

Rocky Ripple Town Council Meeting
April 9, 2024

Rocky Ripple Town Board member, Randy Sanders, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Town board members Rachel Hunter, Randy Sanders and Megan Hulland were present. Julie Smith, clerk treasurer, Mike Kiefer, town marshal, were present. Sarah Guffey, legal counsel, was present via Zoom. John Barth, City-County Council District 7 Representative, was also present.

Welcome Community!

Town board member, Randy Sanders, welcomed and thanked those who were present at town hall as well as those who are joining us for tonight's meeting via Zoom.

Clerk Treasurer Reports

Miscellaneous –AES and CEG bills for the month have stabilized a bit and are back to pre-February levels; Julie did not yet receive rationale as to why rates were so high in February.

Minutes – March minutes were presented with two small changes. Rachel made a motion to accept the minutes with those changes, Megan seconded. All were in favor, motion unanimously passed.

Treasurer Report for March 2024 – Julie has not received a streetlight bill this month and is doing some investigating into charges dating back to October 2023. Taekwondo is not yet fully caught up on bills but continues to pay off rentals. Ending bank balance for 3/31/2024 was \$97,900.40. Rachel motioned to accept the Treasurer's report and Randy seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion unanimously passed.

Discussion of Chase transition next steps – Megan and Randy now have access to the Chase bank account; Mandy has been removed.

May and June meeting dates – Randy reminded residents that the meetings for May and June have been adjusted and will take place on the first Tuesday of each month. May's meeting will be May 7th; June's meeting will be June 4th. Randy reminded everyone that May 7th is an election polling day, so we may need to arrive for the board meeting a little early to set up town hall.

Old Business

Rocky Ripple Flood Protection: DPW Updates, ILA – The Board received news that FEMA certified the Indianapolis North Flood Damage Reduction project on March 21, 2024. Following this news, Shannon Killion shared 100% design plans for the Rocky Ripple Flood Reduction project with the town. DPW has advised that these plans should be considered 100% design, pending FEMA's review and feedback. The Board was able to send the design plans out to the town via the listserv and website. Based on the Board's review, it did not seem like there were major changes at this phase. Randy also shared some specific details related to design changes he had received from Shannon in an email. Megan mentioned she had requested a public meeting to go over the information with residents. Shannon mentioned she would confer with Brandon Herget when he returned from vacation. DPW is reluctant to host a public meeting based on past experiences with the town. The town understands that DPW will continue to move forward with CLOMR irrespective of town feedback but feel a public meeting is long overdue. Randy proposed sending questions to DPW in advance of this meeting, then requesting that DPW focus on responses during the meeting itself. The Board is flexible in terms of approach, but feels it is important for DPW to help explain their work and answer questions from individual residents. The Board passed a resolution formally requesting a public meeting with DPW, similar in structure to the November 16, 2022 meeting. John Barth offered to help pass the formal request along to Brandon and Shannon.

CEG STEP Program Update – No update for this month. Work is not yet complete; CEG will need to return to finish remediating uneven ground and seeding where needed.

Speeding Cars in Rocky Ripple/Related Safety Concerns – No update for this month. Will address with Michael Lofton from Butler University in an upcoming board meeting.

INDOT ADA and Title 6 Compliance Plan – Megan reminded the board of her past research on this topic and mentioned we should prioritize inclusion of Title 6 ordinance language during our next ordinance review. Rachel is working on reformatting Rocky Ripple's ordinance document now to simplify future editing.

Town Manager/Marshal's Report – No police reports this month. Marshal Mike submitted Community Crossings Matching Grant (CCMG) in January and town is still waiting for a response from CCG. Marshal Mike shared additional information about town insurance quote received last week. Randy made a motion to bind the insurance policy with Bliss McKnight for 2024/2025 for \$9,197.00; motion passed. Mike expects two more quotes this week and will share additional information for comparison purposes.

Community Association Updates – Park grove update, others –Great turnout and weather for Egg Hunt and Cake Walk in March. Rachel is moving to submit Indianapolis Neighborhood Rebuilding Community grant (INRC) by April 15th deadline. RRCA has requested funds for community garden shed beautification, replacement picnic tables and frisbee golf posts. Randy made a motion to support the proposal; motion passed unanimously. Kandy shared an update on Hohlt Park grove replanting and outlined new design. Many shrubs will be replanted to replace trees removed from the "Sugar Shack." Randy made a motion to accept the proposal; motion passed unanimously. RRCA volunteers will move forward with planting. RRCA elections will take place in May; VP position is up for election. Meeting has moved to May 28th. Last BINGO event for the spring will take place on April 27th.

New Business

Capital Asset Ordinance – Randy drafted an ordinance related to the Capital Asset policy for the town. Megan, Rachel and Julie were supportive of the language. The ordinance will be posted for public comment. Depending on feedback, the Board will look to adopt the ordinance during the May meeting.

Community Concerns

No community concerns. Meeting adjourned at 9:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Megan Hulland