

Rocky Ripple Town Council Meeting
March 11, 2025

Rocky Ripple Town Board member, Randy Sanders, called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm. Town board members Randy Sanders, Megan Hulland and Rachel Hunter, were present. Mary McCoin, clerk treasurer and Mike Kiefer, town marshal, were present. Town attorney Sarah Guffey was not 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

Clerk Treasurer Transition – Mary and Julie have been continuing to transition Clerk-Treasurer responsibilities. Mary is still working to get access to Square and also to Gateway; she and Julie have been in touch with State Board of Accounts to try to generate a PIN to get Mary added to the account. They have not yet heard a response but plan to meet tomorrow and call their contact. Mary needs to access Gateway to be able to submit the TIF Management Report. Otherwise, Mary has access to everything she needs.

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

Treasurer Report for February 2025 – Expenses for February were presented; Town Web bill for the year has been paid. Mary did note that there would be a few additional charges – including Verizon and utilities – from February that would hit the March financial report, as she had been locked out of the Chase bank account due to overzealous fraud reporting by Megan. Everything was quickly resolved and should go smoothly moving forward. Randy noted that there was no credit for Master Mike's rental; Randy and Mike have come to the agreement that Mike will paying his fees for the prior month the first Tuesday of every month. If the fees are not paid, his town hall code will be turned off. Mike owes \$60 and \$180 for the first two months of the year, respectively. Ending bank balance was \$109,437.92. Rachel made a motion to accept the financial reports as written and Megan seconded. All were in favor, motion unanimously passed.

Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) – Randy briefly touched on updates to this bill, as it has been changed since it was first introduced. The revised bill may also pose a threat to Rocky Ripple's tax base, including the Flood Control Improvement District (FCID). A special session for the bill is may be forthcoming.

Rental Prices for Town Hall and Pavilion – Following the discussion last month, Randy made a motion to raise hourly rental fees for town hall from \$30 to \$40 and the pavilion from \$75 to \$85. He also recommended raising the deposit from \$50 to \$100 to help cover cleaning costs. Recurring renters – including Master Mike and the Girl Scout troop – will be grandfathered in at the original rate. Rachel seconded the motion; motion unanimously passed.

Old Business

Rocky Ripple Flood Protection: DPW Updates, ILA – District 7 Representative John Barth was in attendance and gave an update from his meeting with new DPW Director, Todd Wilson, on Monday March 10th. John shared that the Director was not familiar with the status of the Rocky Ripple project, other than sharing that he knew things were much more expensive than expected. John has asked Director Wilson to reach out to Rocky Ripple to set up some time to meet. A resident brought several questions into the meeting as she contemplates the sale of her house. She asked when the CLOMR would be complete; Rachel explained that the process is relatively open ended and won't wrap up until FEMA has all the answers they need. The resident asked about the status of the ILA and Randy reminded her that the board is waiting for all final design information before surveying residents on the final plan. The board is commitment to soliciting public opinion

before signing. The board has no updates on funding on the project, other than reminding residents that pricing for construction materials has gone up 25-50% recently. The resident pointed out that the timeline for property acquisition and construction listed on both the City and Town's websites are dated at this point and asked the board for help to update. The resident shared information related to the Federal Relocation Assistance Program, which she mentioned Shannon Killion, DPW Stormwater Administrator, had shared with her. Randy mentioned that the town board would need to confirm resident eligibility for this benefit in writing from DPW before socializing it more broadly, as these benefits are typically only associated with federally funded projects. Megan mentioned that she or the other board members would be happy to answer questions about floodwall process or history if a prospective buyer needs more clarity. The board will follow-up with Shannon to seek confirmation on several things, including the status of the CLOMR. John Barth mentioned he was happy to help support the board with special resolutions or other actions; the board will discuss what would be most impactful.

Speeding Cars in Rocky Ripple/Related Safety Concerns – The town board will meet with Butler University on Wednesday, March 19th to discuss traffic flow planning related to summer camps on the fields and the future of street paving cost sharing. The board would like to learn more about Bruce Arick's backfill following his retirement as Vice President of Finance of Butler University in January.

INDOT ADA and Title 6 Compliance Plan – Board reviewed updated town policies and ordinances, including new ADA and Title 6 Compliance content. All were comfortable with the proposed changes. Documents will be posted for public review for a period of 30 days and the board will vote on adoption in April.

Town Manager/Marshal's Report – No reports this month. Community Crossing Matching Grant (CCMG) was awarded to the town for the full amount of \$50,561.90. Marshal Mike will send out a request for bids and ask companies to submit bids by April 8th. The goal is to be under contract by the end of April and everything paid in May. New bills are circulating within the statehouse to redefine how roads are measured in the state of Indiana – right now, they are measured in pure mileage and don't take into account lane/traffic volume – and changes could be forthcoming to the CCMG program generally, so the town will continue to take advantage of grant funds as long as they can. The town continues to look into grants for new AED units and supplies.

Community Association Updates – BINGO occurred in February and another BINGO event will be held on March 22nd. Family folk dance will take place on March 16th. Art supplies swap and painting lessons will occur on March 29th. The next CERT/RREM meeting will take place on March 18th at 7:00pm, right before the next Community Association Meeting.

New Business

None

Community Concerns

None

Meeting adjourned at 9:01pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Megan Hulland