

Town of Rocky Ripple-Minutes of 2-12-2008

Meeting Council member Carla Gaff-Clark called the meeting to order at 7:35 P.M.

In Attendance were council members Robert Tomey, Angela Herrmann and Carla Gaff-Clark. Clerk Treasurer Margaret Ann Jansen was present.

Pledge of allegiance was recited.

The Board thanked the many residents who worked to save our Town.

Resident Concerns were called for.

Greg Goodrich said he supports the Town's effort in preparing and presenting the petition to Senator Lubbers. He said Carla had done the basic work with Senator Lubbers and he thanked Kathie Gregory for her work on behalf of our residents.

Danny Orr mentioned the slippery roads. Robert said that issue would be discussed later in the meeting.

Robert Tomey said he wanted to confront the rumors about Town that because of his red eyes that he might have a drug or alcohol problem. Robert said that in his employment he is subject to drug screenings and has never had any problem in passing them.

He stated that he does not drink alcohol.

He gave the clerk a card from his Optometrist, which gave a name to his condition. It is "Pinguicula" Robert asked anyone who has any concerns to speak to him directly. He said he appreciated the resident who brought the rumor to his attention.

Robert thanked Jon Stohler for cleaning the gutters on the Town Hall. Robert also thanked John Bleakley for bringing the matter to the Board's attention.

Greg gave Carla a list of persons who have Town Hall keys in their possession. Carla gave the list to the Clerk.

Angela Herrmann said a person who wants to remain anonymous donated the dry eraser board.

Robert said that Rocky Ripple has received salt from The City of Indianapolis free of charge for a number of years but it is no longer available. Robert said Carla would work with our Town Attorney Jonathan Elrod to see if that can be changed.

Robert said he would go to the media if necessary.

Robert said he wants to find out where our tax money is going. Suggestions were made to mix salt with sand or to use concrete sand. Ellis Hinkle said that might cause a build up on the streets and could cause cars to slide.

Robert asked if the supplies for the Town Hall could be charged to our donated fund account. Carla said donated funds could be used without approval from The State Board of Accounts. The amount of supplies purchased was less than 30.00 and it was decided to charge that to the Town Hall Maintenance account.

Robert said there are two major potholes and others on Sunset, 52nd and 53rd and Annette. These will be filled with cold packs when weather permits. The Board and Marshall Kiefer will make note of street repair needs.

June Boggs had a tree fall in her yard that she said came from Town property. Robert asked the clerk to check with the insurance company if it is part of our coverage. The insurance representative said it was the property owner responsibility to remove it.

Angela said she would attend The Rocky Ripple Community Association meeting to ask that the Town Newsletter be included as part of their Newsletter, she suggested the Town pay one fourth of the cost of printing.

No decision will be made until she reports back to the Board. Angela gave the Board a copy of two possible logos created by resident Vandra Linder.

Robert made a motion to accept the right line drawing and to use recycled paper for our Newsletter. Carla seconded the motion. Angela said free access to a website is no longer available. Angela is currently donating website access.

She will bring up the subject with Rocky Ripple Community Association.

The subject was placed on hold until the March meeting.

Angela asked the Board for free rent for five three day meetings for a class to be given called Permaculture Design Course. She said in return for free rent two scholarships would be given to Town residents.

Robert asked how much will the course cost. She paid 600.00 a person three years ago.

The Board tabled this until the March meeting.

Marshall Report: Mike said he had received the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute grant That Carla wrote and he applied for. The items will be delivered to the Clerk's home.

He wrote one ticket for a stop sign violation. The old Mecca radios must be turned in.

Greg Goodrich volunteered to check the river gauge level and he will call it in four times a day.

With no further business to conduct Robert made a motion to adjourn at 9:07 P.M.

Angela seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted:
Margaret Ann Jansen
Clerk Treasurer.