

Rocky Ripple Town Council Meeting  
September 11, 2018

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

Jill asked for a moment of silence in honor of 9/11.

#### Secretary Report

Kandy asked the Board to accept the minutes with corrections. Mandy made a motion to accept the secretary report. Jill seconded it. All were in favor. Kandy did ask Carla and Mandy to review Marshal Mike's contract for corrections and additions. Jill has already sent her comments. Mike's contract expired June 1.

#### Treasurer Report

Kandy pointed out to the Board the increase in light and water usage at the townhall due to White Pine Wilderness camp use. Also, it was noted that Anne Jansen had passed. Kandy wondered if the Town Board would like Matt Dodson to contact the A/G's office and see if there would be money still owed the Town coming from the estate. The Board asked Matt to do this and Kandy stated she would send Matt the cause number. Finally, Kandy noted that a letter had been sent to Atkinson Heating and Cooling on the Board's request asking for clarification as to why we received a bill from July 2017 in July of 2018. The letter to Atkinson Heating and Cooling indicated that the State Board of Accounts did not approve of bills being paid out of the fiscal cycle. Kandy said she has not received any clarification at this time.

Mandy made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Jill seconded it. All were in favor.

#### Old Business

Briefing of informational levee meeting last week – AECOM report

Carla summarized the past year and a half events leading to this point in time.

The funding source has four ways to bring money in.

1. The City of Indianapolis has committed \$10 million.
2. Butler University has committed a substantial amount of money and the amount will be decided at the Butler trustees' meeting next week.
3. Storm Water District: it is expected to get dollars out of this fund to back the bond money.
4. SB386 allows for the improvements that can be expected to homes once they are qualified as FEMA 100 year + three certification; thus resulting in a higher property tax. This money will go back into the storm water fund to pay back the projects.

Rocky Ripple is not expected to pay for our portion of the flood wall project. The storm water district is allowed to bring in money for 25 years. Rocky Ripple is estimated to bring in \$12 million because we have a number of empty lots that homes can be built on once we have flood protection. The \$12 million is unlikely in the first couple of years but at the end of 15-20 years, the City hopes this occur.

Carla reminded those in attendance the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed by the City, Butler, and the Town Board agreed to 100 year protection and no taking of homes. The nine homes south of 51<sup>st</sup> street on Riverview are being left out of the flood protection wall because they are so close to the river that any wall would change the hydraulics of the river. There are still a number of things the

City can do to help those homes such as riprap along the riverbank as well as taking down the hollow trees.

DPW spoke to Mayor Hogsett four or five weeks ago and the City is still solid on option #3 by DPW and AECOM.

Carla reminded the residents that the City will not eminent domain any of the properties. They will negotiate a fair market value as required by State law. The City is not buying residents' property but giving those 21 homes effected perpetual easement with the property owner's right to use.

Jill suggested the Board discuss the Input they have already received.

Mandy reported that in the 2017 survey which went to every household, the Board received 103 responses out of 332 homes. (Ma Mandy this should be changed to 103 responses out of 333 homes as recorded in the Nov 2017 minutes) Of the 103 (again 102) responses, 58% wanted the FEMA 100 year + 3 certification. The survey results are on the Town's website. Mandy also indicated the Board canvased the neighborhood prior to the flood wall meeting held at Butler. It was noted that during the last three years, the Board has held seven to eight meetings just to collect information from the residents. After the flood wall meeting at Butler, of the 108 residents in attendance, 68 people filled out the survey distributed at this meeting.

Carla also reminded the residents that the last three election cycles in Rocky Ripple all pertained to protecting the levee and this is what the citizens wanted.

#### Tree Cutting project

Marshal Mike took care of a partial tree which fell at 51<sup>st</sup> and Clarendon.

#### Street Paving/INDOT grant

Marshal Mike is finishing the INDOT grant and will submit our grant application to INDOT this week. Mike said that INDOT will receive approximately 3000 applications during this grant period and they will approve approximately 1000.

Mandy said she talked to DPW about the community grant the RRCA had applied for to pave Canal Boulevard. We did not get the grant. Mandy asked why they did not notify those who were not awarded a grant.

Pothole filing: Globe Paving spend the majority of \$3000 the Board approved on pothole repair towards Canal Boulevard. The other pothole repairs are again being done by volunteers in Town.

#### New Business

##### Committee Updates

RREM: Jill reported they will have a meeting Thursday at 7:00. Angela Herrmann reminded the crowd that Rocky Ripple was the first community in Indiana to have its own emergency response team. Angie also reminded everyone there is a Facebook page for those wanting to sign up.

RRCA: Dhyana gave the update on the art festival to be held September 22. She had posters, flyers, and cards for those who wanted to distribute some. There will be a Community Association meeting Tuesday and she asked everyone to come. Volunteers are still needed, especially in the children's area. The children's area is supervised from 11:00 to 5:00. Volunteers are assigned a 2-3 hour shift. They also need two volunteers for "Pedal to Park".

Finally, Dhyana is looking for someone to lead the trash and compost duties.

Marshal Mike will contact the insurance company asking for a letter stating RRCA is covered for park use.

2019 directory: Angie and Julie Bleakley are compiling information for the new directory. They will set up at the festival as well as outside the townhall on voting day to gather information from new residents

and update information for those currently in the 2017 directory. Forms may be dropped off in the town marshal's mail slot.

#### Marshal Report

Marshal Mike reminded everyone that during the festival, 52<sup>nd</sup> Street from Crown to Annette will be shut down as well as Sunnymede from 53<sup>rd</sup> to 54<sup>th</sup>.

Marshal Mike had no police activity to report.

#### Community Concerns

The comments from citizens to the Board pertained to the flood wall project.

1. Who helps homeowners in fair and equitable reimbursement for their land taken by the City for the project. Should it not be a per foot reimbursement for all 21 homeowners who will lose land? The Board will ask DPW about this. Matt stated the homeowners will still own the easement and will continue to pay property taxes on the easement.
2. What is height of wall? 5-6 feet
3. What about the 9 homes outside of wall? Carla stated that riprap and hollow trees will be taken down but that those homeowners need to hold DPW's feet to the fire to get answers.
4. Dan Axler asked if an earthen levee could be considered between his and his neighbor's home instead of an 11' wall. Carla said call Mike Massonne at DPW now because the Board has been told they cannot make any more changes to the project.
5. Amy asked if the Dig INDY infrastructure would affect the water flow in the river and does this mitigate our flooding chances. The Board said no.
6. The question was asked concerning gutter drainage flowing back towards our homes. The Board will ask DPW.
7. When will the Board vote on approval of the flood wall project. Carla stated before the end of the year and October preferably.

The Board agreed to hold one more meeting to address citizen's concerns. This will be held October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

With no further business, Mandy moved the meeting be adjourned and Jill seconded it. Carla called the meeting adjourned at 8:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Kandy Kendall  
Clerk Treasurer