

Approved Minutes for the Town of Rocky Ripple Board Meeting, Aug. 10, 2010

Attendees: Robert Tomey, Carla Gaff-Clark, Cathy Hurt

The meeting was called to order at 7:32pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Treasurer's Report

There was a correction to the June report. The property tax distribution and the excise tax distribution were not divided correctly between the general fund and the MVH fund.

As of July 30, we had \$64,201.23 total in checking and savings. Expenses were \$5,032.78 and income was \$4,247.69. A copy of the financial summary that was handed out to board members is attached to this report.

Robert made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and the corrected June report, Carla seconded.

Meeting minutes

The minutes from the July meeting were read. Robert made a motion to accept the minutes with no changes, Carla seconded.

Budget

We have to submit our budget to the Office of Finance and Management by September 7, so we have to come up with preliminary numbers now. Cathy presented a suggested budget based on past year expenditures and budgets. Robert made a motion to accept these figures for submission and advertising, Carla seconded. The advertised budget will be presented at the September meeting.

The meeting to formally adopt the budget will be Tuesday October 19, 5:30pm, at the Town Hall.

Old Business

We received one bid on the police car for \$500, which is below our stated minimum of \$1,500, from John Glenn Cordell of Morristown. Danny Orr will send out another ad (without a stated minimum) and we will evaluate bids and make a decision at next month's meeting. Robert will be the contact listed in the ad. It may be worth letting the car go at a lower price if it saves us on insurance.

Regarding the vacancy of Riverview Drive at the 4900 end, the parties involved, including the Mr. Laker and Mr. Elrod, met with a surveyor and may have the situation resolved. Any agreement will keep the turnaround and right of way the same as what was decided in the February meeting. (Correction: Mr. Elrod was not present, but he was involved.)

New Business

Danny Orr asked if the Veteran's Association could use the truck for the Veteran's Day parade. Permission was granted. Robert asked that anything built into the truck be removed afterwards. Ely Hinkle or Robert will have to drive it, as they are the only people covered in our insurance to do so.

It was asked why Angela has missed so many meetings. She is having to work out of town and has schedule conflicts.

The park playground is in terrible shape- the weeds are very high. Robert said that the weeds are being allowed to grow so that they can be pulled, as opposed to being cut. The Community Association had mentioned that they would contribute money toward park maintenance, maybe they can help? Also, the playground needs to be re-mulched. We must use a certain kind of mulch and a barrier needs to be put under the mulch so weeds don't grow through. We need to get bids for the work. The playground should be cleaned up in time for the Rocky Ripple Festival.

Mandy Redmond said that if Community Association funds were going to be used, it would be easier for the association to handle the bids. The town gratefully accepted this suggestion.

The pavilion is also in bad shape. The picnic tables keep getting turned over & stacked up. There is marker graffiti on the wood in the pavilion. Robert said that he will do some investigating. If local people are responsible for the damage he will talk to them.

It was asked who is responsible for emptying the trash can at the pavilion? It has been done on a volunteer basis.

Cathy has had several people tell her that the town hall needs paper towels for the bathrooms. Who is responsible for this? Again, it is done on a volunteer basis. Marshal Kiefer said that he will pick some up.

There was a complaint about trees overhanging the road and plants growing right next to the street. Our town ordinance says that growth should be cleared to 14 feet above the road and to the property line. The growth that was subject of the complaint conforms to the ordinance. Marshal Kiefer says that he is not willing to forcibly cut anything back from a property line without a signed legal opinion & sign off from the board.

We can make our ordinance more strict if we want to.

It was asked what about the two foot easement on the side of the road? That is a utility easement, not a town ordinance easement.

The festival committee asked if they could store a stage (built in sections) in the garage. The stage would be owned by the Community Association. Permission was granted.

Ann Wickham is in charge of festival yard signs. If you know of a good place for a sign contact her with the address. The signs will be set up and removed by the festival committee. You can call Ann at 466-9773.

Marshal's Report

There were 5 ordinance violations for failure to stop at stop signs. There was a burglary in the 5300 block of Clarendon, bikes stolen in the 5100 block of Byram and items taken from a car in the 5300 block of Clarendon. The bikes were stolen when they were left in the yard over the weekend and the car was unlocked. Remember to secure your property!

Citizens Concerns

A car ran off the road in the corner of Riverview & 54th Street and damaged property. This is a dark narrow corner and people need to slow down. Mick Gregory said that he and his neighbors there would like speed bumps. Robert said that speed bumps are expensive and they are a hazard in a corner. It's not easy to put them in a public road and they do not really work. Are there any other ideas? Suggestions were a guardrail or big sign with an arrow. Some homeowners have used logs or rocks to line their property to prevent damage from cars. It was noted that this could get dangerous if there is no room to pass.

A street light was suggested.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Hurt

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

Rocky Ripple Financial Summary

July 2010

	Checking + Savings	General Fund	Motor Vehicle Highway Fund	Local Roads & Streets Fund	Park water	Park toilet
Starting balance:	\$ 64,995.51	\$ 47,121.38	\$ 7,150.42	\$ 7,681.77	\$ 36.55	\$ (223.00)
Routine expenses						
Utilities, except street lights:	\$ 319.92	\$ 319.92				
IP&L park pavillion	\$ 11.66					
IP&L town hall	\$ 58.38					
IP&L vet's monument	\$ 14.62					
AT&T, phone & internet	\$ 86.36					
Citizens Gas, town hall	\$ 59.00					
Water, town hall	\$ 11.90					
Water, park						
park toilet rental	\$ 78.00					\$ 78.00
Street Lights	\$ 736.29		\$ 736.29			
Gas for police car	\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00			
Wages	\$ 2,195.00					
Marshal/Street Commish	\$ 2,195.00		\$ 2,195.00			
Trustees		\$ -				
Clerk-Treasurer		\$ -				
custodian/laborers						
Other employment expenses	\$ 852.31					
State payroll taxes	\$ 123.54		\$ 123.54			
Workforce Development	\$ 10.45	\$ 10.45				
federal payroll taxes	\$ 718.32		\$ 718.32			
federal tax penalty		\$ -				
Bank Fees	\$ 16.69		\$ 16.69			
Legal services		\$ -				
Non-routine Expenses	\$ 712.57					
Park mowing	\$ 550.00	\$ 550.00				
office supplies	\$ 39.52	\$ 39.52				
town hall cleaning	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00				
roundup, trash bags	\$ 48.05	\$ 48.05				
		\$ -				
		\$ -				\$ -
Total Expenses:	\$ 5,032.78	\$ 1,059.63	\$ 3,973.15	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 78.00
Income from State:	\$ 2,553.97					
LRS	\$ 1,128.38			\$ 1,128.38		
MVH	\$ 1,375.11		\$ 1,375.11			
Cigarette tax		\$ -				
ABC gallonage	\$ 50.48	\$ 50.48				
Income from County:	\$ 664.48					
LOIT	\$ 251.00	\$ 251.00				
LOIT special distribution		\$ -				
Public Safety dist.	\$ 413.48		\$ 413.48			
Court Costs to Municip		\$ -				
advance dist.		\$ -				
water pilot		\$ -				
river boat		\$ -				
property dist.		\$ -				
excise dist.		\$ -				
Criminal Justice Inst (police car grant)		\$ -				
Ordinance violations:	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00				
Gun permits:		\$ -				
Town Hall/ Park Pavilion Use:	\$ 145.00	\$ 145.00				
Town Hall	\$ 145.00					
Pavillion						\$ -
Other:	\$ 277.00					
water donations	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00			\$ 20.00	
insurance refund	\$ 257.00	\$ 257.00				
		\$ -				
Interest:	\$ 7.24	\$ 7.24				
Total Income:	\$ 4,247.69	\$ 1,330.72	\$ 1,788.59	\$ 1,128.38	\$ 20.00	\$ -
Outstanding checks paid	\$ 2,518.71					
Current outstanding checks	\$ 3,032.75					
Old outstanding checks	\$ 523.23					
Ending bank balance:	\$ 64,201.23	\$ 47,392.47	\$ 4,965.86	\$ 8,810.15	\$ 56.55	\$ (301.00)