

Rocky Ripple Town Board Meeting

13-Feb-2018

Rocky Ripple Town Board chair Carla Gaff Clark called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm. Also in attendance were town board members Mandy Redmond and Jill Morris. Kandy Kendall, clerk-treasurer was not in attendance.

Treasurer Report/Minutes

Prior to the meeting, secretary/treasurer Kendall provided town board members with the treasurer report and last month's meeting minutes.

-Minutes

Mandy requested a change to the spelling of Ruckelshaus. Also noted was a change to the "City of Indianapolis TIF meeting". There were actually two different meetings. The meeting held on November 20th 2017 didn't include the BTNA Neighborhood meeting that was attended by Mandy. It was broken into two meetings.

A motion was made to approve minutes with said changes, seconded by Jill. All approved.

-Treasurer's Report

Mandy reported there was one noted update for a reimbursement from the town's audit. Mandy made a motion to approve, seconded by Jill. All approved.

Credit Card: Kandy tried several places to obtain a town card, but institutions wanted personal information.

Attorney Matt offered to contact a bank on our behalf. Mandy will check to see if we could get our credit score. Further investigation will be needed. Marshal Mike recommends we keep things as is until we look into it further.

Update on Legislation

Senate Bill 386 (out of Senate). We have four authors on it at this time. Matt and Carla talked to the senate. It's over to the house for financial review. There were some amendments attached that really wouldn't affect us. Carla and Matt spoke on our behalf that the Town was very interested in the passing of the bill. We are now looking for sponsors.

Carla reported on the 4 ways Rocky Ripple is working to secure funding for a levee project and an update on status of AECOM.

Funding:

- \$10 million pledged by the City of Indianapolis

- Working with Butler-AECOM will provide financial report reflecting cost including Butler in the project and one without. This will reflect how much money Butler should pledge.

- Storm sewer money

- TIF district

Options from AECOM:

5-6 possible options should be available soon. They will also have some financial information. No set date for a formal presentation has been set.

AECOM has already identified a hydraulic issue where the river narrows and where homes are built into the levee. They needed time to revise their options.

The City of Indianapolis has preformed \$100,000 levee stabilization work to date + two more projects on the Town's levee have been initiated.

Mike Mooney questioned Bill 386 in the possibility of success. Carla said it looks good. It should be decided in the next couple weeks.

Dan Axler asked about access to private property along the river in order to assess problematic issues, trees etc. The Town will relay on the Dirt Community to gather information. Carla suggested we could set up some type of funding to help with these properties.

The Westfield alignment project will start to resume soon, weather permitting. There isn't any update on what the wall will look like. Carla will try to gather more information.

INDOT Street grant:

Mandy went to BTNA meeting and learned about an INDOT grant for non-profit organizations. On behalf of the Community Association, Mandy provided a draft copy of a proposal for road repair on the canal. It is a 50/50 matching fund grant. The Town has \$25,000 in the Roads and Street fund which would be available. The Community Association would contribute some funds as well as resident contributions. Lawyer Matt reviewed the draft for any liability issues and seemed to think the wording will be okay.

Jill made motion to use up to \$25,000 for this grant, Mandy seconded and all in favor.

New Business

Committees updates:

-RREM- Jill stated the Evacuation Plan is almost done and will be shared with the Town Board soon. Marshal Mike stated the he and Andy Hazel will be testing the horn soon.

-Community Association-Dhyana will be securing a tent and stage for the Art Festival.

-Marshal's Report-Marshal Mike is working on insurance.

As to date, we are running low on salt.

On Feb 9th there was a burglary which occurred on Clarendon. January 11th there was domestic disturbance call.

Community Concern

Where do we stand on getting sewers? According to Carla, they want to come in after the levee is done.

Carla made a motion to adjourn meeting, seconded by Jill, all in favor.

