

Approved Minutes for the Town of Rocky Ripple Board Meeting, Sept. 11, 2012

Attendees: Robert Tomey, Carla Gaff-Clark, Brad Barcom, Cathy Hurt
The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Meeting minutes

The minutes from the August meeting were read. The following corrections were made:

- Both Brad and Robert attended the BTNA meeting on Aug. 13
- Carla talked to John Oakley of the DPW at the July meeting, but has not been in continuous contact
- Carla did not approve the resolution, she made a motion to do so
- In the eighth paragraph under new business the word “so” was changed to “do”
- Dennis Faulkenberg is a resident of Butler-Tarkington, not on the board of BTNA

Robert made a motion to accept the minutes with those changes, Brad seconded.

Treasurer’s Report

As of August 31, we had \$66,949.66 total in checking and savings. Expenses were \$3,156.76 and income was \$4,405.52. Notable income was \$2,733.08 from the State for accelerated MVH. Also we are now getting the repayments from Ms. Jansen again.

Cathy presented a revised outline for the budget for 2013. It is slightly lower than the one presented last month (\$102,420 vs. \$106,728). We could not justify the higher one with our current level of estimated revenue, which is around \$82,000. This revised budget is the one that was published.

We have not spent any money for Local Roads & Streets this year, and we need to do so or the money may be cut in the future. Riverview Drive between 52nd and 53rd Street needs a topcoat. Robert will get quotes. Also, if LRS money is not used for two years, included towns can move the money to the general fund. Cathy will figure out the amount that can be moved this year.

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

We need to adopt an anti-nepotism policy in order for our budget to be approved. IC 36-1-20.2 prescribes guidelines regarding the employment of relatives by counties, municipalities, and townships as follows:

- Relatives are defined as spouse, parent or stepparent, child or stepchild, sibling or stepsibling, niece or nephew, aunt or uncle, or daughter- or son-in-law
- Relatives may not be employed in positions where one relative in is the direct line of supervision to the other
- There are some exceptions for township trustees who work out of their home, prison matrons, and coroners
- The annual report must include a written statement by elected officers that the statute has not been violated.

Brad made a motion to adopt the anti-nepotism policy according to IC 36-1-20.2. Robert seconded and Carla made it unanimous.

Old Business

Robert will get quotes for topcoating Riverview, as discussed above. Brad made a motion to spend up to \$9000 for the resurfacing. Robert seconded and Carla made it unanimous.

Jon Stohler has done some road patching in the last week. Cathy asked Robert to make sure a bill for materials will be submitted so we can reimburse Jon.

Regarding sewers, Carla talked to some engineers from Citizens and they said we are on the high priority list and due for sewers in 2014 or 2015 if the schedule stays on track. Of 296 high priority projects in the city we are #7. The changeover from the city to Citizens slowed the schedule down.

It was asked if the cost to homeowners would be the same as quoted previously now that Citizens is in charge of the project. Previously we were told that it would be \$2500 each plus the cost to hook up. We need to ask about this.

New Business/ Resident Concerns

Clark Kahlo from Save Our Scenic Central Canal talked about the group and their mission. They believe that elements of the Art2Art plan would affect wildlife habitat and the natural beauty of the historic Central Canal. Furthermore, they are worried about the resulting traffic if the canal became a destination, the potential for vandalism and lack of maintenance for the art projects, and “intrusive public art”. If you are interested in finding out more, their website is SaveCentralCanal.wordpress.com.

Is there an update regarding the canal wall?

Not much is happening now- we are in the comment period which ends September 28. Broad Ripple Village has said that they will oppose the canal wall, but they have not made a formal resolution yet. They want flood protection, but they want it done right. If they do pass a resolution they will be an important ally for Rocky Ripple.

We need to keep the momentum going! Harriet Lowe has been updating the Facebook page, but she can't keep things going by herself. She asked the board to send out emails reminding people to write letters. Brad said that the board will do so, but that we also don't want to wear people out. Cathy said that she will update RockyRipple.com.

Carla is trying to set up meetings with Andre Carson and Ed Delaney.

Harriet would like the board to share what they are doing- to make more noise and show people that they are working hard on this issue. She also stated that we need to watch our semantics- we don't want to be included in flood protection at the cost of peoples' homes.

Robert stated that the board has talked about the need to stay focused on the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) plan and to present a united front. It has always been the plan to save everyone's home. We would like to convince the USACE to do a plan such as that presented in 1996, where no inhabited structures would need to be taken. The city has talked about a plan to restore the levee to its original state, but this plan will affect houses that are built into the levee.

We will not get any feedback from the USACE until after the comment period.

The fund raising event for Emily Whitten raised over \$5,000!

We need to mow the levee behind the town hall.

Brad made a motion to adjourn at 8:50pm. Robert seconded.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Hurt

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

Rocky Ripple Financial Summary									
August 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:		\$ 69,543.46	\$ 18,559.11	\$ 14,048.35	\$ 33,018.44	\$ 12,950.00	\$ 1,898.35	\$ 29.35	\$ (982.00)
expenses	Routine expenses								
	Utilities, except street lights:	\$ 424.55	\$ 424.55						
	IP&L park pavillion	\$ 11.38							
	IP&L town hall	\$ 38.36							
	IP&L vet's monument	\$ 15.34							
	AT&T, phone & internet	\$ 98.46							
	Citizens Gas, town hall	\$ 42.00							
	Water, town hall	\$ 13.21							
	Water, park	\$ 127.80						\$ 127.80	
	park toilet rental	\$ 78.00							\$ 78.00
	Payroll	\$ 1,870.47							
	Marshal wages	\$ -	\$ -						
	Street commish wages	\$ 1,656.57		\$ 1,656.57					
	Trustee wages								
	Clerk-Treasurer wages								
	Federal payroll taxes	\$ 213.90	\$ 213.90						
	Workforce Development	\$ -	\$ -						
	Other	\$ 826.85							
	Bank fees	\$ 15.56	\$ 15.56						
	Street lights	\$ 736.29		\$ 736.29					
	Police car gas			\$ -					
	Legal services		\$ -						
	Cleaning service	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00						
	Mowing service		\$ -						
	Non-routine Expenses	\$ 34.89							
Office supplies	\$ -	\$ -							
Police supplies (info systems fee)	\$ 34.89	\$ 34.89							
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:		\$ 3,156.76	\$ 763.90	\$ 2,392.86	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 127.80	\$ 78.00
Income	Income from State:	\$ 3,280.45							
	LRS	\$ 257.93			\$ 257.93				
	MVH	\$ 289.44		\$ 289.44					
	Accelerated MVH1	\$ 2,046.07		\$ 2,046.07					
	Accelerated MVH2	\$ 687.01		\$ 687.01					
	Cigarette tax	\$ -	\$ -						
	ABC Gallonage	\$ -	\$ -						
	Income from County:	\$ 556.63							
	LOIT	\$ 220.05	\$ 220.05						
	2011 PST makeup	\$ -	\$ -						
	Public Safety dist.	\$ 336.58	\$ 336.58						
	Court Costs to Municip	\$ -	\$ -						
	advance dist.	\$ -	\$ -						
	water PILOT	\$ -	\$ -						
	river boat	\$ -	\$ -						
	property dist.	\$ -	\$ -						
	excise dist.	\$ -	\$ -						
	Other:	\$ 568.44							
	Donations	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00					\$ 20.00	
	Repayment, A Jansen	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00						
	Town hall use	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00						
	Pavilion use	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00						\$ 50.00
	Ordinance violations	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00				\$ 300.00		
	Gun permits	\$ -	\$ -					\$ -	
	Interest	\$ 8.44	\$ 8.44						
Refunds	\$ -	\$ -							
Total Income:		\$ 4,405.52	\$ 1,125.07	\$ 3,022.52	\$ 257.93	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ 20.00	\$ 50.00
Outstanding checks paid		\$ 3,917.56				Total of positive balance funds: \$ 15,069.90			
Current outstanding checks		\$ 75.00				Unrestricted in General Fund: \$ 3,850.38			
Old outstanding checks									
Ending bank balance:		\$ 66,949.66	\$ 18,920.28	\$ 14,678.01	\$ 33,276.37	\$ 13,250.00	\$ 1,898.35	\$ (78.45)	\$ (1,010.00)

