

**TOWN OF ROCKY RIPPLE
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF 13-JUN-2017**

Town Council Members/Support personnel in attendance were:

Carla Gaff-Clark
Mandy Redmond
Mike Kiefer

Carla called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. Meeting agenda was distributed.

Carla stated that Jill was sick and Kandy was out of town. Carla called for the minutes and financial report to be read.

Mandy presented May meeting minutes and May financial report provided by clerk/treasurer Kandy Kendall for approval, as she was unable to attend this meeting. Mandy made a motion to accept the May minutes as written. Carla seconded. Financial report was reviewed. It was noted that we have not yet paid for the paving recently completed. Mandy made a motion to accept financial report; Carla seconded.

NEW BUSINESS

Carla stated that she was going to introduce Joel Smith, new city liaison, but Joel was not present. Carla provided his contact info. Carla stated that Joel is supposed to provide us with a Citizens Energy contact name that we can coordinate with for Canal Blvd. road repairs.

Two new donated chairs showed up on the town hall porch – thanks to whoever donated them. They will be brought inside and used.

A travelling art exhibition was placed behind town hall. Was done by a foundation associated with Reconnect with Waterways. More research is required to find out what kind of projects they do and how the town and/or RRCA can interface with them. They will have a presentation tomorrow at 2 pm that both Carla and Tamara Carr will attend. Tamara will provide update on the organization's goals and what they are doing at later date.

OLD BUSINESS

FLOOD PROTECTION

Flood rendering meeting was held last week. We have the posters from the meeting that Mandy will put up at the town hall and will be available for residents to view. We will schedule some info sharing open houses for residents at a later date. Floodwall protection survey was distributed at rendering meeting and copies were passed out at the meeting. Mandy stated that all residences will receive hard copies.

Per Mandy, 20 completed surveys have been received to date. Board members encouraged those present to spread the word that residents and home owners need to complete the survey. The survey will be posted online and Mandy will maintain spreadsheet so we know who we have heard from. Ongoing

efforts will be made by Town Board to ensure all voices are heard and that residents understand potential projects and what options there are.

Per Carla next step is soil borings by AECOM engineering firm. Town Board will be obtaining right of way (ROW) agreements from affected residents. Target date for ROWs is July with borings to be completed in August or September, with results available by the end of the year.

In the meantime town board will gather surveys and opinions. Everything is on the table; this is a local project for which we have a lot of control. Bring your ideas of what should be done and other projects that we may learn from. We are looking for ideas to save houses. Money will be solicited from the state legislators, as well as from Butler University. Specifics for how much will be determined once it is decided what will be done. We are all in this together. Some options will cost more, but may save homes. Rendering meeting was a start; more public meetings will be held to discuss what should/will happen.

John Volk from AECOM is into creative ideas, per Carla. He has stated repeatedly that his goal is to leave as small of a footprint as possible.

Carla will try to get another informational exchange meeting together within the next two weeks, as residents along the river have questions and we can discuss this further. Need answers to questions such as what is the process for buying out houses, ability to build within the town after a floodwall is installed, etc. Per Whit Overstreet and Carla, if you elevate your structure and you conform to current standards, it does not count toward the 50% improvement limitation currently in effect for Rocky Ripple since we are in a floodway. This 50% limit is applicable only to non-conforming structures. Mandy suggested getting the appropriate DPW people to a town meeting to answer these types of questions.

Stage in Hohlt Park: Julie stated John has been working on drawings. If town board wants more info, they need to call him. Carla stated she would call him.

Roads/Paving: INDOT latest grant application process opened up June 5th. Mike has contacted two contractors so far to provide estimates. Mike has prioritized areas that need repaving and stated that we need for Butler to kick in on 52nd Street and Clarendon Road. The state will contribute 75% to our 25%, a larger amount than last year's grant. A letter from town council needs to be completed for the submission. Carla will provide this after Mike provides list of streets to be repaved this year. We will ask Butler and Citizens Energy to assist by matching funding for the 25% we will have to provide. It was mentioned that White Pine Academy damages Sunny Meade Lane with the large trucks that come in and drop off logs at White Pine and that it be requested that they contribute to road repair. It was suggested that the topic be discussed with owner Maureen Dobie and Matt Sholl (sp?) of White Pine. Every foot of road costs approximately \$20 to repair.

Town Hall Maintenance: Per Mike Kiefer, AC condenser fan motor at town hall is acting up. Mike requested that we have a service check performed on it before the condenser gets burned up. Mandy made a motion to spend up to \$500 for a service call to troubleshoot/repair the unit. Carla seconded.

RREM: no updates.

RRCA: Great garage sale – Mandy stated that at least 15 households participated by having sales. Thanks to neighbors that provided donations to RRCA sale. We were able to cover all advertising and contribute about \$100 to RRCA.

Marshal Report: Speed hump discussion – had concern by email that they were not visible. Current humps have been on Lester for about 25 years. It was agreed that Marshal Mike will purchase road paint and paint the humps. Tamara Carr mentioned that people are speeding at high rates on 53rd street with children present. Someone suggested putting a stop sign on Lester and 53rd. Mandy suggested help for Marshal Mike to provide additional patrols to issue speeding tickets. This would deter the speeding. Marshal Mike stated he would look to see if we had any signs such as “Children Playing” that we could put up to get people to pay attention and slow down.

Motion made by Mandy to end meeting; seconded by Carla. Carla thanked everyone for being at the meeting at 8:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Mandy Redmond