

Regular Meeting-Town of Rocky Ripple 3-11-2008

Council member Carla Gaff-Clark called the meeting to order at 7:34 P.M.

In attendance in addition to Carla were council members Robert Tomey and Angela Herrmann. Clerk Treasurer Margaret Ann Jansen was present.

Pledge of allegiance was recited.

Carla welcomed visitors.

Treasurers Report was called for and read. Angela made a motion to approve the report as read. Robert seconded the motion.

Minutes of 2-12-2008 were called for and read. Corrections were called for. Angela made a motion to accept the minutes with said corrections. Robert seconded the motion, Clerk said the amount of funds to run the Town is 1954.00 a week.

Carla asked permission to adjust the agenda to allow guests to be introduced.

Angela then introduced Peter Bane and Rhonda Baird representing Permaculture. Peter asked permission to use the Town Hall to teach a course, using 72 hours of internationally recognized material over a period of five days starting in September. The Town Clerk has scheduled these dates.

It is a design course creating human development design on how to use biological energy, using an economical approach. The design would focus on how we use space using things we have and using them better. The class will design the course with the Town who is the client, to pay for any changes.

The course will cost 895.00 for the 72-hour class. The plan is to have 25 to 30 persons take the course.

Angela proposed free rent for the five week-ends. In return Peter will offer two scholarships to Town residents. After initial training those taking the course will be qualified to teach others.

Discussion followed. Questions were asked

Council member and Town Board President Robert Tomey said he had discussed the free rent with various residents who felt it was unacceptable in view of the amount of money the persons teaching the course will receive.

Resident Greg Goodrich asked if the information that will be taught is something he could get off the Internet.

Resident Kandy Kendall said it sounds like a great opportunity for residents to get free scholarships. Resident Harriet Lowe suggested rent of 500.00 and one full and one half Scholarships

Danny Orr asked Peter Bane if they were a 501 C non-profit organization. Peter said The Association for Regenerative Culture is a non-profit 501 C. Danny asked if he was a member of S.D.S. He answered no.

Carla asked what methodology would be used to award the scholarships. Greg Goodrich suggested names could be placed in a hat and two names drawn.

The scholarship recipients will pay Town 250.00 each to defray the cost of the rent. Peter Bane said if the scholarship recipients do not pay that he would pay the rent of 500.00.

Robert made a motion to accept two scholarships with 70 percent reduction. The two persons attending are to subsidize the rent by paying 250.00 each. If they do not Peter Bane will pay the rent of 500.00. Angela seconded the motion.

Citizens concerns were called for.

Kandy Kendall said the snowplow driver has scraped gravel and dirt along side of the road. Robert said he would speak to the driver and will ask him to stay on the road and not clear mailbox access.

Resident Dyana Raynor offered her appreciation to the driver for clearing Canal Boulevard. She said she was happy to be awakened early in the morning to the sound of the snowplow.

Resident Danny Orr asked permission to spend money for the repair of tables from Hohlt Park. Robert made a motion to allow him to spend up to 100.00 for repair of picnic tables. Angela seconded the motion.

Old Business: Robert said in regard to Salt there is nothing to say.

Robert said a Community Service worker has straightened and repaired Stop signs and cleaned up lots along 52nd Street. He filled four bags of trash. Robert said he would clean the Riverview turn around. He asked residents who live nearby to grab trash bags to place with their weekly trash pick up.

The Community service person will repair and varnish picnic tables. Danny Orr and Paul Redmond have coordinated bringing the tables to the Town Hall garage to dry out and will return them to Hohlt Park.

Robert said the community service person kept him waiting for four hours and he must show up on time to have his papers signed for the court.

New Business: Angela asked if R.R.E.M. had a budget. Carla said in the past items needed were purchased with the Boards permission and were reimbursed.

Angela asked permission to purchase new signs that denote the river levels. Robert made a motion to authorize the purchase of up to 100.00 for signs for R.R.E.M. Carla seconded the motion. Carla suggested using the old Cert signs.

Angela asked the Boards permission to organize the storage room in the Town Hall.

Greg Goodrich said there were several light bulbs in the room. Angela said her plan is to take everything out and then organize it. Robert said she has permission.

Website: Angela was not able to attend The Rocky Ripple Community Association meeting. The website is tabled until April's meeting.

Person who puts up signs asked if election signs could be purchased. Robert asked Angela to order those signs when she orders the signs for R.R.E.M.

Angela asked if candidates for May primary could speak at April's meeting. Carla said all candidates should be invited.

Marshall Report: said he gave two tickets for stop sign violations and that a washer and dryer was reported stolen from a rental.

Defibulator is hanging in Town Hall. A siren will sound if the door is opened.

Information on how to use it will be given verbally when door is opened.

Mike said he would hook wireless router to the internet. The cost will come from his budget.

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

Robert seconded the motion.

Respectfully Submitted:

Margaret Ann Jansen

Clerk Treasurer

