

Rocky Ripple Town Council Meeting  
May 13, 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 McCain, 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**

**Minutes** – April 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 April 2025** – Expenses for April were presented. Town insurance fees for the year were paid; it was noted that these costs have increased by roughly \$600 relative to last year. Park toilet was installed for April prior to Easter Egg hunter and Randy noted a delivery and installation fee. LRS and MVH income was received this month, but we are still awaiting Community Crossings Matching Grant (CCMG) check. Taekwondo rental payments are up to date and Butler University's donation was received for \$4000. Ending bank balance was \$102,963.43. 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) and CCGM Program**– Randy briefly touched on updates to this bill, as it continues to evolve. The bill passed and there will be impact to property tax revenue income for towns across Indiana; longer term impacts remain to be assessed. On a positive note, for towns with a population of less than 3000 residents, the CCGM program now requires only 20% of paving fees to be funded locally (vs. current requirement of 25%), which may help with cost savings for future projects.

**Old Business**

**Rocky Ripple Flood Protection: DPW Updates, ILA** – No updates this month; Randy emailed Shannon Killion, DPW Stormwater Administrator, to inquire about CLOMR status. Other than what she had provided in February, Shannon had no new updates.

**Speeding Cars in Rocky Ripple/Related Safety Concerns** – The board met with Karissa Hulse, Director of Campus and Community Development and Robin Roach on May 7<sup>th</sup>. The board learned that Michael Lofton is no longer with Butler University and that Karissa will be taking over his responsibilities. Karissa has worked to put quarterly meetings with the board on the calendar and tentatively agreed to come to an upcoming Rocky Ripple meeting this summer to share updates. The board discussed ongoing traffic issues due to summer camps using the Butler field. Karissa mentioned that Butler Police do not have capacity to help support traffic flow, but that she would reach out to the independent soccer clubs to see if they might be able to assist. This continues to be an ongoing conversation. Randy confirmed that Butler's donation check had been received and the board discussed approach for future expense sharing. Karissa mentioned that Allen Finn has taken over as the COO of Butler following Bruce Arick's retirement. She would like to coordinate future donations with him and would also like to serve as the primary conduit between the Town of Rocky Ripple and Butler Athletics. The group discussed feasibility of writing up our own standard operating procedures/memorandum of understanding to outline engagement moving forward. Karissa shared that Friends of Holcomb Garden will be doing voluntary weed control and native plant support; any interested Rocky Ripple resident is welcome to participate.

Butler's Homecoming is the same weekend as the Rocky Ripple Festival this year and additional traffic coordination may be required.

**Town Manager/Marshal's Report** – No reports this month. Baumgartner Asphalt completed millings today (May 13<sup>th</sup>) and plans to pave tomorrow, weather-permitting. This project should be complete in short order in an effort to have all paving complete before Butler summer camps begin.

**Community Association Updates** – RRCA has gifted the Town of Rocky Ripple \$6000 to help offset mowing and park maintenance costs; they hope to continue to give similar gifts on an annual basis. Rachel connected with Andrew Hinkel to help further smooth out bumps and ruts that remain in the park. Ongoing tidying and cleanup may be needed in the park. There is a disc golf meeting upcoming to talk about installation and do some practice rounds. Yard sale flyers are going out to residents and Rachel welcomes additional volunteers to help get the word out. The yard sale will take place on June 14<sup>th</sup>. On the flyer, there is information related to the Rocky Ripple Directory, which the RRCA plans to update this year. The national RREM conference is in Indiana this year and will take place in August; RRCA will look to see if it makes sense to attend. The next RREM meeting will take place on May 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. RRCA discussed waiving rental fees for town hall for certain community-based youth groups. Megan asked the group to map out very clear guidelines for consideration so the board could react to the proposal and put the language on the rental website. More clarity is needed on what constitutes a Rocky Ripple-led group, as well as whether this benefit would only apply to 501(c)(3)s or other organizations. Megan and Rachel are trying to organize a community paddle in partnership with Frank's livery. Rachel is going to bring the proposal to the next RRCA meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup>, but feels that the trip as proposed is too expensive.

### **New Business**

A resident identified a new grant from Firehouse Subs. Communities are encouraged to apply for grants related to public safety and applications will be assessed on a quarterly basis. Requests can range from \$15,000-30,000. Megan mentioned she would forward along AED quotes to this resident to add to the list of requests. The resident will look into additional details and deadlines.

### **Community Concerns**

None

Meeting adjourned at 8:22pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Megan Hulland