



Rocky Ripple Town Council Meeting November 11, 2025

Rocky Ripple Town Board president, Randy Sanders, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Town board members Randy Sanders, Megan Hlland and Rachel Hunter, were present. Caroline Martin, clerk treasurer was present. Mike Kiefer, town marshal was absent.

Welcome Community!

Town board president, Randy Sanders, welcomed those who were present and thanked our veterans for their service.

Minutes

October minutes were presented with one correction to be made regarding a title. A motion to accept minutes was made. Megan motioned and Rachel seconded.

Treasurer Report for November 2025 -

Higher-than-normal mowing expenses were noted this month, as the invoice covered two months of service. A \$60.90 credit from Service Sanitation was received for the park toilet and will be applied when service resumes in the spring. Town Hall rentals were strong, generating over \$1,000 in revenue for the month. The Board approved a 2026 budget totaling \$127,604.00. A motion to accept the financials was made by Rachel and seconded by Megan.

Old Business

Rocky Ripple Flood Protection: DPW Updates; ILA

No new flood protection updates were provided. Randy has not yet had an opportunity to follow up with Todd Wilson, Director of DPW, but plans to do so soon. The CLOMR (Conditional Letter of Map Revision) remains pending FEMA response, with an anticipated update by the end of the year.

CEG Canal Updates

No new CEG Canal updates were reported. The engineering firm continues its review, and there is nothing new to present at this time. The canal continues to run at full flow without issue, and water levels remain stable. Christopher Burke Engineering is developing a plan.

Speeding Cars in Rocky Ripple/Related Safety Concerns

Megan and Rachel reported on their recent meeting with Butler University representative Karissa Hulse. Butler pushed for the focus of the meeting to be on the positive relationship being built between Butler and the Town. Karissa stated that, in order to initiate any remediation of traffic and speeding issues, they would need specific data rather than anecdotal reports. They emphasized the need for identified peak times, particularly around pickup and drop-off and athletic events.

Megan and Rachel requested that Butler consider including in its contracts with third parties a requirement for a staff member to be present to direct traffic, or for Butler to conduct a traffic study. Randy suggested inviting local television stations to observe traffic during peak times once sporting events resume. It was also suggested that the Town attempt to contact Dynamo directly, and consider placing signs on Lester and Clarendon (e.g., “Tired of the traffic?” with a QR code for feedback). Finally, the Board discussed reaching out to John Barth to explore installation of a car counter and comparing traffic volumes between January and May. The “Boldly Butler” vision was discussed and will continue to be a topic of future conversation.

Butler University Police Department (BUPD) reported an increase in vandalism in the I-Lot student parking area and indicated that Rocky Ripple residents are suspected; Mike has been in contact with BUPD to assist with any ongoing investigations. It was noted that recent break-ins appeared to stop once they were publicized on social media/Nextdoor.

Concerns were raised regarding dirt bikes and electric bikes causing issues both within Rocky Ripple and on the Butler campus, which has resulted in complaints being directed to Butler. The Board discussed whether CEG holds any responsibility for enforcement in these situations.

The concern regarding the carillon bells has been communicated to the appropriate parties; at this time, there is little that can be done to address the issue.

Town Manager/Marshal’s Report

There was no official Marshal’s Report as Mike was absent.

Grants - The road plan has been submitted and approved. Based on Mike’s recommendation, the Board agreed that no paving will be completed this cycle, and the allocated funds will instead be carried forward to future years. This will result in approximately double the available funding in July.

There were no updates on the Firehouse grant; a decision is expected around December.

Right of Way Clearing - It was discussed that any vegetation with a woody stem could be written to constitute a ROW violation, while flower beds would not. An exception may be necessary for portions of Canal Blvd where property lines extend directly up to the roadway. There are no updates yet on the brush-clearing grants from Joshua Taflinger. Sarah provided input on drafting ordinances related to ROW issues; however, the Board noted that enforcement may be challenging.

Community Association Updates

The tree in Holt Park has been removed. The Board and Community Association members discussed potential future installation of a frisbee box to hold equipment.

The Town directory timeline has been adjusted, with publication now planned for 2026–2027 to align with the 100th anniversary.

A bake sale will be held at the Holiday Bazaar, with both individual and family-size donations encouraged. The Town is still seeking leadership to coordinate the annual Rocky Ripple Festival taking place in September.

Upcoming community events include:

- Kids' Clothing Exchange: November 20
- Food Share: Each Thursday throughout November, including Thanksgiving
- Black Friday Art Swap: November 28 at noon
- Christmas Bazaar: Town Hall reserved for December 5 and 6

New Business

No new business

Community Concerns

No community concerns.

Meeting adjourned at 8:59pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Caroline Martin