



Rocky Ripple Town Council Meeting March 10, 2026

Rocky Ripple Town Board member, 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 and Mike Kiefer, town marshal, were present. Town attorney Sarah Guffey was present.

Welcome Community!

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

Minutes

February 2026 Minutes were approved. A motion to accept minutes was made by Megan and seconded by Rachel.

Treasurer Report for March 2026

A note was made to change the year on the Executive Summary. Motion to accept by Rachel and seconded by Megan. February starting bank balance was \$136,501.81; ending bank balance is \$136,781.29.

Town Web Hey Gov Rentals and Payments

Clarifications need to be made on whether rental financials can be included in the yearly fee for Town Web or if it is an additional expense. Discussion was held regarding annual credit card processing fees of approximately \$1,000, with consideration given to potential reductions to an estimated \$400–\$500. Considerations were given to potentially offsetting these fees by passing on some of the credit card fees to consumers.

Old Business

Rocky Ripple Flood Protection; DPW Updates; ILA

No Rocky Ripple flood wall updates. The Board will meet with John Barth March 11, 2026, and the flood wall will be addressed.

A request was made to place on a future agenda a discussion of measures the town can take for self-protection in the absence of city assistance.

The possibility of engaging DPW in developing a plan independent of FEMA was discussed.

It was noted that private citizens are not permitted to perform work on the levee without DNR approval. A request was made to revisit the Christopher Burke study conducted approximately 15 years ago regarding levee patching. The board discussed the need to better inform residents about flood preparedness, including emergency response actions. The importance of communicating flood stage/color designations and their meanings to residents was also discussed. Town discussed need for a spring safety email, refreshing residents on things to keep in mind for the rainy spring season.

CEG Canal Updates

No follow up with CEG this month; Randy will follow up in later this month.

Speeding Cars in Rocky Ripple/Related Safety Concerns

Dynamo soccer began this week, with scheduled hours from 4:00–7:00 PM. A meeting is scheduled for March 11 with Karissa Hulse to discuss the “Boldly Butler” initiative and tennis court permitting. There has been no response from Todd Wilson, DPW Director, regarding the requested traffic study on the city’s property along 52nd Street. The Marshal will follow up with Karissa to confirm appropriate signage needed to assist with soccer-related traffic. Sarah Guffey will research any legal requirements associated with increased traffic. Ongoing concerns remain regarding speeding and traffic safety near the Butler University soccer fields. Permanent signage has been requested, but no updates have been received. A follow-up with Butler representatives is planned to address these issues and explore additional options for improving traffic flow.

Town Manager/Marshal’s Report

On February 13, a hit-and-run incident at 52nd Street and Clarendon Road resulted in property damage. On February 22, an operating a vehicle while intoxicated (OVWI) arrest occurred at 52nd Street and Crown Street. On March 1, a trailer was reported stolen on West 54th Street. AED pads have been ordered. The Community Association will share the cost with the Town for the purchase of an AED for Town Hall and an additional unit for the Marshal’s vehicle.

Grants

The Community Association will be applying for new equipment.

Right of Way Clearing

The Town received quotes for clearing vegetation within the public ROW. Final definitions regarding plant types and required clearance heights are still being determined. The town discussed details related to the ROW clearing ordinance. The ordinance is expected to be reviewed and finalized in the coming weeks.

Community Association Updates

The Association is obtaining quotes for the removal of fallen trees and limbs in Holt Park. The Board approved the removal of limbs hanging over the pavilion. A grant application for traffic calming measures has been submitted. Additional stop signs have also been requested through the Mayor's Action Line. The addition of a water fountain in the park was discussed. Installation of a "100 Years of Rocky Ripple" sign on 53rd Street was also discussed. Easter in Rocky Ripple is scheduled for April 4. Donations of cakes and baked goods are being requested. In the event of rain, the egg hunt will take place at Town Hall. A Community Game Night for all ages will be held on March 22 from 3:00–5:30 PM.

New Business

None.

Community Concerns

The gravel that has been moved in the Town Hall parking lot will be back-graveled by Ely.

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Caroline Martin