

Rocky Ripple Town Council Meeting
September 10, 2024

Rocky Ripple Town Board member, Randy Sanders, called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm. Town board members Rachel Hunter, Randy Sanders and Megan Hullahd were present. Julie Smith, clerk treasurer and Mike Kiefer, town marshal, were 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

2025 Budget Planning – Hearing for the 2025 budget occurred today; budget has been posted at Town Hall for those who are interested in reviewing; it will be open to public comment for the next 30 days. The Board will plan to adopt the budget as part of the October Town Board meeting.

Minutes – August minutes were presented with no changes. Rachel made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Megan seconded. All were in favor, motion unanimously passed.

Treasurer Report for August 2024 – Expenses were presented; there was a double payment on the police car gas card that will be adjusted. Julie confirmed that 2015 Directive allocation of \$1800 has now been moved to General Fund. Master Mike has until October 7th to pay the balance on outstanding Tae Kwon Do fees; no payment was made this month. Lower LRS and MVH income in August; Julie will monitor this trend through the end of the year. INDOT grant for paving was received for \$53,979.03; Butler is waiting to see a paid invoice to make their contribution for Lester Street paving. Paving came in slightly under budget; Marshal Mike will have a final number to share shortly. Julie shared that she is gathering information related to appropriating a portion of restricted MVH funds over time; she will report back what she learns. Ending bank balance for 8/30/2024 was \$159,742.16. Megan motioned to accept the Treasurer's report and Rachel seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion unanimously passed.

Search for Clerk-Treasurer – The town continues to search for a new Clerk-Treasurer; a few individuals remain interested. The Board reminded residents to continue to spread the word about Clerk-Treasurer vacancy in case anyone else is interested.

Old Business

Rocky Ripple Flood Protection: DPW Updates, ILA – Megan shared an update from Shannon Killion, Stormwater Administrator at DPW. Shannon sent an email to the Board in late August with written answers to questions residents had shared, as well as a copy of the Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR) submitted to FEMA. Shannon shared that FEMA is required to provide an initial response within 90 days and also provided some feedback on preliminary internal drainage evaluation. Per Shannon, internal drainage is not required to significantly reduce flood risk. Shannon mentioned that – if residents still wanted to have individual meetings with DPW – they should share specific follow-ups in advance so appropriate personnel can be part of the meeting. These meetings would likely occur toward the end of September into October, most likely at the Broad Ripple Family Center.

Speeding Cars in Rocky Ripple/Related Safety Concerns – Butler Police are currently monitoring traffic, although residents continue to reinforce that the vehicular traffic is a problem. A resident expressed that – although summer camps are over – there are still ongoing training activities happening at the fields. Megan mentioned that we should work to meet with Butler Athletics directly; Randy will reach out to the contact that has been previously been identified. Having some dedicated resources to direct traffic during peak periods would be an ideal solution.

INDOT ADA and Title 6 Compliance Plan – Megan made some last-minute edits to ADA and Title 6 ordinances; these have been reviewed by Sarah. Randy asked to see a final copy of the full ordinances for review; once everyone on the Board has taken a look, these will be posted publicly.

Town Manager/Marshal's Report – No reports this month.

Community Association Updates – Planning for the Festival is going well; many residents have signed up for volunteer slots. All Festival yard signs are out advertising the weekend; RRCA Festival meeting is next week. There is a cleanup planned in Hohlt Park on September 14th. The disc golf group trimmed back a significant amount of honeysuckle already. New picnic tables have been delivered; big thanks to the volunteers who put them together! RREM met on September 9th to discuss first aid for the Festival. The group plans to meet again on October 16th.

New Business

Community Concerns

None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Megan Hulland