

Approved Minutes for the Town of Rocky Ripple Board Meeting, Aug. 14, 2012

Attendees: Robert Tomey, Carla Gaff-Clark, Brad Barcom, Cathy Hurt
The meeting was called to order at 7:35pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Treasurer's Report

There was no July meeting because it coincided with a meeting with the city regarding the canal wall. The June financial summary was handed out. Notable income in June was \$11,839.88 in property taxes, \$1,466.30 for water PILOT and \$855.85 from excise taxes.

As of July 31, we had \$69,543.46 total in checking and savings. Expenses were \$7,165.50 and income was \$3,465.93. Notable expense was \$1,200 for legal expenses. This bill included payments for the last quarter of 2011. Also it should be noted that the bill for mowing is for May and early June. The new contractor did not mow during the drought conditions we have had lately.

Cathy presented an outline for the budget for 2013. It is essentially the same as that for previous years. An outline of the 2012 budget with expenditures for the first half of the year was also presented. Our expenditures continue to be slightly higher than our income. We have money in the bank, but a large part of that is earmarked for street resurfacing.

Also, in past years we have had a boost in income with the insurance payment on the clerk treasurer bond and the grant for the police car. Our income is down this year. Our budget may be cut because of that.

Regarding street resurfacing, it was asked whether we are still on track for sewers or if we should move forward with street repair. It was noted that the Septic Tank Elimination Program website has been taken down since the utility was sold to Citizens. When one resident asked the city about it, he was told that the sewers were Citizens' problem now.

The board needs to talk to the Dept. of Public Works (DPW) again about sewers for Rocky Ripple. Carla said she would do so.

The meeting to adopt the budget was set to Tuesday, October 23, at 5:30pm. The budget must be submitted to the county for approval by the end of the month and advertised by early September. We can change the budget after advertising it, but we cannot increase it.

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

The minutes from the Combined Community meeting, Aug. 1, 2012, were read. The statement in the third paragraph regarding sewers going through the floodwall was incorrect. The estimate includes replacing septic fields that would be disrupted by the floodwall, but not sewers.

Robert made a motion to accept the minutes with that change, Brad seconded.

Old Business

Ely Hinkle would like the board to approve alcohol in the park for the benefit concert on Sunday, Aug. 26. We allow alcohol for the festival.

We do allow alcohol at the festival, but we have a licensed caterer and an insurance policy. The board did not feel comfortable giving an exception to the benefit without these safeguards. The board asked that Ely fill out a facilities use form for the pavilion. He does not need to pay, however.

New Business/ Resident Concerns

Robert and Brad attended the Butler Tarkington Neighborhood Association (BTNA) meeting last night. About seventy people attended and they showed overwhelming support for Rocky Ripple. The council put forth a resolution for Rocky Ripple to be included in the flood protection plan and voted unanimously to pass it. The BTNA will have a representative at the Aug. 23 meeting with the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). Community does not stop at the bridge!

A resident expressed concern about unregistered cars in yards. Marshal Kiefer said that he will do a sweep. He will issue citations for the unregistered cars he can see- he can't go on private property to seek them out.

Wright Tree service is trimming trees in the public right of way and picking up brush from the last storm. If you have tree limbs that you need to get rid of, call the Mayors Action Center.

It was asked if anyone has talked to the DPW about the levee? Carla talked to John Oakley at the July meeting. He is supposed to be forwarding her meeting minutes from DPW meetings regarding this. She has not received any yet, however. She will contact him again.

Robert made a motion that at least two members of the board be present for any meetings with the city. Brad seconded the motion and Carla made it unanimous.

It was asked if Rocky Ripple residents need to "behave themselves" at the Aug. 23 meeting with the USACE. Can we bring posters? Robert said that he didn't know if posters would be allowed, but that it wouldn't hurt to bring them. Brad suggested that an even better tactic would be for residents to prepare good questions for the USACE.

Brad presented a resolution similar to that made Feb. 24, 2011, regarding the town board's position on flood protection for Rocky Ripple. It was suggested that Butler University be included, and that the statement regarding blocked egress from Rocky Ripple be changed to include ingress. Carla made a motion to approve the resolution with those changes, and Robert made it unanimous. Brad will update the resolution.

It was asked whether the DPW has said anything about the alternative for flood protection for Rocky Ripple that they have mentioned in the past. Carla said that John Oakley has said that the DPW will not do anything until the USACE has made their final decision. We have been told that there is an alternate plan, but have never seen anything concrete.

It was asked that everyone check with their neighbors to make sure everyone knows about the demonstration on Saturday, Aug. 18, 11am, at Hohlt Park.

Dennis Faulkenberg, a resident of Butler-Tarkington, said that the Marion County Alliance of Neighborhood Associations is meeting Saturday, Aug. 18, at 9am to discuss the canal wall. Someone from Citizens Water will be present. The meeting will be held at the North United Methodist Church, 3808 N. Meridian St. Dennis did not know if the meeting was public. Robert stated that he would attend.

The "Burma Shave" signs have been placed along Westfield Blvd. They look great! Thanks to Kate Bullis and her group for all the hard work.

Marshal's Report

Two weeks ago, Marshal Kiefer lost a communication channel and had to reprogram the VRM (the modem radio hookup to the laptop). The system is ok for now, but is outdated and will not be usable when the switch is made to air cards at the end of this year.

It was asked if Butler can help in an emergency. Yes, but we need to upgrade by the end of the year.

Brad asked that Marshal Kiefer submit his schedule to the board and file weekly reports to the board. It is a liability to both the board and the Marshal when the board doesn't know the schedule. Marshal Kiefer stated that he does mark on and off duty, so someone does know when he's on duty. Brad and the Marshal will get together and work out the details.

Brad made a motion to adjourn at 8:37pm. Robert seconded.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Hurt

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Rocky Ripple Financial Summary										
June 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:		\$ 59,271.88	\$ 7,716.52	\$ 17,990.59	\$ 30,960.91	\$ 12,650.00	\$ 1,898.35	\$ 19.06	\$ (826.00)	
expenses	Routine expenses									
	Utilities, except street lights:	\$ 308.97	\$ 308.97							
	IP&L park pavilion	\$ 11.79								
	IP&L town hall	\$ 38.20								
	IP&L vet's monument	\$ 14.82								
	AT&T, phone & internet	\$ 97.73								
	Citizens Gas, town hall	\$ 42.00								
	Water, town hall	\$ 7.39								
	Water, park	\$ 19.04						\$ 19.04		
	park toilet rental	\$ 78.00							\$ 78.00	
	Payroll	\$ 3,906.23								
	Marshal wages		\$ -							
	*differences in Street commish wages	\$ 2,796.00		\$ 2,796.00						
	amounts applied are Trustee wages*	\$ 600.00	\$ 566.10							
	due to gross/net Clerk-Treasurer wages*	\$ 350.00	\$ 330.23							
	reporting Federal payroll taxes*	\$ 160.23	\$ 72.72							
	differences State taxes*		\$ 141.18							
	Workforce Development		\$ -							
	Other	\$ 1,152.91								
	Bank fees	\$ 16.62	\$ 16.62							
	Street lights	\$ 736.29		\$ 736.29						
	Police car gas	\$ 250.00		\$ 250.00						
	Legal services		\$ -							
	Cleaning service	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00							
	Mowing service		\$ -							
Non-routine Expenses	\$ 140.10									
Office supplies	\$ 29.01	\$ 29.01								
Police supplies (info systems fee)	\$ 69.78	\$ 69.78								
Police training		\$ -				\$ -				
Legal ads		\$ -								
Insurance		\$ -								
Town hall repair & maint. (mowing supplies)	\$ 41.31	\$ 41.31								
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		\$ -								
Total Expenses:		\$ 5,508.21	\$ 1,725.92	\$ 3,782.29	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19.04	\$ 78.00	
Income	Income from State:	\$ 2,354.19								
	LRS	\$ 1,003.99			\$ 1,003.99					
	MVH	\$ 1,143.68		\$ 1,143.68						
	Accelerated MVH1			\$ -						
	Accelerated MVH2			\$ -						
	Cigarette tax	\$ 206.52	\$ 206.52							
	ABC Gallonage		\$ -							
	Income from County:	\$ 15,394.81								
	LOIT	\$ 439.98	\$ 439.98							
	2011 PST makeup		\$ -							
	Public Safety dist.	\$ 792.80	\$ 792.80							
	Court Costs to Municip		\$ -							
	advance dist.		\$ -		\$ -					
	water PILOT	\$ 1,466.30	\$ 1,225.36	\$ 240.94						
	river boat									
	property dist.	\$ 11,839.88	\$ 9,799.10	\$ 2,040.78						
	excise dist.	\$ 855.85	\$ 730.98	\$ 124.87						
	Other:	\$ 416.66								
	Donations	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00						\$ 20.00	
	Repayment, A Jansen		\$ -							
	Town hall use	\$ 290.00	\$ 290.00							
	Pavilion use		\$ -						\$ -	
	Ordinance violations	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00				\$ 100.00			
	Gun permits		\$ -					\$ -		
	Interest	\$ 6.66	\$ 6.66							
Refunds		\$ -								
Total Income:		\$ 18,165.66	\$ 13,611.40	\$ 3,550.27	\$ 1,003.99	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 20.00	\$ -	
Outstanding checks paid	\$ 2,603.86					Total of positive balance funds: \$14,668.37				
Current outstanding checks	\$ 1,728.13					Unrestricted in General Fund: \$ 4,933.63				
Old outstanding checks										
Ending bank balance:		\$ 71,053.60	\$ 19,602.00	\$ 17,758.57	\$ 31,964.90	\$ 12,750.00	\$ 1,898.35	\$ 20.02	\$ (904.00)	

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						Police car	Police Training	Park water	Park toilet
Starting balance:		\$ 71,053.60	\$ 19,602.00	\$ 17,758.57	\$ 31,964.90	\$ 12,750.00	\$ 1,898.35	\$ 20.02	\$ (904.00)
expenses	Routine expenses								
	Utilities, except street lights:	\$ 330.48	\$ 330.48						
	IP&L park pavillion	\$ 11.38							
	IP&L town hall	\$ 45.68							
	IP&L vet's monument	\$ 14.72							
	AT&T, phone & internet	\$ 97.73							
	Citizens Gas, town hall	\$ 42.00							
	Water, town hall	\$ 10.30							
	Water, park	\$ 30.67						\$ 30.67	
	park toilet rental	\$ 78.00							\$ 78.00
	Payroll	\$ 4,286.82							
	Marshal wages	\$ -	\$ -						
	Street commish wages	\$ 3,935.43		\$ 3,935.43					
	Trustee wages								
	Clerk-Treasurer wages								
	Federal payroll taxes*	\$ 340.26	\$ 286.59	\$ 53.67					
	Workforce Development	\$ 11.13	\$ 11.13						
	Other	\$ 2,548.20							
	Bank fees	\$ 16.91	\$ 16.91						
	Street lights	\$ 736.29		\$ 736.29					
	Police car gas	\$ 250.00		\$ 250.00					
	Legal services	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00						
	Cleaning service	\$ -	\$ -						
	Mowing service	\$ 345.00	\$ 345.00						
	Non-routine Expenses	\$ -							
Office supplies	\$ -	\$ -							
Police supplies (info systems fee)	\$ -	\$ -							
Police training	\$ -					\$ -			
Legal ads	\$ -	\$ -							
Insurance	\$ -	\$ -							
Town hall repair & maint. (mowing supplies)	\$ -	\$ -							
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	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -						
Total Expenses:		\$ 7,165.50	\$ 2,190.11	\$ 4,975.39	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30.67	\$ 78.00
Income	Income from State:	\$ 2,601.07							
	LRS	\$ 1,053.54			\$ 1,053.54				
	MVH	\$ 1,265.17		\$ 1,265.17					
	Accelerated MVH1			\$ -					
	Accelerated MVH2			\$ -					
	Cigarette tax	\$ -	\$ -						
	ABC Gallonage	\$ 282.36	\$ 282.36						
	Income from County:	\$ 616.39							
	LOIT	\$ 219.99	\$ 219.99						
	2011 PST makeup	\$ -	\$ -						
	Public Safety dist.	\$ 396.40	\$ 396.40						
	Court Costs to Municip	\$ -	\$ -						
	advance dist.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					
	water PILOT	\$ -	\$ -						
	river boat	\$ -	\$ -						
	property dist.	\$ -	\$ -						
	excise dist.	\$ -	\$ -						
	Other:	\$ 248.47							
	Donations	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00					\$ 40.00	
	Repayment, A Jansen	\$ -	\$ -						
	Town hall use	\$ -	\$ -						
	Pavilion use	\$ -	\$ -						\$ -
	Ordinance violations	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00			\$ 200.00			
	Gun permits	\$ -	\$ -				\$ -		
	Interest	\$ 8.47	\$ 8.47						
Refunds	\$ -	\$ -							
Total Income:		\$ 3,465.93	\$ 1,147.22	\$ 1,265.17	\$ 1,053.54	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 40.00	\$ -
Outstanding checks paid		\$ 1,539.43				Total of positive balance funds: \$ 14,877.70			
Current outstanding checks		\$ 3,917.56				Unrestricted in General Fund: \$ 3,681.41			
Old outstanding checks		\$ 188.70							
Ending bank balance:		\$ 69,543.46	\$ 18,559.11	\$ 14,048.35	\$ 33,018.44	\$ 12,950.00	\$ 1,898.35	\$ 29.35	\$ (982.00)

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Rocky Ripple 2013 Proposed Budget			
		Proposed 2013	
GENERAL FUND- 101		Budget	Total
1	Personal services	Marshal salary	\$22,076
		Clerk-treasurer salary	\$1,400
		Trustee salary	\$2,400
		Federal payroll tax	\$3,127
		Workforce development	\$100
			\$29,103
2	Supplies	Office supplies	\$400
		Town hall supplies	\$500
		Police operating supplies	\$2,050
			\$2,950
3	Other	Professional services:	
		Legal services	\$1,600
		Mowing service	\$3,060
		Cleaning service	\$900
		Police training	\$400
		Clerk-treasurer professional development	\$400
		Communication & transportation:	
		Flyer printing	\$200
		Police info systems	\$450
		Printing & advertising:	
		Legal ads	\$350
		Insurance:	
		General lia, Auto, Workers comp	\$9,000
		Clerk-treasurer bond	\$250
		Utilities:	
		Storm sewer, park toilet	\$740
		Phone, internet	\$1,200
		Power- pavilion, vet's monument, town hall	\$1,305
		Water- park, town hall	\$270
		Gas	\$600
		Repairs & maintenance:	
		Town hall & park maintenance & repair	\$2,000
		Other:	
		Refunds for town hall/ pavilion use	\$200
		Bank fees	\$250
			\$23,175
			General fund total: \$55,228
		Proposed 2013	
MVH FUND- 706		Budget	Total
1	Personal services	Street commissioner salary	\$15,000
			\$15,000
2	Supplies	Operating supplies:	
		Snow plow	\$500
		Police car	\$3,000
		Repair & maintenance supplies:	
		Snow plow maintenance	\$1,000
		Police car maintenance & repair	\$1,000
		Street repair materials	\$500
			\$6,000
3	Other	Professional services:	
		Road salting service	\$7,000
		Snow plowing	\$1,500
		Utilities:	
		street lights	\$9,000
			\$17,500
			MVH fund total: \$38,500
		Proposed 2013	
LRS FUND- 708		Budget	Total
4	Capital outlays	re-surfacing streets	\$11,500
		road equipment repair	\$1,500
			\$13,000
			LRS fund total: \$13,000
		Total 2013 budget: \$106,728	

