

Rocky Ripple Town Council Meeting
July 9, 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 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.

Mayor's Neighborhood Advocate

Lasima Packett introduced herself as our new Mayor's Neighborhood Advocate. Lasima is available to help answer questions and support communication with the City on behalf of the community.

Clerk Treasurer Reports

Minutes – June 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 June 2025 – Expenses for June were presented. Mary noted that Rocky Ripple's contribution towards pavement was paid this month totaling \$56,188.20. The summer disbursement of property taxes was received. Taekwondo payment balance remains outstanding; Master Mike has promised to settle up by July 20th. At this juncture, the board was agreed to turn off his door code to town hall and discuss a path forward; a lot of energy has been devoted to keeping his accounts current over the years. Income from park pavilion rental was realized under the "Park Toilet" fund and should have been coded under the "General;" Mary will make this adjustment. Ending bank balance was \$118,923.81. Randy made a motion to accept the financial reports with the correction to park pavilion coding and Rachel seconded. All were in favor, motion unanimously passed.

2026 Budget Planning – Mary has her first meeting with Sam VanderVeen at the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF) on July 21st to start to gather 2026 budget numbers. Mary submitted a preliminary form to start the process at the end of June. There are some additional forms that need to be complete by July 18th to complete the first six months of 2025 accounting. The board has tentatively scheduled their first budget discussion for August 12th at 6:30pm, assuming we will have budget numbers from DLGF by then.

Old Business

Rocky Ripple Flood Protection: DPW Updates, ILA – DPW shared their response to FEMA on the CLOMR with the Rocky Ripple Town Board; this entailed a lot of engineering content. FEMA now has 90 days to respond back to DPW. Randy asked Shannon Killion, DPW Stormwater Administrator, to please help decipher the comments and summarize the content in a way that could be understood by non-engineers. Lasima Packett asked the board to send a bit of a summary on current project status/outstanding questions to see where she might be able to help.

Speeding Cars in Rocky Ripple/Related Safety Concerns – Summer camp traffic has continued to be brisk in Rocky Ripple. The board will meet with Butler University for their quarterly touchpoint in August. Marshall Mike asked the board to remind Butler to post "right turn only" signs leading out of the athletic fields in an attempt to help with flow.

Town Manager/Marshal's Report – On June 13th, a stolen vehicle was recovered in the neighborhood. All reporting has been completed for the Community Crossings Matching Grant

(CCMG) and the town is set to apply for the funds again next year. A compulsory training is now required to complete the “Pavement Surface Evaluation Report” portion of this paperwork. INDOT offers free training and certifications should be updated every two years. Marshal Mile plans to attend a session this summer. Resident Jon Stohler helped with pothole patching following completion of paving. Thank you, Jon! Resident Scot McManus and Marshal Mike put together costs estimates for town emergency management supplies as part of the grant that will be submitted in the Fall.

Community Association Updates – Art supplies swap will take place on July 12th. Kids clothing swap is planned for August. The town garage sale netted \$200 despite less than ideal weather conditions. Rachel Wuthrich shared the updated free town hall rental agreement, solidifying the terms and conditions for local youth activity rentals. Randy motioned to accept the proposed documentation pending review of legal counsel; Rachel seconded. Motion passed. The next RRCA meeting will take place on July 15th. No future RREM meetings are currently on the books. Randy asked Sarah to help look into waivers for individuals using the community garden.

New Business

None

Community Concerns

A resident shared a noise complaint related to Frank’s Paddlesports Livery; the resident said the noise is constant on the weekends as many boats are launching in peak season.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Megan Hulland