

**TOWN OF ROCKY RIPPLE
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF 10-MAY-2015**

Town Council Members/Support personnel in attendance were:

Carla Gaff-Clark
Mandy Redmond
Mike Kiefer

Carla called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m. Meeting agenda was distributed. Carla reviewed meeting minutes and accepted them as written. Carla made a motion to accept. Mandy seconded. Mandy stated that meeting minutes will be posted on the town's website next week, as well as the minutes from the February and March meetings.

Old Business

Carla stated that we have been working to catch up financially. There is no financial report for this month. Mandy stated that we appointed a clerk/treasurer in March that found the duties were too large of a conflict for his other activities, so we are now searching for a new clerk/treasurer. Mandy asked for the town's assistance in finding an appropriate candidate for the clerk position. The board is looking for a candidate that understands the duties, since there are clerical record keeping aspects that must be maintained. Carla stated that the town council members are putting in place measures that will make duties easier for the clerk/treasurer, such as hiring a payroll processing firm to handle payroll and tax withholding duties. Mandy made a motion to set up the town's utility bills on autopay. Carla seconded. The motion was passed.

Mandy is researching payroll services and will provide costs and a recommendation at next meeting. Carla stated are still working to catch up in order to provide financial reports as part of the monthly meetings. All normal bill payments are now current and there are adequate funds in the town's accounts. There are a series of forms that need to be caught on for various tax and state audit requirements. Mandy stated that we should be fully caught up with this within the next month or two. But then the budgeting process for 2016 begins and we will need to get that together.

Carla stated that we are forming two committees to address flood control/levee issues. One will focus on actual repair of the existing levee. The second committee will focus on the educational/communication aspects of the proposed Westbank floodwall city initiative. Both committees will involve research activities and presentations to the Town Board before proceeding. Carla circulated sign-up sheets for the committees.

Carla signed off on approval of the easement/zoning document for the Riverview/49th area on behalf of the Town Council. This has been signed and notarized and is attached to these minutes. This had been pending for as many years as Carla has been on the town council. The issue is now resolved and can be closed.

Town Hall Keys: Town road commissioner/marshal Mike Kiefer was unable to use the town's Lowe's credit card to purchase supplies for adding locks/possible key replacements. Town Council agreed that we need to understand costs associated with this against benefits. The need for such will continue to be researched by Mike. We have had things disappear from the town hall, including part of the town's riding lawn mower. The piece removed from the mower was the piece that allowed people to ride on it. Mandy stated that she had spoken to Lowe's about the account and Lowe's was unable to find the account number or comment on what needed to be done to reactivate the card. Mandy will call Lowe's national to find out and will make sure Mike's name is spelled correctly. Carla stated we will need this in winter when salt is needed for the roads.

Park Updates: Mandy ordered the Port O Let and it was installed in late April. They will be there to service it weekly until the end of the season in October; town residents are encouraged to keep an eye on it and let the Town Council know of issues. Cost of the Port O Let is \$90 per month. Mike asked if we purchased the insurance on it. Mandy stated no, as that is an extra \$15 per month. Mowing: Mandy spoke to the same contractor that was used last year to mow town parks and around the town hall and advised them we wish to continue with their services. This is the service that Robert sourced for us last season and they have done a good job and not increased their rates since last season, which are very reasonable. They will perform the mowings as needed. Town Councilors discussed the possibility of having volunteers share in the mowing duties as we have done in the past. Councilors agreed to pursue this option in addition to the mowing service. It was suggested that volunteers could take on smaller areas and keep the service for mowing Hohlt Park.

Town Attorney: Carla has researched finding a new attorney for the town and stated that she has narrowed it down to two interested candidates. She will interview them, share info with Mandy, and we will have an appointment by next meeting. Carla noted we have a strong candidate from a major firm who would be willing to do pro bono work for the town in addition to the minimal salary the town pays. Another candidate is in private practice, so Carla is concerned that he would be able to give the town the time and service needed for the cost.

Finding a clerk/treasurer will assist town councilors to be able to focus on other issues, as Carla and Mandy have been spending large amounts of time catching up. Carla noted that we need a third councilor as it appeared that Robert resigned at the last meeting. A letter of resignation from Robert has not been submitted to the election board so a new person cannot be appointed by the Republicans until this is done.

Mandy provided an update on the Town Council sponsored brainstorming session that was held on May 2, 2015 regarding the canal westbank project and levee repair. Approximately 20 residents attended. Two committees were formed to serve as advisors to the Town Council with regard to levee repair and the canal westbank floodwall project. One committee will focus on repair options for the existing levee on the river. The other will develop plans for action to keep the proposed westbank floodwall from affecting homes along the canal and walling Rocky Ripple in, should a major flood ever occur. Ongoing meeting schedules for the two committees are under development and will be shared when available. Mandy thanked the residents that participated in the initial information exchange for their feedback and support. Residents present questioned past city letters stating city is responsible for the existing levee. Per Mandy and

Carla, DPW has stated that the levee is the town of Rocky Ripple's responsibility for the past 20 years, but that past published documents will be used during discussions with city on this topic. Dick Lowe stated that we need to take the advice of the previous levee committee. Mandy requested info from anyone that has it; she will compile it to make it available for everyone. Marilynn Hunter offered to provide info she has. It was discussed that rodent holes and making the top sand-bagable are things that can be done without much fanfare and should be tackled first. The committee that we establish needs to be a group that river dwellers can go to for assistance in maintaining their part of the levee. Communication meeting will get going with a Thursday meeting once or twice a month. Mandy linked Dick Lowe's river levee info page to town's FB page so it is there for all to see. Dan Axler has posted historical info there. Dan Axler has also been working to clear levee behind town hall. Carla and Mandy recognized him for this effort.

Community Concerns: A resident asked what the procedure is for chuckhole repairs. Carla explained that Jon Stohler has been patching them and that this is all we are able to do at this time. It is planned that all streets will be repaved as part of the city sewer project. Resident requested repair of chuckhole on Canal Blvd. Carla stated that town council will ask him to do the one at 54th and Canal Blvd. Also per Carolyn Webster, Karstedt needs help. Marshal Mike says this is lower priority than some other streets because there is not much traffic on it.

Car speeds along the Canal was brought up as an issue. The speed limit there is already posted as 15 mph. A resident asked who is responsible for upkeep of Canal Blvd. Per Marshal Mike, we own pavement; citizens owns underneath that and we can't do anything in terms of reinforcement without their permission. We can patch the top. We can try calling Citizens for help with this. Speed bumps were asked about and Marshal Mike stated this could not be done on Canal Blvd. Dick Lowe suggested putting large ropes across the road as they do in Mexico. Marshal Mike stated this would be dangerous and a liability for bicyclists and walkers that use the canal path. This would be the same issue with speed bumps.

A resident asked about the schedule for sewer installation in the neighborhood. Mandy stated this is on her list of things to check on with the city. Carolyn Webster stated that she had asked about this while she was pursuing her building permit and was told Rocky Ripple is not on the list. Mandy stated she would like to get the city to come to a town board meeting and explain what is going on with sewers and storm water management to explain what are those charges they are raising and what they do for us. Carla stated she would try to get this scheduled for June meeting.

Mike Mooney asked if we could lower speed limits in town. Mandy stated we already have lower speed limits on Canal and Lester. Marshal Mike suggested getting the speed limit on Canal Blvd. posted. He will look into doing this.

Dhyana Raynor stated that the annual Rocky Ripple festival is coming in Sept. We had lost our sound guy, but now have two people stepping in. Need additional volunteers. Date is Sep 26. Dhyana is coordinated; contact her to volunteer.

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Town Marshal Report: Marshal Mike stated that there was one battery arrest for the past month in the 5300 block of Byram. Marshal Mike requested access to post things on town web page. Mandy stated she has been working with Cathy to get this for herself but so far we have not figured out how to establish access for additional personnel with current software used. Mandy stated that we do have the town's Facebook page, on which Mike can post comments. Butler soccer camps start 1st week in June. Resident questioned Booty Run letter received. The Butler Booty Run Bicycle Race will be held on June 26th and traffic in and out of Rocky Ripple will be affected. Marshal Mike will work with the event coordinators of the race to ensure residents will be able to enter and leave the neighborhood during this 24 hour time period.

Mary Chalmers, City of Indianapolis neighborhood liaison introduced herself and stated to call or email with questions or concerns. Carla asked her to check on sewers. She agreed to follow up. Her phone number is 317-833-4530.

Councilors expressed their gratitude for the residents present, as their input and support is critical. Motion made by Mandy to end meeting; seconded by Carla. Carla thanked everyone for being at the meeting at 8:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted by


Mandy Redmond

QUITCLAIM DEED

THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH, that the **Town of Rocky Ripple**, a town located within Marion County, Indiana, by its duly appointed agent (**GRANTOR**)

QUITCLAIMS TO: Jon Stohler, an individual, (GRANTEE)

For the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) and other valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the following described Real Estate in **Marion County**, in the **State of Indiana**, to-wit:

Part of the Southwest Quarter of Section 11, Township 16 North, Range 3 East of the Second Principal Meridian, all being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Lot 60; thence North 90 Degrees 00 Minutes 00 Seconds East along the Easterly Extension of the North Line thereof a distance of 25.00 feet to the East Line of the Vacated Riverview Drive and the East Line of Claypool-Ross Riverview Addition; thence South 00 Degrees 00 Minutes 00 Seconds West (assumed basis of bearings) along said East Line a distance of 244.30 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence North 00 Degrees 00 Minutes 00 Seconds East along the East Line of Vacated Riverview Drive a distance of 34.24 feet; thence North 87 Degrees 10 Minutes 02 Seconds East a distance of 50.63 feet to a fence corner on the East Line of the Real Estate described in a deed from Butler University to the Town of Rocky Ripple (recorded as Instrument Number 2003-0038420); thence south 03 Degrees 26 Minutes 50 Seconds East along said fence line and along said East Line a distance of 36.81 feet to a point on a line bearing North 90 Degrees 00 Minutes 00 Seconds East from the Point of Beginning; thence South 90 Degrees 00 Minutes 00 Seconds West a distance of 52.78 Feet to the Point of Beginning. Containing 1,835 square feet.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the **Town of Rocky Ripple**, a town located within Marion County, Indiana, by its duly appointed agent, has executed this deed this 12 day of May, 2015.

"GRANTOR"

Town of Rocky Ripple

Carla Gaff-Clark
Signature

Carla Gaff-Clark
Printed

Co-President, Rocky Ripple
Title

Date: 5/12/2015
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STATE OF INDIANA)
)SS:
COUNTY OF MARION)

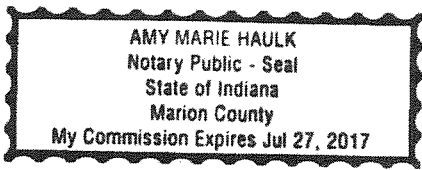
Before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Carla Gaff-Clark, the duly appointed agent of the Grantor, the **Town of Rocky Ripple**, an incorporated town within Marion County, Indiana, and acknowledged the execution of the foregoing deed on this 12 day of May, 2015.

Amy Marie Haulk
- Notary Public

Amy Marie Haulk
PRINTED SIGNATURE

Commission Expires:
Residence: Marion County, Indiana

William W. Gooden
I affirm, under the penalties of perjury that I have taken reasonable care to redact each Social Security Number in this document, unless otherwise required by law.



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