

Rocky Ripple Town Council Meeting  
April 8, 2025

Rocky Ripple Town Board member, Randy Sanders, called the meeting to order at 7:30 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 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. At this point, Mary has access to everything she needs and is getting up to speed on town process.

**Minutes** – March 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 March 2025** – Expenses for March were presented; workman's comp insurance expense charged this month. AES streetlights and other utility fees higher this month due to fraud alert on account and bill not being paid at that time. Master Mike paid \$210 in rental fees in March and still owes a balance of \$120. Higher town hall and pavilion rental income reflected in March due to the recent increase in rental rates and deposit fee. Ending bank balance was \$107,591.09. 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 continues to evolve. The current session is over in May; the Governor has already signaled he will call a special session if he is not happy with the status by then.

**Evolution of CCMG program** – A new bill proposes changes to the way Community Crossings Matching Grant (CCMG) monies are dispersed. This may change the future of the program and the board will continue to monitor.

**Butler Bulldog Jog** – The Bulldog Jog will take place this Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am-10:00am. There may be minor traffic disruptions and lots of fun for the community.

**Old Business**

**Rocky Ripple Flood Protection: DPW Updates, ILA** – Randy met with Todd Wilson, the new Director of DPW on March 21<sup>st</sup> with District 7 Representative John Barth. John Barth reinforced the need for a public meeting with the town of Rocky Ripple, which Todd took into consideration. The group discussed financing for the project and the fact that the Town Board had previously been informed that alternative financing options would not be explored until the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) was signed. Todd mentioned that he had asked Shannon Killion, DPW Stormwater Administrator, to look into alternative financing now, including exploring the involvement of the Army Corps of Engineers. There were no updates or answers on questions related to interior drainage or what to expect for this project. Randy voiced his concern that the project timeline is extending over multiple years. Todd mentioned that he thought the Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR) was already approved; this is news to everyone. The group also discussed the need for options for individuals who wish to sell homes that are slated for demolition as part of the project. John Barth mentioned he would bring this question to the City-County Council to see if there might be options for the Council to buy homes. Todd also mentioned that he would talk to Mayor Hogsett about possible other alternatives. Randy has followed up with Todd on next steps and has not yet heard anything back. The group discussed traffic concerns with Butler University; John Barth mentioned he would work to get in touch with Butler, too. DPW did

share a link to the CLOMR update last month, but the files were numerous and hard to follow. These have been posted to the Rocky Ripple website, along with information related to relocation.

**Speeding Cars in Rocky Ripple/Related Safety Concerns** – Rachel and Randy met with Michael Lofton and Karissa Hulse of Butler University on March 19<sup>th</sup>. The group discussed traffic concerns and paving. Butler Athletics did not attend the meeting. Butler University mentioned they were not sure of how best to estimate the number of soccer camp attendees this summer, as most of the campus are conducted by clubs unaffiliated with Butler. Rocky Ripple remains concerned about the volume of traffic driving through Rocky Ripple for pickups and drop-offs at the field. Butler was not interested in alternative drop off suggestions, including Holcomb Gardens, due to liability and traffic volume concerns. Butler will need to work back with their police department to see if they can accommodate some traffic control during peak periods during the summer day. Butler is hesitant to commit to ongoing cost sharing for road paving for roads that are heavily used to access the Butler fields. Michael asked for documentation demonstrating that streets like Lester are paved more frequently than other roads in Rocky Ripple; Marshal Mike has managed to dig up paperwork. The board will also investigate paperwork related to ongoing patching of these roads. Karissa proposed that Butler and the board meet quarterly; they are working to find a suitable window to meet on an ongoing basis. The board will also work with John Barth and try to arrange a meeting with Butler’s President in the meantime. Michael shared that he did not plan to attend any future Rocky Ripple town board meetings due to resident hostility related to the floodwall project. Randy brought meeting minutes for the public Butler meeting to approve; Randy made a motion to accept the minutes as written and Rachel seconded. Megan abstained, as she did not attend.

**Rocky Ripple Ordinances** – Board had posted the updated town ordinances – inclusive of the ADA and Title 6 policies – for 30 days and made minor adjustments based on resident feedback. Randy made a motion to accept the updated ordinances as written and Rachel seconded; motion passed.

**Town Manager/Marshal’s Report** – No reports this month. Three paving bids were presented in sealed envelopes; Baumgartner Asphalt came in with the lowest bid at \$56,188.20. Randy made a motion to accept the bid, pending Marshal Mike’s review of parameters. Rachel seconded the motion; motion passed. Marshal Mike will work to get under contract by the end of April. Town insurance is up for renewal; on March 24 Marshal Mike talked to Encore Insurance and they mentioned that things were on track to renew but the annual bill has yet to be received. Mike will follow up again tomorrow. A few residents brought up road patching needs, including Sunset Ave., 53rd and Lester and Annette Street. Residents were also encouraged to report the pothole on the county-owned 52<sup>nd</sup> Street bridge.

**Community Association Updates** – Easter celebration is planned for Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. The festival is in need of volunteers to help organize the children’s area and coordinate food vendors and the raffle. Park maintenance is underway; RRCA is still waiting for setup of fitness equipment. The port-o-let will be delivered to the park on April 18<sup>th</sup>, just in time for the egg hunt. One more folk dance will be coming up in April; art swap and kids’ clothing swap are planned for May.

### **New Business**

Peter Bloomquist of Frank’s Canoe Livery let the board know that IFD had recovered a kayak after the recent high-water event. The kayak has yet to be claimed.

### **Community Concerns**

None

Meeting adjourned at 8:46pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Megan Hullah