hard to say. They have already said that they would get back to us and then not done so.

It was stated that there is misinformation being circulated about Canal Blvd., and that the board should make it clear that the road might be closed to vehicle traffic, but will not be closed to pedestrians. The board responded it that is not misinformation, and that if the water company doesn't do anything to repair the road we will close it to all traffic. We would do so by installing signs. This way, if people go around the signs we will not be liable for any injuries due to the bad road.

It was asked whether closing the road would lead to more dangerous situations and potential liability if a truck had to back up because of the signs. The liability would be on the truck driver in this situation. But we would only install signs and not barricades, so vehicles would not be forced to back up if that is more dangerous than going forward.

Dhyana Raynor stated that someone had cut her bushes back, and wondered if the town had done it. No. If the town were to do trimming, the resident would get notice beforehand and a bill for the work. Dhyana did remove a tree that was encroaching onto Canal Blvd.

Ely Hinkle would like to have a Rocky Ripple benefit concert for Emily Linder. Her father Mike, a lifelong Rocky Ripple resident, passed away last month. Emily also lost her mom recently and the house they lived in has been foreclosed.

It was agreed that this was nice idea. Ely will start planning. Andra Faye has already offered her considerable talents to this project.

It was asked who owns the property on the southeast corner of 53<sup>rd</sup> and Lester. Rupert Boneham does. Robert stated that you can find property plats and information on the Marion County GIS webpage.

### **Marshal's Report**

Marshal Kiefer responded to the following last month:

- 5/10- detention of a juvenile
- 5/12- juvenile arrest- battery
- 5/26- warrant arrest, following a traffic stop
- 5/30- juvenile arrest- battery

E-citation capability is now set up in the police car and working.

We need to clear brush from town property. We need to get the starter fixed on the brush hog in order to do so. Robert said that he would look at it.

We also have problems with vegetation encroaching in the roadway from private property. Some homeowners have been asked several times to clear their property but have not done so.

A discussion followed regarding the distance from the road that must be kept clear. The distance of twenty five feet from the center of the road was mentioned.

For the record, the Rocky Ripple ordinance (2-3-3 Sec. 11) is the same as that for Marion County (Sec. 701-6). It states:

“The owner of any private property in the city that borders or lies adjacent to any public street, alley, right-of-way, place or park and upon which any trees or flora may be standing shall trim or cause such trees or flora to be trimmed, either at the property line, or to a clear height of at least eight (8) feet above the surface of any abutting right-of-way or place, and fourteen (14) feet above any public street or alley. All branches or parts thereof that overhang any portion of a public street, alley, right-of-way, or place, or that obstruct or interfere with the passage of light from any street lighting system, shall be trimmed or cut. No person shall plant or maintain any tree or flora so close to any property line as to obstruct the vision or free passage of pedestrians or motorists along the streets or public right-of-way.”

In the future, if homeowners do not take action to clear their property after the initial notification, the town will have it done and bill the homeowner. Homeowners will get an official notice before any trimming will be done. Mike and Brad will get together and write a form letter. The notices will be sent via certified mail by the clerk treasurer. The town will get bids for the work in order to establish the price of the bill.

Robert volunteered to trim some of the branches that overhang the street or that are in the street.

Brad made a motion to adjourn at 8:20pm. Robert seconded.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cathy Hurt

Town of Rocky Ripple, 930 West 54<sup>th</sup> Street, Rocky Ripple, Indiana

Rocky Ripple Financial Summary									
May 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
<b>Starting balance:</b>		<b>\$ 67,545.50</b>	<b>\$ 13,059.13</b>	<b>\$ 18,891.65</b>	<b>\$ 29,928.29</b>	<b>\$ 12,450.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,898.35</b>	<b>\$ 46.82</b>	<b>\$ (790.50)</b>
expenses	<b>Routine expenses</b>								
	<b>Utilities, except street lights:</b>	<b>\$ 283.04</b>	<b>\$ 283.04</b>						
	IP&L park pavillion	\$ 11.69							
	IP&L town hall	\$ 40.00							
	IP&L vet's monument	\$ 15.24							
	AT&T, phone & internet	\$ 97.64							
	Citizens Gas, town hall	\$ 42.00							
	Water, town hall	\$ 13.21							
	Water, park	\$ 27.76						\$ 27.76	
	park toilet rental	\$ 35.50							\$ 35.50
	<b>Payroll</b>	<b>\$ 3,375.44</b>							
	Marshal wages*	\$ 1,656.57	\$ 1,656.57						
	Street commish wages*	\$ 1,398.00		\$ 1,139.43					
	Trustee wages	\$ -							
	Clerk-Treasurer wages	\$ -							
	Federal payroll taxes	\$ 320.87	\$ 579.44						
	Workforce Development	\$ -							
	<b>Other</b>	<b>\$ 1,422.79</b>							
	Bank fees	\$ 16.50	\$ 16.50						
	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						
	<b>Non-routine Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 3,022.89</b>							
Office supplies	\$ -	\$ -							
Police supplies (info systems fee)	\$ 34.89	\$ 34.89							
Police training	\$ -					\$ -			
Legal ads	\$ -								
Insurance	\$ 2,988.00	\$ 2,988.00							
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	\$ -		\$ -						
<b>Total Expenses:</b>		<b>\$ 8,104.16</b>	<b>\$ 5,978.44</b>	<b>\$ 2,125.72</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 27.76</b>	<b>\$ 35.50</b>
Income	<b>Income from State:</b>	<b>\$ 2,515.85</b>							
	LRS	\$ 1,032.62			\$ 1,032.62				
	MVH	\$ 1,483.23		\$ 1,483.23					
	Accelerated MVH1	\$ -		\$ -					
	Accelerated MVH2	\$ -		\$ -					
	Cigarette tax	\$ -	\$ -						
	ABC Gallonage	\$ -	\$ -						
	<b>Income from County:</b>	<b>\$ -</b>							
	LOIT	\$ -	\$ -						
	2011 PST makeup	\$ -	\$ -						
	Public Safety dist.	\$ -	\$ -						
	Court Costs to Municip	\$ -	\$ -						
	advance dist.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					
	water PILOT	\$ -							
	river boat	\$ -							
	property dist.	\$ -							
	excise dist.	\$ -							
	<b>Other:</b>	<b>\$ 377.26</b>							
	Donations	\$ -	\$ -					\$ -	
	Repayment, A Jansen	\$ -	\$ -						
	Town hall use	\$ 170.00	\$ 170.00						
	Pavilion use	\$ -							\$ -
	Ordinance violations	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00			\$ 200.00			
	Gun permits	\$ -	\$ -				\$ -		
	Interest	\$ 7.26	\$ 7.26						
Refunds	\$ -	\$ -							
<b>Total Income:</b>		<b>\$ 2,893.11</b>	<b>\$ 377.26</b>	<b>\$ 1,483.23</b>	<b>\$ 1,032.62</b>	<b>\$ 200.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
Outstanding checks paid		\$ 5,666.43				Total of positive balance funds: \$ 14,567.41			
Current outstanding checks		\$ 2,603.86				Unrestricted in General Fund: \$ (7,109.46)			
Old outstanding checks									
<b>Ending bank balance:</b>		<b>\$ 59,271.88</b>	<b>\$ 7,457.95</b>	<b>\$ 18,249.16</b>	<b>\$ 30,960.91</b>	<b>\$ 12,650.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,898.35</b>	<b>\$ 19.06</b>	<b>\$ (826.00)</b>