

Approved Minutes for the Town of Rocky Ripple Board Meeting, May 11, 2010

Attendees: Robert Tomey, Angela Herrmann, Carla Gaff-Clark, Cathy Hurt
The meeting was called to order at 7:37pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Treasurer's Report

As of April 30, we had \$54,923.53 total in checking and savings. Expenses were \$15,248.31 and income was \$4762.66. Notable expenses were \$3544 for auto insurance and \$3772 for general liability insurance. A copy of the financial summary that was handed out to board members is attached to this report.

Carla questioned whether the auto insurance was for both police cars and the truck. It is. We will have to insure the old police car until we sell it. Robert made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, Angela seconded.

Meeting minutes

The minutes from the April meeting were read. Robert stated that he had locked the water meter because an agreement had not been reached regarding the park water, not because of problems with the winterization.

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

Old Business

April 6 was proclaimed Butler University Day in Rocky Ripple in recognition not only of Butler University's NCAA basketball achievements but also in recognition of our long-standing relationship as neighbors. Angela read the proclamation.

Cathy found procedures in Indiana Code IC 5-22-22 on how to sell surplus property. We will have to advertise and accept bids. (Note: Todd Caldwell of the State Board of Accounts suggested that we take sealed bids up to a certain time before a town meeting and then open them at the meeting.) Guidelines for advertising are set in IC 5-3-1. If the event is the receiving of bids, notice shall be published two (2) times, at least one (1) week apart, with the second publication made at least seven (7) days before the date the bids will be received.

Also included in IC 5-22-22 were guidelines on how to dispose of law enforcement vehicles. Carla thought that the grant was pretty specific about how to do this, but will check to be sure we are doing this in accordance with code. Mike stated that he has removed all the decals from the old police car.

(Note: Indiana code can be found at <http://www.in.gov/legislative/ic/code/>)

Cathy researched janitorial services for cleaning the town hall (sweeping and mopping the floor and cleaning the bathrooms on a monthly basis). Merry Maids quoted \$90 a visit. Home Cleaning Center quoted \$60/hour for a crew of 2 or \$84/hour for a crew of 4. Custom Clean quoted \$80 a visit. AGJOHN quoted \$75 a visit. Angela made a motion to hire AGJOHN to clean the town hall on a monthly basis. Robert seconded.

It was asked again whether the town would allow people who want to volunteer their labor to mow parks to do so. The issues are equipment maintenance and insurance liability. Cathy spoke to Linda Griggs, our insurance agent, and Linda said that volunteers should not be a problem, but we do not have a written copy of our policy yet.

It was asked who was going to mow Peace park in the meantime? Robert said that he is insured and will mow green spaces if necessary.

The snow plowing job was changed to an employee position when we were going to fold it into the general labor position. Now that we will not be hiring a general laborer the snow plowing job will remain a contract job.

The Friends of the White River/ Eagle Scout sign kiosk project is moving forward (see Feb. 2010 minutes for details). We need to pick a place for it. As long as it is out of the way of the path and not on the levee any spot is ok. The sign will be about 5' tall and 7' wide. It will be informational/ educational. We do need zoning permission- Angela is working with the scouts on that.

It has been a year since we started allowing people to keep chickens (with restrictions). There has been 1 complaint for loose chickens in the past year. Angela made a motion to continue with the project as described in the April 2009 meeting minutes. Robert seconded and the motion was passed.

The volleyball group donated \$50 toward the cost of water in the park. The garden group has offered \$20 a month for May-October toward park water (and already paid for May). Mandy Redmond handed out some historical information showing that the garden group's contribution alone should cover the cost of the water this summer.

Robert stated that there have been complaints about access to the water for people without garden access. There is now a gate in the fence so access for non-gardeners is easier.

Robert will remove the lock from the water meter and Cathy will call the water company to turn the water on.

It was asked whether we could install a water tap at the pavilion. The cost was estimated to be under \$500. You need a drain if you are going to install potable water. Before city water was available it was indicated that we would not be able to have potable water in the park- this may have changed, however. Adam Garvey volunteered time and materials for this project. It was suggested that extra money in the park water fund could be used for this project.

New Business/ Citizens Concerns

We have a population of foxes in the neighborhood. Be aware that foxes can be carriers of rabies.

Angela asked for permission from the council to talk to the Community Association about transferring the oversight of the Butler partner projects (Fountain park, the rain barrel project) from the town to the Community Association. Permission was granted.

Carla asked Cathy to send her all the information on property taxes we have paid this year. She will forward the information to Mr. Elrod, who will review it and work to get back any money that we didn't owe.

People are blowing lawn clippings in the street when they mow- this is against Marion county ordinance. Can we issue citations?

Opinions were stated that this is not an issue, and that it's easy to run your mower along the street when you're done mowing and blow the clippings back into your yard.

It was asked whether we are under Marion county ordinance? Yes. We can make a stricter ordinance, but we cannot be less restrictive.

Julie Bleakley stated that she feels that she is being harrassed by Robert. (Note: Julie later stated that she misspoke and apologized.)

Nancy Schalk wanted to discuss parking on the island in the turnaround at the 5000 end of Riverview Drive. Currently there is no parking there- a sign was put up recently to enforce this. She said that there are not enough parking spaces there and the spots on the island are some of the few good ones. When people can't park there they park along the fence and block traffic much more than they would than if they were parked on the island. People who use the Butler fields often park there. She would like to change the ordinance and allow parking on the island.

Someone asked if we allowed parking on the island, would they be spaces for the Butler field users or semi-permanent parking for residents? In the past the island was used for long term parking by residents and the school bus couldn't get through. It was stated that the snow plow can't get through when cars are parked on the island. It was asked whether the trash truck could get through.

It was stated that public property should not be used for long term parking for a few residents. A suggestion was made that we could put a time limit on parking there.

It was suggested that Carla recuse herself from this decision since she lives there and it could be viewed that she is not impartial.

The board will take a look at the situation and talk to the fire and trash departments to see if it would be a problem. This issue will be revisited at the next meeting. (Note: this idea was rejected- the issue will not be reopened.)

A deep rut has developed next to the island because of trucks turning around there. This should be fixed regardless of whether we allow parking there. It was asked if we could fill it with gravel. We have talked about putting plants there and we don't want to put down gravel if we are going to do that.

A power pole on 53rd street near Riverview is broken & leaning.

It was asked whether we have ever considered installing speed bumps in town- people have small children and are worried about speeders. We have installed some speed humps by the Butler practice fields and will not be installing any more. Marshal Kiefer will keep his eyes open for speeders. It was suggested that we could use the old police car as a decoy.

With no further business, Angela made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45pm. Robert seconded.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Hurt

Rocky Ripple Financial Summary

Apr. 2010

	Starting balance:	Checking + Savings \$ 61,938.15	General Fund \$ 53,423.87	Motor Vehicle Highway Fund \$ 2,501.45	Local Roads & Streets Fund \$ 4,300.42
expenses	Routine expenses				
	Utilities, except street lights:	\$ 234.87	\$ 234.87		
	IP&L park pavillion	\$ 11.38			
	IP&L town hall	\$ 54.73			
	IP&L vet's monument	\$ 15.91			
	AT&T, phone & internet	\$ 86.29			
	Citizens Gas, town hall	\$ 59.00			
	Water, town hall	\$ 7.56			
	Water, park				
	park toilet rental				
	Street Lights	\$ 736.29		\$ 736.29	
	Gas for police car	\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00	
	Wages	\$ 3,292.50			
	Marshal/Street Commish	\$ 3,292.50	\$ 3,292.50		
	Trustees		\$ -		
	Clerk-Treasurer		\$ -		
	custodian/laborers				
	Other employment expenses	\$ 2,298.95			
	State payroll taxes	\$ 123.54	\$ 123.54		
	Workforce Development	\$ 85.25	\$ 85.25		
federal payroll taxes	\$ 1,833.67	\$ 1,833.67			
federal tax penalty	\$ 256.49	\$ 256.49			
Bank Fees	\$ 15.78	\$ 15.78			
Legal services	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00			
Non-routine Expenses	\$ 8,069.92				
office supplies	\$ 33.92	\$ 33.92			
police car decals (part of grant)	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00			
Clerk-Treasurer school	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00			
Auto insurance	\$ 3,544.00	\$ 3,544.00			
police car equipment (part of grant)	\$ 70.00	\$ 70.00			
general liability insurance	\$ 3,772.00	\$ 3,772.00			
	Total Expenses:	\$ 15,248.31	\$ 14,312.02	\$ 936.29	\$ -
Income	Income from State:	\$ 3,322.77			
	LRS	\$ 1,169.54			\$ 1,169.54
	MVH	\$ 1,850.41		\$ 1,850.41	
	Cigarette tax		\$ -		
	ABC gallonage	\$ 302.82	\$ 302.82		
	Income from County:	\$ 637.98			
	LOIT	\$ 263.00	\$ 263.00		
	LOIT special distribution		\$ -		
	Public Safety dist.	\$ 374.98		\$ 374.98	
	Court Costs to Municip		\$ -		
	advance dist.		\$ -		
	water pilot		\$ -		
	river boat		\$ -		
	property dist.		\$ -		
	excise dist.		\$ -		
	Criminal Justice Inst (police car grant)		\$ -		
Ordinance violations:	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00			
Gun permits:	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00			
Town Hall/ Park Pavilion Use:	\$ 245.00	\$ 245.00			
Town Hall	\$ 170.00				
Pavilion	\$ 75.00				
Other:	\$ -				
		\$ -			
		\$ -			
Interest:	\$ 6.91	\$ 6.91			
	Total Income:	\$ 4,762.66	\$ 1,367.73	\$ 2,225.39	\$ 1,169.54
	Outstanding checks paid	\$ 1,632.40			
	Current outstanding checks	\$ 5,183.43			
	Old outstanding checks	\$ 80.01			
	Ending bank balance:	\$ 54,923.52	\$ 40,479.58	\$ 3,790.55	\$ 5,469.96