

Town of Rocky Ripple Minutes
Regular Meeting 1-08-2008

Council member Carla Gaff-Clark called the meeting to order at 7:31 P.M. Prior to the meeting Clerk swore in Council Members Carla Gaff-Clark, Angela Herrmann and Robert Tomey, Clerk Treasurer was sworn in by Notary Catherine Dusing. Pledge of allegiance was recited.

Carla called for Resident Concerns: Margaret Brabant asked the Board if they could call About the Potholes holes in the pavement on Westfield Boulevard. Carla suggested calling the Mayors Action Committee 327-4622.

Danny Orr who represented The Rocky Ripple Veterans Association gave the Board a check for 250.00 to help defray the cost of electricity in Peace Park.

Danny said The Veterans Association members offered to mow the Town Parks one day a month or every fourth mowing whichever comes first. They will use their own equipment but asked the board to furnish gas

Kandy Kendall had concerns that volunteer mowers would harm the park. Danny reassured the Board that the mowing would be done as it has in the past.

Danny Orr said Wanda Roland who places the signs at the Town entrances reported moisture is getting into the boxes. Danny volunteered to seal them.

Scott Westphal said his mailbox was knocked down by the snowplow and the driver was tearing up that grass along the road. Robert said it is hard to judge but they try to stay on the pavement. Robert said he would talk to Ellis Hinkle.

In answer to a question Robert said the Town uses a mixture of sand and salt, which is provided to the Town for free.

Marilynn Hunter said a public notice stated that 50 feet of trees would be cut down on the land between the Riviera Club and our Town. Greg said it was necessary to cut that large a swath for the sewer project. The Town agreed to sell a very small portion of land for the project.

Danny Orr said that the television story about poisoned dogs was not accurate. Marshall Kiefer said he has had only one report of a dog poisoning and that the dog got loose often and could have gotten into rat poison.

John Bleakley said the gutters needed to be cleaned on the Town Hall. Robert said he would take care of it.

Danny said The Veterans Association has purchased a dry eraser board. Angie said she has bought one and it should be delivered by Saturday.

Horn was tested on December 31,2007. Not everyone could hear it. Robert said it was only run at seventy-five percent. If it was one hundred percent it would deafen nearby residents.

Horn will only be sounded when there is a breach in the levee with the exception of tests. When testing is run prior notice will be given. Robert said if there is a breach persons leaving Town should blow their car horns on the way out of Town.

Distribution of duties was discussed among the three Board members. Robert made a motion naming Carla as Chair, Robert as Town President and Police Commissioner and Angela as Communication Director. Angela seconded the motion and Carla made the vote unanimous.

It was agreed by all members of the Board that a newsletter would be approved before it was printed and it would contain only facts and not opinion.

Volunteer Committees were discussed. Suggestions were (and not limited to) R.E.M., Mowing, Levee –as a workforce, Delivery of newsletter and Parks beautification. Volunteers are welcome.

Robert made a motion to keep Jonathan Elrod as the Town's attorney. Angela seconded the motion. Carla made it unanimous.

Clerk read the salaries of the Board. Carla, Angela and Robert will receive 800.00 a year, The Town Marshall 33202.00 a year, The Town Attorney 1600.00 a year The Clerk-Treasurer 1400.00 a year.

Angela made a motion to set the fees for use of the Town Hall, The cost will be 50.00 per day with a 50.00 deposit which will be returned after it is determined the hall was left in good condition. Robert seconded the motion and Carla made it unanimous.

Robert made a motion to allow a reduced fee of 10.00 per meeting for Al-Anon, which meets weekly. Angela seconded the motion Carla made it unanimous.

Angela made a motion to allow The Sewing Guild who sews for charity to use the hall free of charge on May 20 and June 12. Robert seconded the motion. Carla made it unanimous.

Angela made a motion to allow Girl Scout troop 941 to use the hall free of charge on February 16. The troop will pay a deposit of 50.00. Robert seconded the motion Carla made it unanimous.

Angela made a motion to give permission for the following persons to drive and or use the Town's equipment. They are Ellis Hinkle, Bret Hackman, Robert Tomey, Greg Goodrich, Angela Herrmann, Michael Kiefer, Danny Orr, Paul Redmond, Dan Axler and Kandy Kendall. Robert seconded the motion Carla made it unanimous.

Clerk has copy of the driver's license of Ellis Hinkle, Greg Goodrich, Danny Orr, Dan Axler, Angela Herrmann, Michael Kiefer and Robert Tomey. Clerk needs copy of the license of Paul Redmond, Bret Hackman and Kandy Kendall.

Angela made a motion to allow the clerk to write checks between meetings for the following. Utilities Lights, Gas, Phone, Police Internet, Water, Snow Plow Drivers, Gasoline for Town Truck and Mowers and bi-weekly Wages for Town Marshall, Town Marshall Gasoline Allowance and Internet Access for Town Clerk. Robert seconded the motion and Carla made it unanimous.

Clerk told the Board she has two keys to the Town Hall, Robert Angela and Carla each have one. Nancy Barton representing the 4-H club and Karen Stone representing Rocky Ripple Community Association each has one.

Minutes of 12-11-2007 were called for and read. Robert said he and Angela were at a disadvantage as they were not on the Board in December. Danny Orr and Greg Goodrich were in the audience and they agreed with Carla that there were no errors.

Angela made a motion to accept the report as read Robert seconded the motion and Carla made it unanimous.

Treasurer's report was called for and read. Robert made a motion to accept the report as read. Angela seconded the motion Carla made it unanimous.

Marshall Report. Mike said he wrote two tickets for Stop Sign violations. New Radio's are due soon. Mike needs proof of purchase in order to keep the Mecca Radio's.

Carla will search her records, as will Dan Axler. Clerk will look for the proof of purchase in her records.

With no further business to conduct Robert made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 P.M. Angela seconded the motion. Carla made it unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted:

Margaret Ann Jansen ,Clerk Treasurer.