

Approved Minutes for the Town of Rocky Ripple Board Meeting, Dec. 13, 2011

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

Treasurer's Report

As of November 30, we had \$62,465.17 total in checking and savings. November expenses were \$6,694.53 and income was \$3,631.50. A copy of the financial summary that was handed out to board members is attached to this report. A copy of the financial summary for October was also handed out, as there was no November meeting, and will also be attached to this report.

Robert has still not gotten a response from Gardens of Growth regarding the mowing bill. We received an additional bill from them for mowing in November. It will not be paid until the overpayment for August is resolved.

Angela made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, Robert seconded.

Cathy asked whether we should remove the park toilet for the winter. Yes.

The audit report from the State Board of Accounts has been released. It can be viewed online at IN.gov/SBOA. It will be discussed at the January meeting.

It was asked if we are due for a property tax payment. Yes we are. It was requested that Cathy notify the board members with the amount when it is received.

Meeting minutes

The minutes from the October meeting were read. The last sentence should be changed to reflect the fact that the city can take over the land if 41% of homes are damaged by a flood.

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

The minutes from the Nov. 1, 2011 budget adoption meeting were read. Angela made a motion to accept them as written, Robert seconded.

There was no November meeting, as it conflicted with election day.

Citizen Concerns

Terry Wilson and her daughter Charmaine are missing a chocolate cocker spaniel. The dog was reported seen in Rocky Ripple. Please keep an eye out and call 717-5677 or 724-3789 if you see the dog.

Marilynn Hunter said that she may have seen the dog. Susie, who lives on the corner of Riverview and 52nd street, may have taken him in.

There will be a gathering at Pinecone Center, 841 W. 53rd, immediately after the meeting to say thank you to Angela Herrmann for her service on the board.

The Pinecone Center will open Jan. 9, and will offer classes in yoga and belly dancing. Rocky Ripple residents will get a discount. Class offerings will expand in the future, and schedules will be firmed up.

The soft opening for the center is New Years eve, and they would like to serve alcohol. There was some discussion regarding the need for a permit.

Is it ok for people using the Pinecone Center to park in the parking spaces at Hohlt park? Yes, as long as it's within the dawn to dusk park hours.

It was asked whether we could expand that for the center since it gets dark so early in the winter. No. If we did, we would have to allow it for everyone and that would make it hard to enforce park hours. People can park at the town hall after dusk.

Town Business

Some of the town streets need repair. 52nd Street and Crown are especially bad. Robert will talk to Jon Stohler.

The photo signs at the entrances to Rocky Ripple are getting old and faded. Carla said that she would get quotes for repair. Robert made a motion for her to do so, Angela seconded.

Regarding the vacation of Riverview Drive at the 4900 end, a letter was written to Robert stating that the Andersons no longer consent to the agreement of March 2010, and that they will remove the fence posts and gates on the easement property. The letter was addressed to Robert, but he did not see the letter until Marshall Kiefer showed him a copy.

We need to get Mr. Elrod involved in this again.

Robert made a motion that the Andersons move their house out of the easement. The motion was not seconded.

It was asked what the consequences would be if Rocky Ripple just ignored this issue. Rocky Ripple could potentially lose the land.

Regarding chickens in Rocky Ripple, April would have been the decision date to review the one year trial that allowed people to keep chickens. One complaint was received during the trial period.

Angela made a motion to allow people in Rocky Ripple to keep up to 4 hens. Roosters are prohibited. The coop must be at least 50' from any neighbor's house. The coop may be closer if permission is granted by the neighbor. (See full guidelines in the April 2009 minutes.)

We can leave this as an open trial, and revisit it when we update our ordinances, or if there are complaints. Robert seconded, and the motion was passed.

Regarding the river wall, Robert stated that the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is putting together a plan that is due around Dec. 30. He is not sure what it will entail. They would like to include us but cost is a big factor and federal funding is not available.

The city of Indianapolis has allocated 6.5 million dollars (not to exceed 10 million) for flood protection for Rocky Ripple. They are looking at several plans offering a "moderate" level of protection. There will be comment periods on everything. The city's plan would be separate from that of the USACE at this point. Robert thanked Bart Herriman, Dennis Faulkenberg, and Neil Bloede, who have been leaders in the effort to locate the flood protection wall on the river.

Greg Goodrich thanked the board for all their work on the river wall issue. Robert stated that the work he did was built on past efforts, and that the letters written by Rocky Ripple residents were crucial to making ourselves heard.

Marshal's Report

Marshal Kiefer issued 5 tickets for speeding, 1 for parking, and 2 for animals at large.

There was a burglary in the 5200 block of Riverview. A door was broken open, but nothing was taken.

There was a report of vandalism in a vacant house in the 5300 block of Clarendon.

Marshal Kiefer responded to a domestic disturbance.

The manufacturer of the police radio system will no longer support it in 2012. We will need to upgrade. Carla will see about getting a grant.

Angela made a motion to adjourn at 8:40pm. Robert seconded.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Hurt

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

Rocky Ripple Financial Summary									
Oct. 2011									
		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:		\$ 65,965.81	\$ 28,398.13	\$ 11,379.57	\$ 22,127.74	\$ 11,350.00	\$ 1,899.82	\$ (22.61)	\$ (551.00)
expenses	Routine expenses								
	Utilities, except street lights:	\$ 312.79	\$ 312.79						
	IP&L park pavillion	\$ 15.69							
	IP&L town hall	\$ 48.72							
	IP&L vet's monument	\$ 17.17							
	AT&T, phone & internet	\$ 91.91							
	Citizens Gas, town hall	\$ 51.00							
	Water, town hall	\$ 10.30							
	Water, park	*18.79 CR*						*18.79 CR*	
	park toilet rental	\$ 78.00							\$ 78.00
	Payroll	\$ 3,081.34							
	Marshal wages	\$ -	\$ -						
	Street commish wages	\$ 2,237.58		\$ 2,237.58					
	Trustee wages	\$ -	\$ -						
	Clerk-Treasurer wages	\$ -	\$ -						
	Federal payroll taxes	\$ 702.77	\$ 702.77						
	State payroll taxes	\$ 135.62	\$ 135.62						
	Workforce Development	\$ 5.37	\$ 5.37						
	Other	\$ 1,101.91							
	Bank fees	\$ 40.62	\$ 40.62						
	Street lights	\$ 736.29		\$ 736.29					
	Police car gas	\$ 250.00		\$ 250.00					
	Legal services	\$ -	\$ -						
	Cleaning service	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00						
	Mowing service	\$ -	\$ -						
Non-routine Expenses	\$ 770.24								
Office supplies									
Police supplies (taser batt. & cart.)	\$ 86.46	\$ 86.46							
Police training		\$ -				\$ -			
Legal ads	\$ 111.00	\$ 111.00							
park maintenance (tree removal)	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00							
Town hall repair materials	\$ 82.28	\$ 82.28							
Refunds for town hall use	\$ -	\$ -							
clerk-treasurer school/ ILMCT dues	\$ -	\$ -							
snow plowing			\$ -						
snow plow gas			\$ -						
snow plow repair				\$ -					
vehicle maintenance (police car)			\$ -						
street repair materials			\$ -						
Road salt service			\$ -						
Stormwater Fees	\$ 40.50	\$ 40.50							
Total Expenses:		\$ 5,266.28	\$ 2,042.41	\$ 3,223.87	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 78.00
Income	Income from State:	\$ 2,942.24							
	LRS	\$ 1,126.32			\$ 1,126.32				
	MVH	\$ 1,441.03		\$ 1,441.03					
	Accelerated MVH1			\$ -					
	Accelerated MVH2			\$ -					
	Cigarette tax		\$ -						
	ABC Gallonage	\$ 374.89	\$ 374.89						
	Income from County:	\$ 5,043.72							
	LOIT	\$ 256.00	\$ 256.00						
	LOIT special distribution		\$ -						
	Public Safety dist.	\$ 332.00		\$ 332.00					
	Court Costs to Municip		\$ -						
	advance dist.		\$ -	\$ -					
	water PILOT								
	river boat	\$ 4,455.72	\$ 4,455.72						
	property dist.								
	excise dist.								
	Other:	\$ 589.31							
	Donations	\$ -	\$ -						\$ -
	Repayment, A Jansen	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00						
	Town hall use	\$ 131.00	\$ 131.00						
	Pavilion use	\$ -	\$ -						\$ -
	Ordinance violations	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00			\$ 300.00			
	Gun permits	\$ -	\$ -				\$ -		
	Interest	\$ 8.31	\$ 8.31						
Refunds	\$ -	\$ -							
Total Income:		\$ 8,575.27	\$ 5,675.92	\$ 1,773.03	\$ 1,126.32	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Outstanding checks paid	\$ 4,060.37					Total of positive balance funds: \$ 13,527.21			
Current outstanding checks	\$ 2,358.42					Unrestricted in General Fund: \$ 18,504.43			
Old outstanding checks									
Ending bank balance:		\$ 67,572.85	\$ 32,031.64	\$ 9,928.73	\$ 23,254.06	\$ 11,650.00	\$ 1,899.82	\$ (22.61)	\$ (629.00)

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expenses	Routine expenses									
	Utilities, except street lights:	\$ 310.27	\$ 310.27							
	IP&L park pavillion	\$ 17.04								
	IP&L town hall	\$ 44.88								
	IP&L vet's monument	\$ 17.05								
	AT&T, phone & internet	\$ 92.00								
	Citizens Gas, town hall	\$ 51.00								
	Water, town hall	\$ 10.30								
	Water, park	*5.58 CR*							*5.58 CR*	
	park toilet rental	\$ 78.00							\$ 78.00	
	Payroll	\$ 3,305.64	\$ 2,237.58							
	Marshal wages	\$ 2,237.58	\$ 2,237.58							
	Street commish wages			\$ -						
	Trustee wages			\$ -						
	Clerk-Treasurer wages			\$ -						
	Federal payroll taxes	\$ 864.63	\$ 864.63							
	State payroll taxes	\$ 203.43	\$ 203.43							
	Workforce Development			\$ -						
	Other	\$ 1,802.55								
	Bank fees	\$ 16.26	\$ 16.26							
	Street lights	\$ 736.29		\$ 736.29						
	Police car gas	\$ 250.00		\$ 250.00						
	Legal services	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00							
	Cleaning service		\$ -							
	Mowing service		\$ -							
	Non-routine Expenses	\$ 1,276.07								
	Office supplies	\$ 116.10	\$ 116.10							
	Police supplies (AED battery & pads)	\$ 788.00	\$ 788.00							
	Police training (Lexis Nexis)	\$ 51.47	\$ 51.47				\$ 51.47			
	Legal ads									
Insurance (Clerk Treasurer bond)	\$ 235.00	\$ 235.00								
Town hall repair materials		\$ -								
Refunds for town hall use		\$ -								
clerk-treasurer school/ ILMCT dues		\$ -								
snow plowing			\$ -							
snow plow gas	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00							
snow plow repair				\$ -						
vehicle maintenance (truck)	\$ 35.50		\$ 35.50							
street repair materials			\$ -							
Road salt service			\$ -							
Stormwater Fees		\$ -								
	Total Expenses:	\$ 6,694.53	\$ 5,622.74	\$ 1,071.79	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 51.47	\$ -	\$ 78.00	
Income	Income from State:	\$ 2,496.52								
	LRS	\$ 1,044.66			\$ 1,044.66					
	MVH	\$ 1,451.86		\$ 1,451.86						
	Accelerated MVH1			\$ -						
	Accelerated MVH2			\$ -						
	Cigarette tax		\$ -							
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	advance dist.		\$ -		\$ -					
	water PILOT									
	river boat		\$ -							
	property dist.									
	excise dist.									
	Other:	\$ 546.98								
	Donations	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00						\$ 40.00	
	Repayment, A Jansen		\$ -							
Town hall use	\$ 124.00	\$ 124.00								
Pavilion use		\$ -						\$ -		
Ordinance violations	\$ 325.00	\$ 325.00			\$ 325.00					
Gun permits	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00				\$ 50.00				
Interest	\$ 7.98	\$ 7.98								
Refunds		\$ -								
	Total Income:	\$ 3,631.50	\$ 802.98	\$ 1,783.86	\$ 1,044.66	\$ 325.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 40.00	\$ -	
	Outstanding checks paid	\$ 2,358.42				Total of positive balance funds: \$ 13,890.74				
	Current outstanding checks	\$ 313.77				Unrestricted in General Fund: \$ 13,321.14				
	Old outstanding checks									
	Ending bank balance:	\$ 62,465.17	\$ 27,211.88	\$ 10,640.80	\$ 24,298.72	\$ 11,975.00	\$ 1,898.35	\$ 17.39	\$ (707.00)	