

## **Approved Minutes for the Town of Rocky Ripple Board Meeting, May 10, 2011**

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:35pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **Treasurer's Report**

As of Apr. 30, we had \$57,017.48 total in checking and savings. Expenses were \$8,190.11 and income was \$4,311.48. Notable expenses were \$1,500.00 for law enforcement liability insurance and \$1,058.85 for pavilion re-roofing materials. A copy of the financial summary that was handed out to board members is attached to this report.

Robert asked how much we spend on police expenses. Cathy will find out.

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

Regarding investing the police car fund, Cathy talked to Linda Ellis of Chase Investments. She suggested a 50/50 stock/bond fund with a 4.5% front load and 1.43 expense ratio (A shares). Cathy also talked to her personal financial advisor and he said that his opinion was that those expenses were high and that stock market yields were not worth the risk right now (rates are very low). The board discussed putting the fund into a no-load money market account. Marilyn Hunter suggested looking into Vanguard.

### **Meeting minutes**

The minutes from the April meeting were read. In the paragraph starting "Crown Street" the figure 5000 was changed to 1000. The Rocky Ripple Emergency Management team was started in 1997. Robert made a motion to accept the minutes with those changes, Carla seconded.

### **Old Business**

Cathy did not contact the Al-Anon group regarding their town hall use. Since it is not legal to set rates based on residency, we can't change the price for them whether the majority lives in Rocky Ripple or not. Carla said that they are finding another place to meet.

According to IC 8-14-2-7, included towns may transfer surplus LRS money to the general fund if those monies have not been allocated within the previous 24 months. (IC 36-3-1-7 defines included towns.)

The insurance company defines terrorism as an act that is certified by the federal government, results in losses in excess of \$5 million, and is committed to coerce the civilian population or influence the policy of the US.

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

There are a bunch of old sandbags in the town hall garage. The bags are deteriorated and they are not usable. Danny Orr asked if he could have a few truckloads of sand. We have used the sand on the roads in the past, but we use a road service now. The sand could be used for sandbags if we get new bags. It would be nice to have space in the garage.

It was decided that Danny could have some sand.

What are we going to do with the salt spreader? It's scrap. Some people in town think it's fixable. Robert will move it so that it is not taking up so much space in the garage.

Julie Bleakley stated that the picnic tables in Hohlt Park are falling apart. We should use the offered park donation for new ones. Tables that are connected to cement pads would be nice- part of the reason the current tables are in such bad shape is that people tip them over, stack them, etc.

She also stated her concerns about the graffiti in the pavilion. People have used marker on the wood and the cement. We need more surveillance and signs saying that the park is closed dusk to dawn.

Carla agreed that posting the rules would be a good idea. We have been having some problems with glass bottles and alcohol use in the park. Wood signs would look nice.

We need to crack down on alcohol use in the park. We have been having problems with the kickball group regarding alcohol use and trash in the park. Marshal Kiefer has talked to them, but will do so again in stronger language. We will also put something on the website and in Danny Orr's email blasts regarding no alcohol in the parks.

As another idea for enhancing our parks, a decommissioned artillery piece was suggested for Peace park.

Jon Stohler patched potholes on the streets- thanks Jon!! We need to price an overlay for Crown between 53<sup>rd</sup> and 54<sup>th</sup>. Robert will get quotes. We also need to address 51<sup>st</sup> Street between Clarendon and Lester- according to the map they will not be tearing up 51<sup>st</sup> Street when they put in sewers.

Robert met with the Department of Public Works (DPW) and the Butler-Tarkington Neighborhood Association (BTNA) regarding the canal/river wall. The canal wall as planned currently was designed before Katrina and standards have gotten more rigorous since then. A river wall at the new standards of protection will be very expensive and will add 8 years to the project timeline. It is an election year, and the mayor is telling people that if the canal wall is built they will not have to have flood insurance. (This is not absolutely certain.) The DPW will help Rocky Ripple with the river wall, but will still build the canal wall. They will work with Collins Engineering, not the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) for the river wall. There will be another meeting. The DPW wants to evaluate the levee. They will need permission from homeowners and the board. The DPW talked about building the wall on our side of the canal- they could shore up the bank with pilings. This would satisfy the BTNA.

Carla stated that an independent engineering firm can't tie in to USACE projects, and if the river wall is good enough the canal wall is not needed.

Robert will talk to the DPW within the week. They will send him the scope of the project and he will need to give permission for them to walk the levee. Homeowners on Riverview will need to give permission also.

Marshal Kiefer would like to buy a lock for the power box at Hohlt Park pavilion, and to do various repairs at the town hall. He was authorized to do so.

The next RREM/CERT meeting is May 14, 10am, at the town hall.

With no further business, Robert made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40pm. Carla seconded.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cathy Hurt

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

Rocky Ripple Financial Summary									
Apr 2011									
Funds under General fund									
	Checking + Savings	General Fund	Motor Vehicle Highway Fund	Local Roads & Streets Fund	Police car	Police Training	Park water	Park toilet	
<b>Starting balance:</b>									
	\$ 65,582.61	\$ 37,499.86	\$ 5,332.16	\$ 16,675.30	\$ 10,200.00	\$ 1,849.82	\$ 136.55	\$ (441.00)	
expenses	<b>Routine expenses</b>								
	<b>Utilities, except street lights:</b>	\$ 244.50	\$ 244.50						
	IP&L park pavilion	\$ 12.46							
	IP&L town hall	\$ 53.68							
	IP&L vet's monument	\$ 18.39							
	AT&T, phone & internet	\$ 88.56							
	Citizens Gas, town hall	\$ 59.00							
	Water, town hall	\$ 10.34							
	Water, park	\$ 2.07							
	park toilet rental								\$ -
	<b>Payroll</b>	\$ 4,246.57							
	Marshal wages	\$ 3,356.37	\$ 3,356.37						
	Street commish wages			\$ -					
	Trustee wages		\$ -						
	Clerk-Treasurer wages		\$ -						
	Federal payroll taxes	\$ 702.77	\$ 702.77						
	State payroll taxes	\$ 135.62	\$ 135.62						
	Workforce Development	\$ 51.81	\$ 51.81						
	<b>Other</b>	\$ 1,079.69							
	Bank fees	\$ 18.40	\$ 18.40						
	Street lights	\$ 736.29		\$ 736.29					
	Police car gas	\$ 250.00		\$ 250.00					
	Legal services		\$ -						
	Cleaning service	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00						
	Mowing service		\$ -						
<b>Non-routine Expenses</b>	\$ 2,619.35								
Office supplies		\$ -							
Police supplies		\$ -							
Police training		\$ -				\$ -			
Legal ads		\$ -							
Insurance	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00							
Pavilion re-roofing, materials	\$ 1,058.85	\$ 1,058.85							
Refunds for pavilion use	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00						\$ 20.00	
clerk-treasurer school/ ILMCT dues		\$ -							
snow plowing			\$ -						
snow plow gas			\$ -						
snow plow repair				\$ -					
vehicle maintenance (police car)			\$ -						
street repair materials			\$ -						
Road salt service			\$ -						
Stormwater Fees	\$ 40.50	\$ 40.50							
<b>Total Expenses:</b>									
	\$ 8,190.11	\$ 7,203.82	\$ 986.29	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20.00	
Income	<b>Income from State:</b>	\$ 3,036.63							
	LRS	\$ 1,114.72			\$ 1,114.72				
	MVH	\$ 1,618.50		\$ 1,618.50					
	Accelerated MVH1			\$ -					
	Accelerated MVH2			\$ -					
	Cigarette tax		\$ -						
	ABC Gallonage	\$ 303.41	\$ 303.41						
	<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>	\$ 686.85							
	Donations	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00					\$ 20.00	
	Repayment, A Jansen	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00						
	Town hall use	\$ 265.00	\$ 265.00						
	Pavilion use	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.00						\$ 45.00
	Ordinance violations	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00			\$ 200.00			
	Gun permits		\$ -				\$ -		
	Interest	\$ 6.85	\$ 6.85						
Refunds		\$ -							
<b>Total Income:</b>									
	\$ 4,311.48	\$ 1,246.26	\$ 1,950.50	\$ 1,114.72	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 20.00	\$ 45.00	
Outstanding checks paid	\$ 6,075.29				Total of positive balance funds: \$ 12,406.37				
Current outstanding checks	\$ 1,388.79				Unrestricted in General Fund: \$ 19,135.93				
<b>Ending bank balance:</b>									
	\$ 57,017.48	\$ 31,542.30	\$ 6,296.37	\$ 17,790.02	\$ 10,400.00	\$ 1,849.82	\$ 156.55	\$ (416.00)	