



Rocky Ripple Town Council Meeting January 13, 2026

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

Welcome Community!

Town board president, Randy Sanders, welcomed those who were present.

Minutes

December minutes were presented with no corrections. A motion to accept was made. Rachel motioned, Megan seconded.

Treasurer Report for January 2026

November and December Ending Bank Balance and Total all Funds were off slightly. Formulas and “Outstanding Checks” will be looked into to find a resolution. Corrections will be made and November, December and January financials will be reviewed in the February board meeting.

Old Business

Rocky Ripple Flood Protection; DPW Updates; ILA

No Rocky Ripple Flood Updates. The board will be reaching out to see where we stand and requesting a timeline and next steps needed.

CEG Canal Updates

CEG will meet with Christopher Burke in mid-January with hopes that by February there will be a confirmed dredging plan. Randy will follow up to see when a plan can be expected.

Speeding Cars in Rocky Ripple/Related Safety Concerns

No updates at this time. Butler has expressed interest in seeing data from a traffic study and would like the town to coordinate. A request has been submitted for a traffic counter to be placed in the neighborhood for several months to compare typical student traffic with increased soccer-related traffic. The Board will contact Todd Wilson, Director of DPW, to coordinate this effort.

Chris Bailey has replaced Dan Parker as Chief of Staff. Megan and Rachel will request additional information regarding the Boldly Butler vision and the discontinuation of the quarterly meetings. Rachel will also request information from Karissa regarding the discovery of previously pulled tennis court permits.

Town Manager/Marshal's Report

A domestic disturbance occurred on 12/12. While no written reports were filed, there were multiple noise disturbances reported on New Year's Eve, as well as reports of gunshots heard near the woods.

The Marshal will purchase additional salt for snow removal. The board made a motion approving up to \$200 to spend on salt and \$200 to replace speed signs.

Speed bump and speed limit signs are currently missing.

There have been reports of a black Dodge Charger or Ford Mustang engaging in burnouts and donuts from 53rd Street onto Westfield. These incidents occur at night, making the vehicle and individual difficult to identify.

Grants

Rocky Ripple did not receive the Firehouse Subs grant. No explanation was provided for the decision. The Town is exploring additional grant opportunities, including those listed on AEDgrant.com. A suggestion was made to run future grant applications through AI to identify potential improvements. Margaret will reach out to previous grant recipients to request any insights or tips regarding their successful applications.

Right of Way Clearing

The Board continues to work on language for the town's vegetation ordinance; these ordinances will be incorporated into existing sections of the town's ordinances instead of creating new ones. There are currently no specific guidelines outlining what should be included, although Rachel has been doing research to refine wording.

It was noted that the Town previously agreed to a three-foot setback from the roadway and the inclusion of sight-visibility triangles. The Board determined that it needs to revisit and clearly define the problem the Town is attempting to address. The Canal Street right-of-way (ROW) will require further discussion.

It was agreed that ordinance updates should be finalized before spring. The Board also discussed bringing in the Town attorney, Sarah Guffey, to assist with legal language. A draft will be distributed this coming weekend.

Community Association Updates

The Community Association received two notable donations from Lark West and Rick Hohlt. Rick requested that a significant portion of his donation be allocated to improvements at Hohlt Park. The Community Association asked whether maintenance should proceed on a case-by-case basis.

The Community Association wanted to clarify when the Board should be informed of activities and maintenance in the town's parks. Randy requested that the Board be notified whenever any items are added or removed. Megan requested that update emails be sent to the Board to ensure everyone remains informed and aligned on decisions, and to avoid conflicts with pavilion rentals.

The Community Association will discuss covering mowing and maintenance costs for the area behind Town Hall in their upcoming meeting. Improved cleanliness of the Town Hall kitchen was noted, reflecting well on renters' upkeep of the space.

The Board approved the installation of a paving stone for the Disc Golf course to help prevent interference with mowing. The Board also approved public art painting at intersections.

The Rocky Ripple Emergency Response Team (RREM) will meet on Tuesday, January 20, at 7:00 p.m.

New Business

The Board reviewed the 2026 Town Web invoice, which showed a significant increase. The Board will reach out to discuss pricing and potential adjustments.

Community Concerns

The town sign at the 52nd Street entrance was noted to be worn. It was discussed whether the sign that was previously located at the 53rd Street entrance could be relocated to the 52nd Street entrance, and the Marshal offered to assist.

A concern was shared of the snowplow impacting a resident's yard; the resident felt snow was plowed too thoroughly and dirt was excavated. The Marshal will address this with Ely.

Steve Schafer presented a park proclamation plaque that the board received in 1999 for Hohlt Park and would like it to be kept at Town Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 8:41pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Caroline Martin