

Rocky Ripple Town Council Meeting
January 9, 2018

Rocky Ripple Town Board Chair Carla Gaff Clark called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. Town board members Mandy Redmond, and Jill Morris were in attendance as well as clerk-treasurer Kandy Kendall.

Carla called for election of officers. Carla asked if the positions should remain the same: Carla as president, Mandy as deputy of communications and Jill as sergeant at arms. Mandy moved that the officers' position remain the same as 2017. Jill seconded and all were in favor.

Secretary Report

Mandy recorded the minutes from the December meeting. Carla moved that the minutes, with new clarifications, be accepted. Mandy seconded it and all were in favor.

Kandy stated the board needed to adopt the guidelines for Local Governmental Internal Controls as stated in Indiana Code 5-11-1-27. Mandy made a motion the board adopt IC 5-11-1-27. Jill seconded it and all were in favor. All board members returned their signed internal control training certification paper as well.

Kandy asked the board to amend the approved November minutes, under New Business/Survey to reflect the number of households in Rocky Ripple, as reported in the US Census Bureau, ACS Demographic and Housing Estimates 2012-2016, to be 333. Kandy also asked that under this same section, the word "majority" be changed for statistical purposes to be the actual percentage: 58%.

Jill moved that the November approved minutes, with corrections, be accepted.

Mandy seconded it and all were in favor.

It was reported the W-2's should be arriving tomorrow.

Finally, Kandy indicated she had renewed our tax exempt status with Lowes.

Treasurer Report

Kandy stated that Rocky Ripple received the fall property tax settlement of \$14,188.00 and that the audit fee of \$2,616.00 was deducted from this, leaving a settlement of \$11,572.00. However, our audit fee was reduced to \$1974.00 due to a change in auditors causing duplicate work to be done by the State Board of Accounts (SBOA). This adjustment of \$642 should be received within 45-60 days according to Sommer Cannon, SBOA.

Kandy gave the SBOA "Local Tax & Finance Dashboard" report to each board member. The report indicated that in 2016, under Budget and Expenditures, Rocky Ripple Total Actual Revenue was \$99,333.00 and Total Actual Disbursements was \$69,873.00. It was suggested we keep these figures in mind when the 2019 budget sessions are held this summer.

Kandy is working on the Annual Financial Report, due March 1st.

With nothing further to report concerning finances, Jill moved the December financial be accepted. Mandy seconded it and all were in favor.

Update on Legislation

The preliminary draft bill #3134 addressing funding for the Rocky Ripple Flood Project, has now become SB386, authored by Senator Ruckelshaus. Carla presented a draft letter to send to Senator Greg Taylor, Rocky Ripple representative, asking that he become co-author of the bill. The Department of Public Works has asked that Senator Taylor's name also be on the bill. Once Senator Taylor signs on, then the bill will be sent to Representative Greg Porter to make sure everyone knows Rocky Ripple is behind SB386.

City of Indianapolis TIF Meeting

Mandy reported that she, Jill, attorney Dodson, and Marshal Mike attended a meeting with Butler Tarkington Neighborhood Association (BTNA), Warfleigh, Butler University, the City, DPW and various government representatives held November 20th. Senator Ruckelshaus was there as well as Dan Parker, Department of Public Works (DPW). Parker gave the same presentation he gave to Rocky Ripple at the November board meeting concerning the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District for the flood plain along the White River in Marion County. It appears BTNA and Warfleigh are onboard; although there was a naysayers indicating DPW is not allowing a public comment period and the TIF is being ramrodded thru. Senator Ruckelshaus agreed the need for transparency.

BTNA January Meeting

Mandy attended the January Butler Tarkington Neighborhood Association (BTNA) meeting. She indicated that Joel Smith, City of Indianapolis neighborhood liaison, was there. Mandy will email him and ask that he attend a future Rocky Ripple board meeting.

Indy Neighborhood Infrastructure Partnership

Mandy found out at the BTNA meeting that DPW is offering a grant for neighborhood associations in 2018 for sidewalk and street repair. It is a matching grant that must come through the Rocky Ripple Community Association (RRCA). RRCA is holding a meeting next week to discuss the grant given the grant is due March 1st. Mandy will confer with Marshal Mike concerning streets to address and costs. It was suggested Canal Boulevard be the focus of the grant.

Old Business

Flood Control Project

Carla reported they did not have a meeting in January because DPW believes they will have something in two weeks. Carla said there are now five new plans and that it sounds like all five are different. Mike Massonne, DPW, is waiting on cost estimates before presenting the plans to Rocky Ripple Board. Carla feels we already have a funding source with the \$10 million currently pledged from the City, an undetermined amount from Butler, as well as the TIF which hopefully will come to fruition. Carla said she expects to hear something within this month. There will be a meeting in February or March to present the new ideas to Town residents.

Fountain

Carla asked if anybody knew about the current status of the fountain at 52nd and the canal. Dan Axler indicated that during his conversations he believed the thought was to now put the fountain on the canal path closer to the Butler fields.

Dan said he talked to someone at the City about the trash can that had been at 52nd and the canal which was never being emptied. After many different departments being contacted, no one knew whom the trash can belonged to and it was removed. Dan indicated that during his conversations, he believed the thought was to now put the fountain on the canal path closer to the Butler fields.

Hohlt Park Stage

Kandy said she talked to Scott McManus who was working with John Bleakley on permitting for the stage. Currently, the City is saying the stage is in the flood plain and therefore needs to be elevated two feet. Carla said she will talk to John and get the person's name at the City John has talked to and try to see if she can move this process along.

INDOT Grant

Neither Kandy nor Mike had any additional thoughts on the 2018 grant. It was suggested we could use the streets that needed paving according to the 2017 grant and add more funds, if needed, to try and get as much paving done as possible in 2018.

Globe Paving Company

Kandy asked Mike if Globe was coming back out to finish the pot holes they marked but did not fill. Mike believes Globe has used the 4T of asphalt bided at \$2000. Globe thought 4T would take care of all the spots and although it did not, they are done according to Mike. Kandy asked Mike if she should pay the current bill for \$2000 and he indicated she should.

Town Manager

Although Mike was given this title one year ago, he will now be making monthly reports as town manager.

Snow Plow: Russell Scott has been added as plower and he will get with Art Bracken to see the layout of the Town. The plow truck is in good working condition. Mike looked at plastic salt spreaders but since the truck bed is rusting, he feels the weight of salt would snap the back of the truck off.

Police Car: The car is showing its age and recently Mike had to replace the wheel bearings, tie rod, and knocked out sensor ABS light. There continues to be a clunking noise coming from the front suspension but it is only a noise and not indicative of a problem so it does not need to be repaired. The car mileage is over 100,000 miles.

Townhall: Mike has been in contact with a Town resident that needs to do community hours. Mike indicated the person would strip and wax the townhall floors.

Credit Card:

The town board requested the clerk treasurer to look into a credit card for the town manager. It was suggested that if we cannot get a credit card in the Town's name, then to get a prepaid card for \$500. Mandy moved we acquire a \$500 prepaid card for the town manager and Jill seconded it. All were in favor.

Tree on Ripple Road:

According to attorney Dodson, the tree leaning over the street on Ripple Road is on Casey May's property and she is responsible for removal. Tyler said he will remove it for \$500.00 and Marshal Mike told Casey to work with Tyler.

New Business

Marshal Report

Marshal Mike had two runs. December 30th there was a domestic battery reported. January 8th there was a hit & run of a vehicle parked outside of Al Mastain's fence. The person was apprehended and charged with an OWI.

RREM

Jill indicated there was nothing to report and the next meeting will be held January 11th.

RRCA

Mandy said there would be a meeting tomorrow night to discuss applying for the street grant from DPW.

Dhyana indicated they will also be discussing the art festival for 2018.

Peace Park

Kandy asked about the vets' payment for lights at Peace Park. Currently the account is negative \$39.00. Ely Hinkle said the American Legion had a \$500 check for the vets but was told by Dan Foreman the vets' organization is no longer functioning. The check was destroyed. Ely does not want to see the light, which illuminates the flag at Peace Park, be turned off and he spontaneously gave \$100 to the clerk treasurer to keep the lights on.

Mandy said she will send a written communication to the Rocky Ripple vets and let them know the future of keeping the flag illuminated is in peril and what do they wish to do.

With no further business, Jill moved the meeting be adjourned and Mandy seconded it. Carla called the meeting adjourned at 8:39.

Respectfully submitted,

Kandy Kendall
Clerk Treasurer