

## **Approved Minutes for the Town of Rocky Ripple Board Meeting, Apr. 12, 2011**

Attendees: Robert Tomey, Carla Gaff-Clark, Angela Herrmann, Cathy Hurt  
The meeting was called to order at 7:33pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **Treasurer's Report**

As of Mar. 31, we had \$65,582.61 total in checking and savings. Expenses were \$11,960.80 and income was \$4,471.53. Notable expenses were \$4,524.00 for general liability and auto insurance and \$1,741.15 for pavilion re-roofing. The \$290.12 for office supplies included repair for the town copier/fax machine and the cost of flyers for the special meetings in February. A copy of the financial summary that was handed out to board members is attached to this report.

Carla asked about the insurance refund. This was from the auto insurance after the old police car was dropped.

Angela made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, Robert seconded.

### **Meeting minutes**

The minutes from the March meeting were read. In the second paragraph under Meeting Minutes the word anonymous was changed to unanimous. In the third paragraph under New Business, Sewer Tank Elimination was changed to Septic Tank Elimination. In the February financial summary, Cathy had neglected to credit the park toilet fund with money from pavilion use. Angela made a motion to accept the minutes with those changes, Robert seconded.

### **Old Business**

The Al-Anon group e-mailed Cathy and asked if they could pay \$15/meeting, as they are not using the town hall for two full hours. They had called Robert (at Cathy's suggestion) and he told them that the rate will stay at \$20/week.

Angela said that maybe we should give them the lower rate, as these are people that are trying to help themselves. She would be especially willing to allow a lower rate if the group is mostly Rocky Ripple residents. It was requested that Cathy call her contact and ask how many of the people in the group were Rocky Ripple residents. Robert stated that \$20/week is already a good deal and that they currently had one resident in the group.

It was asked about the legality of charging different rates for different types of groups. We currently recognize two groups- Rocky Ripple affiliated groups such as the Veteran's Association and non affiliated groups. The changing rate for the Al-Anon group is a result of Robert observing that the group uses the town hall for longer than an hour when they meet.

Carla reopened the question of investing the police car fund. Cathy will look into investment options.

Crown Street has large potholes that need to be filled. Jon Stohler can patch it, but it will need an overlay. Local Road and Street fund money can be used for resurfacing but not repair. Carla stated that as a town of less than 1000 residents we are allowed to move money from the LRS fund to the General fund. Cathy said that she thought that there was a limit to the amount of money that can be moved. Cathy will review the Indiana Code.

Cathy asked if it was ok to pay bill from Gardens of Growth for road salting service. Robert said yes- Gardens of Growth did use the amount of salt that they billed for.

### **New Business/ Citizen Concerns**

The letter to the editor from the town board was printed in the Indianapolis Star on April 5.

Carla has a contact that would like to make a donation to Hohlt park but would like to donate something visible (such as playground equipment). We should think about what we would like. Carla will talk to the Community Association as well.

Angela suggested bike racks such as those in front of the Upland Brewing Company tasting room at 49th and College. They are made of old bike frames- they are functional art.

Regarding the question of the potential conflict of interest for Robert to change the oil in the police car, Cathy talked to the State Board of Accounts and found that the only requirement is that Robert fill out a Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement (Form 236). Robert stated that he will only be reimbursed for materials and will not charge a fee so the disclosure wasn't necessary.

Rocky Ripple residents should have received a letter from the Indianapolis Department of Public Works regarding the levee project. Angela read the letter.

Our insurance offers terrorism coverage for \$33 (we have declined that coverage). Angela asked what exactly it covers. Cathy will find out.

Robert brought up concerns about Indiana Senate Bill 280 (Township Reorganization Bill). The original one from 3 years ago could be brought back in the fall session. It was stated that it could only be brought back if it were amended. Carla and Robert will evaluate the bill and whether it can be brought back. The possibility that the city of Indianapolis would require us to become part of the city to get flood protection was raised.

Angela would like the Rocky Ripple Emergency Management/ Community Emergency Response Team (RREM/ CERT) to meet on a regular basis. At present the meetings are not on a regular schedule and this makes it harder for residents to be involved. She suggested that Marshal Kiefer take a leadership role and be available at regular meeting times.

Marshal Kiefer is not willing to take on that role- he is already very busy, not certified and is not a Rocky Ripple resident.

Ely Hinkle (a member of RREM/ CERT) explained that the team was formed in 1997 because communities were required to do so. People with specific skills, such as nurses and emergency workers were picked for the team and they were charged with putting together an emergency plan. The people currently in charge would like to step down, but they will not do so if it leaves the town without an emergency team. The team is still in place and anyone can join. Training is available from the current team.

Angela stated that we need to advertise that fact, and that it is hard to plan to attend if the meetings are not held on a regular basis. Ely stated that the next meeting will be held Saturday, May 14 at 10am and new members are welcome. The meeting will be advertised on the signs at Westfield Blvd. The team had regular meetings in the past but stopped doing so because of low attendance.

Angela stated that a country-wide earthquake preparedness drill is scheduled April 19<sup>th</sup>. She would like to see Rocky Ripple involved in this type of activity.

With no further business, Robert made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50pm. Angela seconded.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cathy Hurt

Town of Rocky Ripple, 930 West 54<sup>th</sup> Street, Rocky Ripple, Indiana

Rocky Ripple Financial Summary									
Mar 2011									
		Checking + Savings	General Fund	Motor Vehicle Highway Fund	Local Roads & Streets Fund	Funds under General fund			
						Police car	Police Training	Park water	Park toilet
<b>Starting balance:</b>		\$ 67,562.80	\$ 52,077.85	\$ (698.73)	\$ 15,517.47	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 1,849.82	\$ 136.55	\$ (466.00)
expenses	<b>Routine expenses</b>								
	<b>Utilities, except street lights:</b>	\$ 258.40	\$ 258.40						
	IP&L park pavillion	\$ 11.67							
	IP&L town hall	\$ 76.66							
	IP&L vet's monument	\$ 20.73							
	AT&T, phone & internet	\$ 88.56							
	Citizens Gas, town hall	\$ 59.00							
	Water, town hall	\$ 1.78							
	Water, park								
	park toilet rental								\$ -
	<b>Payroll</b>	\$ 3,845.95							
	Marshal wages	\$ 2,237.58	\$ 2,237.58						
	Street commish wages			\$ -					
	Trustee wages	\$ 566.10	\$ 566.10						
	Clerk-Treasurer wages	\$ 330.23	\$ 330.23						
	Federal payroll taxes	\$ 576.42	\$ 576.42						
	State payroll taxes	\$ 135.62	\$ 135.62						
	Workforce Development	\$ -	\$ -						
	<b>Other</b>	\$ 1,002.73							
	Bank fees	\$ 16.44	\$ 16.44						
	Street lights	\$ 736.29		\$ 736.29					
	Police car gas	\$ 250.00		\$ 250.00					
	Legal services	\$ -	\$ -						
	Cleaning service	\$ -	\$ -						
	Mowing service	\$ -	\$ -						
<b>Non-routine Expenses</b>	\$ 6,853.72								
Office supplies	\$ 290.12	\$ 290.12							
Police supplies	\$ -	\$ -							
Police training	\$ -	\$ -				\$ -			
Legal ads	\$ 65.95	\$ 65.95							
Insurance	\$ 4,524.00	\$ 4,524.00							
Pavilion re-roofing	\$ 1,741.15	\$ 1,741.15							
Refunds for town hall use	\$ -	\$ -							
clerk-treasurer school/ ILMCT dues	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00							
snow plowing			\$ -						
snow plow gas			\$ -						
snow plow repair				\$ -					
vehicle maintenance (police car)			\$ -						
street repair materials			\$ -						
Road salt service	\$ 182.50		\$ 182.50						
	<b>Total Expenses:</b>	\$ 11,960.80	\$ 10,792.01	\$ 1,168.79	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Income	<b>Income from State:</b>	\$ 3,025.51							
	LRS	\$ 1,157.83			\$ 1,157.83				
	MVH	\$ 1,867.68		\$ 1,867.68					
	Accelerated MVH1	\$ -		\$ -					
	Accelerated MVH2	\$ -		\$ -					
	Cigarette tax	\$ -		\$ -					
	ABC Gallonage	\$ -		\$ -					
	<b>Income from County:</b>	\$ 588.00							
	LOIT	\$ 256.00	\$ 256.00						
	LOIT special distribution	\$ -	\$ -						
	Public Safety dist.	\$ 332.00		\$ 332.00					
	Court Costs to Municip	\$ -	\$ -						
	advance dist.	\$ -	\$ -						
	water pilot	\$ -	\$ -						
	river boat	\$ -	\$ -						
	property dist.	\$ -	\$ -						
	excise dist.	\$ -	\$ -						
	<b>Other:</b>	\$ 958.02							
	Donations	\$ -	\$ -					\$ -	
	Repayment, A Jansen	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00						
	Town hall use	\$ 215.00	\$ 215.00						
	Pavilion use	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00						\$ 25.00
	Ordinance violations	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00				\$ 200.00		
	Gun permits	\$ -	\$ -					\$ -	
	Interest	\$ 8.02	\$ 8.02						
Refunds	\$ 360.00	\$ 360.00							
	<b>Total Income:</b>	\$ 4,571.53	\$ 1,214.02	\$ 2,199.68	\$ 1,157.83	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25.00
	Outstanding checks paid	\$ 666.21							
	Current outstanding checks	\$ 6,075.29							
	transfer from General to MVH fund		\$ (6,000.00)	\$ 5,000.00					
	<b>Ending bank balance:</b>	\$ 65,582.61	\$ 37,499.86	\$ 5,332.16	\$ 16,675.30	\$ 10,200.00	\$ 1,849.82	\$ 136.55	\$ (441.00)