

Approved Minutes for the Town of Rocky Ripple Board Meeting, July 12, 2011

Attendees: Robert Tomey, Carla Gaff-Clark, Angela Herrmann, Cathy Hurt
The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Treasurer's Report

As of June 30, we had \$70,245.94 total in checking and savings. Expenses were \$6,274.04 and income was \$19,356.32. Notable expense was \$602.00 for mowing. Notable income was 12,642.87 in property tax distribution. 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, Angela seconded.

Cathy presented financial summaries for the first half of 2010 (attached). So far we are on budget except for underestimated expenditures on road salting and repair on the pavilion (the latter due to the new roof) and overestimated expenditures for insurance.

Cathy will come up with a suggested budget and distribute it to board members for review at the August meeting. (Cathy will not be here for the August meeting.) We need to advertise the budget before the September meeting. We can use the September and October board meetings as public meetings for the budget- we can start those meetings at 7:15. The budget adoption meeting will be set for November 1.

Meeting minutes

The minutes from the June meeting were read. In the paragraph regarding time frame, the city of Indianapolis, not the USACE, will be doing the study. Four paragraphs down from that, Art Institute was corrected to Art Center. Angela made a motion to accept the minutes with those changes, Robert seconded.

New Business/ Citizen Concerns

Cathy received an email regarding someone who had been stung several times in the park pavilion and asking about spraying to get rid of wasps/ hornets. (It was unclear what insect it was). Robert stated that we don't spray due to concerns about toxic chemicals in the park, although he does not object to spraying. If a hornet's nest is spotted please report it.

We need to do street repair. Bad spots are on Riverview between 52nd and 53rd, at 52nd and Crown, and 51st Street between Clarendon and Lester.

We have put gravel on 51st Street several times, but it keeps getting pushed off. Drainage work was done and that helps, but it is still a problem.

It was suggested that we could close the road.

It was stated that the school bus and trash truck use the road so they don't have to turn around.

It was suggested that we could use concrete barriers to block it off until we could afford to resurface it.

It was stated that that road is not needed- it is mostly used by people who are looking for the Butler fields. There are other roads that are dead ends in Rocky Ripple and the school bus and trash truck seem to be able to deal with those. There are no houses on 51st. The road has been a money pit and is a liability.

Carla will check with Mr. Elrod to see what we need to do to close the road. We will need barricades and signs.

There was a complaint of overgrown trees in the road, both overhead and blocking stop signs. We will ask Marshal Kiefer to issue citations. The ordinance is that the roadway must be clear to 14' above the road.

Old Business

The city of Indianapolis sent Collins Engineering out to do the study of the levee. The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) can't update the old plan, which is what they wanted to do. The old plan is too outdated. To build a river wall they would have to remove the existing earthen levee, put in a T wall, and replace the levee. This is not economically feasible.

There was an article in the Indianapolis Star on July 10 regarding the levee. In the article the Indianapolis Department of Public Works (DPW) is quoted saying that they have not taken a stance on the project. This is not true. At the meeting at the Riviera Club in February the DPW said that they were committed to getting the project right for Rocky Ripple.

Broad Ripple needs flood protection in order to move forward on plans for a new parking garage. There is political pressure to build the canal wall in a timely manner.

The city of Indianapolis has issued building permits in Rocky Ripple for people to build into the levee. They should be held accountable, as should people who built into the levee without permits. The city should have been maintaining the levee all along, as they were the sponsor for the project when it was built by the WPA.

Can we file a lawsuit? We will need to hire a lawyer if we do. Mr. Elrod only works for us on a part time basis.

It is an election year. Can we use political pressure to get the city to work with us on the levee issue? Melina Kennedy is sympathetic to Rocky Ripple.

Angela asked if there were going to be more meetings with the city in the future. She would like to be kept informed if so.

Robert stated that they are trying to keep the meetings small, and decisions are not made at the meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Hurt

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Rocky Ripple Financial Summary									
June 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
Starting balance:		\$ 57,746.97	\$ 27,309.27	\$ 7,447.96	\$ 18,865.77	\$ 10,650.00	\$ 1,899.82	\$ 176.55	\$ (464.00)
expenses	Routine expenses								
	Utilities, except street lights:	\$ 261.78	\$ 261.78						
	IP&L park pavillion	\$ 12.38							
	IP&L town hall	\$ 43.17							
	IP&L vet's monument	\$ 16.09							
	AT&T, phone & internet	\$ 88.53							
	Citizens Gas, town hall								
	Water, town hall	\$ 13.27							
	Water, park	\$ 10.34							
	park toilet rental	\$ 78.00							\$ 78.00
	Payroll	\$ 4,201.97							
	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	\$ 864.63	\$ 864.63						
	State payroll taxes	\$ 203.43	\$ 203.43						
	Workforce Development	\$ -	\$ -						
	Other	\$ 1,696.84							
	Bank fees	\$ 15.55	\$ 15.55						
	Street lights	\$ 736.29		\$ 736.29					
	Police car gas	\$ 250.00		\$ 250.00					
	Legal services	\$ -	\$ -						
	Cleaning service	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00						
	Mowing service	\$ 620.00	\$ 620.00						
Non-routine Expenses	\$ 113.45								
Office supplies	\$ -	\$ -							
Police supplies	\$ -	\$ -							
Police training	\$ -	\$ -				\$ -			
Legal ads	\$ -	\$ -							
Insurance (worker's comp)	\$ -	\$ -							
Pavilion materials (light bulbs)	\$ -	\$ -							
Refunds for town hall use	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00							
clerk-treasurer school/ ILMCT dues	\$ -	\$ -							
snow plowing			\$ -						
snow plow gas			\$ -						
snow plow repair				\$ -					
vehicle maintenance (police car)	\$ 63.45		\$ 63.45						
street repair materials			\$ -						
Road salt service			\$ -						
Stormwater Fees		\$ -	\$ -						
Total Expenses:		\$ 6,274.04	\$ 5,224.30	\$ 1,049.74	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 78.00
Income	Income from State:	\$ 2,847.92							
	LRS	\$ 1,077.24			\$ 1,077.24				
	MVH	\$ 1,500.96		\$ 1,500.96					
	Accelerated MVH1			\$ -					
	Accelerated MVH2			\$ -					
	Cigarette tax	\$ 269.72	\$ 269.72						
	ABC Gallonage	\$ -	\$ -						
	Income from County:	\$ 15,391.68							
	LOIT	\$ 256.00	\$ 256.00						
	LOIT special distribution	\$ -	\$ -						
	Public Safety dist.	\$ 332.00		\$ 332.00					
	Court Costs to Municip	\$ -	\$ -						
	advance dist.	\$ -	\$ -						
	water PILOT	\$ 1,296.10	\$ 733.43	\$ 562.67					
	river boat	\$ -	\$ -						
	property dist.	\$ 12,642.87	\$ 7,154.28	\$ 5,488.59					
	excise dist.	\$ 864.71	\$ 541.65	\$ 323.06					
	Other:	\$ 1,116.72							
	Donations	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00					\$ 20.00	
	Repayment, A Jansen	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00						
	Town hall use	\$ 315.00	\$ 315.00						
	Pavilion use	\$ 125.00	\$ 125.00						\$ 125.00
	Ordinance violations	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00				\$ 500.00		
	Gun permits	\$ -	\$ -					\$ -	
	Interest	\$ 6.72	\$ 6.72						
Refunds	\$ -	\$ -							
Total Income:		\$ 19,356.32	\$ 10,071.80	\$ 8,207.28	\$ 1,077.24	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 20.00	\$ 125.00
Outstanding checks paid		\$ 4,123.97				Total of positive balance funds: \$ 13,246.37			
Current outstanding checks		\$ 3,540.66				Unrestricted in General Fund: \$ 18,910.40			
Old outstanding checks									
Ending bank balance:		\$ 70,245.94	\$ 32,156.77	\$ 14,605.50	\$ 19,943.01	\$ 11,150.00	\$ 1,899.82	\$ 196.55	\$ (417.00)

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Rocky Ripple Financial Summary						
Q1-2 2011						
		Checking + Savings	General Fund	Motor Vehicle Highway Fund	Local Roads & Streets Fund	
Starting balance:		\$ 74,891.61	\$ 57,374.28	\$ 4,006.40	\$ 13,510.93	
expenses	Routine expenses					
	Utilities, except street lights:	\$ 1,638.46	\$ 1,638.46			
	IP&L park pavillion	\$ 72.02				
	IP&L town hall	\$ 438.31				
	IP&L vet's monument	\$ 101.36				
	AT&T, phone & internet	\$ 531.18				
	Citizens Gas, town hall	\$ 287.00				
	Water, town hall	\$ 59.84				
	Water, park	\$ 22.75				
	park toilet rental	\$ 126.00				
	Payroll	\$ 21,283.62				
	Marshal wages	\$ 14,544.27	\$ 14,544.27			
	Street commish wages	\$ -		\$ -		
	Trustee wages	\$ 1,132.20	\$ 1,132.20			
	Clerk-Treasurer wages	\$ 660.46	\$ 660.46			
	Federal payroll taxes	\$ 4,014.98	\$ 4,014.98			
	State payroll taxes	\$ 869.45	\$ 869.45			
	Workforce Development	\$ 62.26	\$ 62.26			
	Other	\$ 7,188.00				
	Bank fees	\$ 120.26	\$ 120.26			
	Street lights	\$ 4,417.74		\$ 4,417.74		
	Police car gas	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,500.00		
	Legal services	\$ -	\$ -			
	Cleaning service	\$ 375.00	\$ 375.00			
	Mowing service	\$ 775.00	\$ 775.00			
	Non-routine Expenses	\$ 17,980.52				
	Office supplies	\$ 307.72	\$ 307.72			
	Police supplies	\$ 295.00	\$ 295.00			
	Police training	\$ -	\$ -			
	Legal ads	\$ 65.95	\$ 65.95			
	Insurance	\$ 7,467.00	\$ 7,467.00			
	Pavilion materials	\$ 2,815.29	\$ 2,815.29			
	Refunds for town hall use	\$ 95.00	\$ 95.00			
	clerk-treasurer school/ ILMCT dues	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00			
	snow plowing	\$ 960.00		\$ 960.00		
snow plow gas	\$ 285.00		\$ 285.00			
snow plow repair	\$ 198.72			\$ 198.72		
vehicle maintenance	\$ 205.95		\$ 205.95			
street repair materials	\$ -		\$ -			
Road salt service	\$ 5,044.39		\$ 5,044.39			
Stormwater Fees	\$ 40.50	\$ 40.50				
Total Expenses:	\$ 48,090.60	\$ 35,478.80	\$ 12,413.08	\$ 198.72		
	Transfer from General fund:		\$ 5,000.00			
Income	Income from State:	\$ 17,261.86				
	LRS	\$ 6,630.80			\$ 6,630.80	
	MVH	\$ 9,645.86		\$ 9,645.86		
	Accelerated MVH1	\$ -		\$ -		
	Accelerated MVH2	\$ -		\$ -		
	Cigarette tax	\$ 269.72	\$ 269.72			
	ABC Gallonage	\$ 715.48	\$ 715.48			
	Income from County:	\$ 18,331.68				
	LOIT	\$ 1,536.00	\$ 1,536.00			
	LOIT special distribution	\$ -	\$ -			
	Public Safety dist.	\$ 1,992.00		\$ 1,992.00		
	Court Costs to Municip	\$ -	\$ -			
	advance dist.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
	water PILOT	\$ 1,296.10	\$ 733.43	\$ 562.67		
	river boat	\$ -	\$ -			
	property dist.	\$ 12,642.87	\$ 7,154.28	\$ 5,488.59		
	excise dist.	\$ 864.71	\$ 541.65	\$ 323.06		
	Other:	\$ 4,310.73				
	Donations	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00			
	Repayment, A Jansen	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00			
	Town hall use	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00			
	Pavilion use	\$ 245.00	\$ 245.00			
	Ordinance violations	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00			
	Gun permits	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00			
	Interest	\$ 45.73	\$ 45.73			
Refunds	\$ 360.00	\$ 360.00				
Total Income:	\$ 39,904.27	\$ 15,261.29	\$ 18,012.18	\$ 6,630.80		
	Transfer to MVH:		\$5,000.00			
Balance at 6/30/11:		\$ 66,705.28	\$ 32,156.77	\$ 14,605.50	\$ 19,943.01	
	Balance reserved for police car fund:	\$ 11,150.00	\$ 11,150.00			
	Balance reserved for police training fund:	\$ 1,899.82	\$ 1,899.82			
	Balance reserved for park water fund: (Park toilet fund has a negative balance)	\$ 196.55	\$ 196.55			
Total unreserved balance 6/30/11:		\$ 53,458.91	\$ 18,910.40	\$ 14,605.50	\$ 19,943.01	

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Rocky Ripple 2011 Budget				
			Spent	Left
	GENERAL FUND- 101	Budget	Q1-2	Q3-4
1	marshal	25620	14544.27	11075.73
personnel	clerk-treasurer	1400	660.46	739.54
	trustees	2400	1132.20	1267.80
	state/county payroll tax	1240	869.45	370.55
	federal payroll tax	4550	4014.98	535.02
	workforce development	150	62.26	87.74
	2	office supplies	300	307.72
supplies	police operating supplies	2050	295.00	1755.00
	3	legal services	1600	
other	bank fees	192	120.26	71.74
	mowing service	3060	775.00	2285.00
	cleaning service	900	375.00	525.00
	legal ads	350	65.95	284.05
	Insurance (general liability, auto, worker's comp)	9500	7467.00	2033.00
	Clerk Treasurer bond	200		200.00
	utility services: storm sewer, park toilet	590	166.50	423.50
	utility services: phone, internet	1200	531.18	668.82
	utility services: power- pavilion, vet's monument, town hall	1350	611.69	738.31
	utility services: water- park, town hall	370	82.59	287.41
	utility services: gas	950	287.00	663.00
	repairs & maintenance, town hall & pavilion	1000	2815.29	-1815.29
	refunds for town hall use	200	95.00	105.00
	clerk treasurer school	300	200.00	100.00
		Total:	59472	35478.80
	MVH FUND- 201	Budget	Spent	Left
			Q1-2	Q3-4
1	street commissioner	10000		10000.00
personnel	wages of laborers	2000	960.00	1040.00
	2	operating supplies- snow plow	500	285.00
supplies	operating supplies- police car	2400	1500.00	900.00
	maintenance- snow plow	1000		1000.00
	repair & maintenance, police car	1000	205.95	794.05
	street repair materials	500		500.00
3	road salting service	2500	5044.39	-2544.39
other	street lights	8835	4417.74	4417.26
	Total:	28735	12413.08	16321.92
	LRS FUND- 202	Budget	Spent	Left
			Q1-2	Q3-4
4	re-surfacing streets	11000		11000.00
capital outlays	road equipment repair	1500	198.72	1301.28
	Total:	12500	198.72	12301.28
Notes:				
add police training				
deal with wages of laborers category? (snow plow operators are not employees)				
add IACT dues (maybe professional development category)				