

Rocky Ripple Town Council Meeting
October 8, 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, town attorney, Sarah Guffey, 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 – The board voted to adopt the 2025 budget. Rachel made a motion to accept the budget as written, Megan seconded. All in favor, motion unanimously passed.

Minutes – September 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 September 2024 – Expenses were presented. Julie noted that the Community Crossings Grant (CCG) had been deposited for the amount of \$51,565.54. Paving totals came in slightly under budget relative to what was expected, so the town will owe INDOT \$2,413.50. Randy asked Mike to send final invoice for Lester Street paving so he can forward it along to Butler for cost sharing; he will do so after this meeting. Marshal Mike is working on rating road conditions this month on pacer scale. Master Mike has until October 7th to pay back rental fees; no money was received on this date. Randy plans to approach him on Saturday morning to give final notice before the board agreed his code should be turned off. Both LRS and MVH income were higher this month relative to August; Julie noted we also received Riverboat Tax in September. Ending bank balance for 9/31/2024 was \$160,733.11; balance will be \$91,679.06 after paving payment check clears. Rachel motioned to accept the Treasurer's report and Megan seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion unanimously passed.

Search for Clerk-Treasurer – The town continues to search for a new Clerk-Treasurer and have an interested candidate joining them tonight.

Old Business

Rocky Ripple Flood Protection: DPW Updates, ILA – No updates this month; the board shared responses from DPW to resident questions broadly following the September board meeting. A few residents continued to express interest in individual meetings; Megan reached out to Shannon Killion to coordinate these touch bases. Shannon communicated that these meetings will likely be held at the end of October at the Broad Ripple Family Center. Megan reminded Shannon that several residents have specific property questions and it might be more efficient to meet residents onsite in Rocky Ripple. The board will work to understand next steps and help get meetings scheduled.

Speeding Cars in Rocky Ripple/Related Safety Concerns – No update; Randy will follow-up with a point of contact at the Butler Athletic Department this month. The town also discussed the need for a traffic study from DPW; Randy will think through how best to proceed here.

INDOT ADA and Title 6 Compliance Plan – Megan asked Sarah for an editable copy of the Title VI Complaint form; Sarah said she would share. Randy asked Megan to resend all documents one more time with the intention of posting content for the 30-day public review window.

Town Manager/Marshal's Report – One report of harassment on the 52nd block of Annette this month. Paving has been completed and new signs posted.

Community Association Updates – 2024 Festival occurred on September 27th; attendance was down due largely to weather. 40% of artists did not show and two food vendors backed out. Weather was really touch and go throughout the day, but everyone had a wonderful time. Julie plans to reach out to Michael Conard about rolling grass in park back after all the mud during the event. Parking was different this year and seems to have been well-received. Next Tuesday 10/15 is the festival close-out meeting with the RRCA; pizza will be served. A Halloween parade is planning for the Saturday before Halloween; candy donations will be gratefully accepted. Rachel proposed the idea of a hayride. This will not be a town sponsored event and volunteers are needed to help shut down roads. The hayride will tentatively be scheduled between 5:00-7:00pm at town hall on 10/26. A resident expressed a desire to use town hall for a Family Dance event every month. Live music would be open to the public; the first event is planned for 10/20 from 2:30-5:30pm. The next clothing swap will take place on 11/24.

New Business

Community Concerns

None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:39pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Megan Hullah