

Rocky Ripple Town Council Meeting
October 1, 2016

Rocky Ripple Town Board Chair, Carla Gaff Clark called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. Also in attendance were town board members Mandy Redmond, Jill Morris and clerk-treasurer, Kandy Kendall.

Secretary Report

Mandy moved the minutes be accepted with changes and Jill seconded. All were in favor. The secretary 's report was accepted with corrections.

Kandy asked if there was a contract signed with the town's attorney, Felicia Locke. Carla said there was not, we only have a curriculum vita for her. Additionally, Kandy presented a signature page with date for the Town's ordinances, which was then signed and dated by the Board. Kandy asked if the November meeting would be changed due to it is election night. It was agreed to hold November's meeting on the first at 7:30.

Treasurer Report

Kandy presented the treasurer's report and indicated that there had been an error on PAYCHEX quarterly checks and that they had given the clerk treasurer \$1050. After many conversations, it was corrected with the offer to drop the monthly invoice charge; which also had been charged twice in error. Kandy indicated the invoice credit would appear on November's statement. The treasurer report was reviewed and Mandy made a motion to accept. Jill seconded it and all were in favor. Kandy asked for an adoption of the 2017 town budget set at \$109,410.00. Mandy moved to adopt the 2017 budget and Jill seconded. All were in favor.

Kandy inquired as to the rental fee for chairs and tables from the town hall. Mandy said there was nothing in writing at this point but from now on the price would be \$1.00 per chair and \$10.00 per table.

Carla said the board has gotten the paperwork to appeal the taxing levee to ask for more property taxes to come back to the Town.

Old Business

INDOT Grant

Kandy reported that she only needed someone on the Board to sign off on the contract. Once INDOT receives the signed contract from us, it will then go to the attorney's general office for signature and within six weeks, we will be ready to receive our grant money.

Carla said we have not yet asked for the current pledges from citizens because it needs to appear in the E-News letter first. It was noted that we will be taking pledges of money for road repairs for next year's grant application as well.

Marshal Mike said the paving contractor will be doing a patch and pave over on Crown Street even though the grant had asked for a concrete patch. At the meeting with INDOT September 15th, Mike asked if it was ok to change this part of the work to be done and he was given the ok to proceed with the patch and pave over. Paving should begin in a few weeks.

Mandy will put the streets to be repaired in the E-News and asked Kandy to send her the streets involved. Kandy will send to Mandy tomorrow.

Hohlt Park Stage

John Bleakley discussed the model he had built and had available for viewing at the festival. John indicated he will be working on the drawings over the winter that will be needed to apply for permits. The costs will also be reviewed and adjusted as well to reflect a more accurate report.

Mandy said that everyone she talked with at the festival liked the idea of a stage in the park. Carla said the Hohlt family who donated \$10,000 for park equipment, were in agreement that the money could be used for this project. Mandy suggested we document the plan for the park stage so there was a clear understanding of what was being proposed and in twenty years someone would be able to come along and see why and how the stage came to fruition.

Julie Bleakley reported that at the festival they had a sign up sheet for people interested in coordinating and building the stage.

John said he envisioned theater, dance, and all sorts of things. It will not be over amplified and John said the same rules that apply to the pavilion would also apply to the stage. John also pointed out that the pavilion becomes much more marketable to rent with a stage available as well, especially for weddings and celebration. The town board recommended that a core committee be created to plan the details to address:

- who will use it
- what will it be used for
- when it is available
- how often will it get used
- the noise level
- what are the materials and the costs associated
- how long will it take to build
- what it will take to maintain the stage on an annual basis, how is this proposed to be implemented

Mandy suggested we have a marketing plan as well. It was felt we needed people involved with the performing arts to be on the committee. Carla suggested that residents around the park need to be on the committee and asked Chris Wright if he would be willing to be on the committee to serve that purpose. John will also be on the committee. Mandy will put a call out for volunteers in the E-News

Kandy asked Mandy if the Community Association had discussed releasing money for the park endowment that currently has over \$68,000.00. Mandy said no one had asked the RRCA for part of the foundation monies.

Flood Control Update, ACE letter

Carla reported that Keith Keeney, Army Corp of Engineers (ACE) wants to have another meeting in October to mitigate any damages to the historical structures. The historical structures, according to ACE are the Truesdell's house in Rocky Ripple, Holcomb Gardens and the carriage house located on Westfield Boulevard by CVS. A discussion about whether designating additional homes in Rocky Ripple as

historical would impact the ability to build the floodwall along the canal. Carla indicated that Rocky Ripple had no input as to what houses were designated historical; such as Adam Garvey's home. The selection of historical designation was out of the town board's control and had been previously determined by U.S. government agencies and/or a local Landmarks Preservation Commission. Mandy stated that she and Short had looked into having Ben's house located at 5201 Byram designated as a historical structure with the Indiana Landmarks Foundation but had been advised that there was likely too much modification done to the original structure to be considered and even if it were eligible, mitigation strategy would include moving the house to save it.

MOA

The City signed to move forward to remove eleven trees off the levee in phase 1. This should happen the end of October or first of November and encompasses from the public access point at Sunset up to 500 Ripple Road. After this, the DIRT committee will look and see what needs to be done next as far as honeysuckle removal and seed sowing.

Dan Axler asked if the town's people could get some of the wood. Marshal Mike said if you are there, then probably yes.

Carla said the tree removal company will do everything they can to not put ruts in the yards.

Jill and Mandy had not yet reviewed the latest edits of the property entry agreement concerning Margaret Brabant, property, owner, had sent in with corrections/additions that she would like to see made to the agreement. Margaret had questions that are not part of the agreement and stated that her concerns had not yet been answered. Carla stated that she did send an email to address her concerns but no agreement had been sent back at the time of the meeting.

New Business

Jill reported that RREM had no updates and they are still open for CPR classes to be held at the town hall on Saturday 22nd 9-1. Twenty participants is the maximum but they would prefer ten. Kandy indicated she had received three deposits and Marshal Mike made four.

RRCA

Mandy reported the October meeting would be the last Tuesday of the month in October. Angie Hermann & Julie Bleakley are working on a new directory. They will be using only new information received and the deadline is November 1st.

Town Marshal Report

In reference to the water drainage problem in front of the town hall, Mike reported he had talked to residents Paul Redmond and Jon Stohler. Both had conflicting resolutions to offer. As it stands, Jon Stohler would like to take gravel out, re-grade, and then put in a couple tons of new gravel. He estimated a cost of \$5000.00. Dan Foreman said we need to address the gutter downspout in front of the hall first since this is a serious source of water coming in and under the hall.

Community Concerns

Dan Axler asked about solar lighting in Peace Park. Dan Foreman said that Mike Bose indicated the technology is not here yet to do this and the Vets should just pay the monthly bill. Paul Redmond had been put in charge of asking IPL to give the vets a break in the bill, i.e. no charge. The vets believe they use \$13 month but are charged the \$30 minimum. Dick Lowe said he has two solar panels he is willing to donate.

Mollie Trueblood

Spirit and Place will be using the town hall November 12th. Attendees will meet at Holcomb Gardens at 10:00 & be at the hall by 11:00. During the walk from Holcomb Gardens, they will be discussing the river, the canal and then come to the hall for coffee.

Mandy asked they fill out a facility use form. Molly indicated that in the past they had thirty people involved and expects no more than fifty.

Parking Ordinance

Julie Bleakley asked for the Town's ordinance pertaining to parking on the streets of Rocky Ripple, especially commercial trucks. Kandy had the ordinances with her and Julie was given the cite: Title 2, Article 1, Chapter 3, Section 2 which states:
commercial trucks may park on the paved portions of the streets up to one hour.

Bart Herriman asked if the Board would put signs by the bridges to let the residents know when the meeting will be to discuss the report to be released concerning the flood wall and the levee. Bart feels the City currently has the report but is not releasing it. Mandy said she had spoken to the mayor's deputy and was told the report has not yet been received. Bart also asked how much money was in the account for attorney fees. Carla stated there was \$5000 but could move money over if need be. Bart requested and received a copy of the MOE.

With no further business, Jill moved the meeting be adjourned at 8:46 and Mandy seconded. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Kandy Kendall
Clerk Treasurer