

Rocky Ripple Town Board Meeting

12-Dec-2017

Rocky Ripple Town Board chair Carla Gaff Clark called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. In addition to Town Board chair Gaff Clark, town board member Mandy Redmond was in attendance. Town board member Jill Morris and clerk-treasurer Kandy Kendall were not in attendance.

Treasurer Report

Prior to the meeting, secretary/treasurer Kendall provided town board members with treasurer report and last month's meeting minutes. Treasurer's report was reviewed by town board members present and it was noted that all expenses were in order. Motion made to approve the minutes by Mandy; both approved.

November Meeting Minutes

November minutes were distributed to town board members for review via email prior to the meeting. Carla and Jill's comments had been previously incorporated. Mandy mentioned she was late in reviewing because she wanted to confirm survey information mentioned in the minutes. Mandy read changes made to survey information. Carla agreed with revised information. Mandy made motion to accept minutes with changes as noted; both approved.

New Business

2018 ordinances were provided by secretary/treasurer Kendall for approval by board. Salary ordinance for 2018 was reviewed and approved. No changes from previous year. Mandy made motion to accept; both Carla and Mandy approved. Nepotism ordinance was reviewed. No changes from previous year. Mandy made motion to accept; both Carla and Mandy approved.

Flood Project

Carla reported the monthly flood protection project meeting with DPW and Butler was held Monday Dec. 11th. Board members Gaff-Clark and Redmond were in attendance, as well as three town residents, a real estate agent representing Richard and Harriet Lowe, Mike Kiefer, and Mike Massonne, DPW project leader. Butler reps were not present.

Mike Massonne reported that AECOM final report with costs is expected to be received by January. Dave Knife from DNR will be reviewing the flood elevation info provided by RR resident Richard Lowe. Per Mandy, town board will have two flood elevations for point of comparison – one from AECOM and one from DNR. Once the city receives the AECOM report, which should contain plan sheets with costs for all identified alternatives for Rocky Ripple flood protection, there will be a three week comment period, at which point the draft will be finalized.

The group discussed existing levee maintenance and that three additional trees totaling \$18,000 were identified to be taken down in January on town's property along current

levee for immediate maintenance. Two trees are behind Whit's house and one tree is behind John Byrne's and was previously identified. All three have a severe leaning problem. They must be removed before bats are back in April.

Mandy, Jill, Mike Kiefer and town lawyer Matthew Dodson attended the information exchange meeting regarding setting up a TIF (Tax Increment Financing) district for funding of the local Rocky Ripple flood protection project on 20-Nov-2017. The meeting was held at Butler University with Jeff Bennett from the City, Butler Tarkington, Warfleigh representatives, state representative Delaney and state senator Ruckelshaus. Plan is a model that will be used first time for our project, then can be used for other city projects if successful for us. The plan calls for new property tax assessments in the area after the northside flood protection project is completed, which are expected to rise, to generate additional tax revenue that can be used for funding of the local Rocky Ripple flood protection initiative. This would be done without raising property taxes and would be in addition to the \$10 million already committed to the project by the city. This TIF plan will now be presented to the Indy City County Council for approval. An information session for residents of the local area will be scheduled by the city in January.

Potholes/street repair

Globe paving has patched most of our worst potholes during the past three weeks.

Hohlt Park Stage/Plaque for Hohlt Family

John Bleakley agreed to apply the plaque to the pavilion wall in Hohlt Park and is working on a quotation for the installation. Mandy provided John with the plaque and mounting screws provided with the plaque. No updates on construction of the stage were available.

Town Hall Maintenance

Carla stated that town manager Mike Kiefer is responsible for town hall maintenance. We need a motion for Mike to be responsible for initiating repairs and upkeep requirements. Mandy made a motion. Carla and Mandy approved. Mike stated that furnace stopped working and he initiated repair order and it was fixed and we will be billed. Mike also stated we had someone in the community that needed to do community service that had 40 hours to put in and could do painting or cleaning at town hall. It was discussed that painting of entire interior was not needed, but that parts of ceiling could be painted and walls washed. The floor also needs to have wax removed from floors, and be rebuffed. It was also discussed that bathroom sinks need to be repaired or replaced and kitchen counter top needs repair or replaced. Attorney Dodson will check into whether there are any issues in doing so.

Committee Business

RREM: No RREM updates were presented.

RRCA: No RRCA updates were presented.

Town Manager/Marshal Mike: No incidents to report were noted. New street signs to replace damaged ones were ordered. The ones on Canal Blvd. have been installed. Need an

additional snow plow driver. New (and former) resident Russell Scott has expressed interest in becoming a snow plow driver for the town and will be trained as a backup for Art Bracken and Ely Hinkle. He has plowing experience and will need to be added to the insurance.

Community Concerns

Resident Julie Bleakley mentioned it would be nice if the town could put up a tower and provide internet service for residents. Resident Micheal Smith reported that he had filed a complaint with the Indiana Attorney General's office regarding ATT phone service, which is spotty, especially during certain times of the year. The complaint # is 17-CT-59779. He stated that he had previously asked ATT to upgrade lines in Rocky Ripple, but was told by ATT that there were not enough households to make the upgrade worth ATT's time and cost to do so. Mike suggested that other residents take up this issue and voice their concerns so that something is done about this issue.

With no further business, Mandy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:51; approved by both Carla and Mandy.

Respectfully submitted,

Mandy Redmond
Town Councilor