

# VILLAGE OF BIG ROCK

## Regular Board Meeting/Committee of the Whole



Tuesday January 12th, 2016

7:00 pm

Park District Building

7S 405 Madison

Big Rock, Illinois

### ***CALL TO ORDER***

DEAN HUMMELL CALLED THE JANUARY 12TH, 2016 THE REGULAR/COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (315TH) MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:01 PM

### ***ROLL CALL***

Clay Hanninen H, Ted McCannon H, Joe Walsh H, Kathy Metzger H, Will Shimkus H, Mark Lynch H  
Dean Hummell H

Also Present: Pat Anderson H, John Zemenak H, Tim May H

### ***PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE***

### ***MOMENT OF SILENCE***

### ***APPROVAL OF MINUTES***

APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 15TH, 2015 MINUTES

MOTION: KATHY METZGER, SECOND: JOE WALSH, VOTE: 6 – 0

### ***PUBLIC PARTICIPATION***

-Brian from Sikich Gardner discussed the villages most recent annual financial audit. He provided handouts to the entire village board and gave a thorough explanation of the villages financials. The Village of Big Rock was commended on receiving the highest approval rating for its 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row.

-Kris Melvin & Bob Raymond attended the meeting this evening and had a few remaining questions about the recent close/sale of McCannon Farms Acres. Details were discussed about the drainage easement and annexation agreements that were approved and to be recorded soon.

### ***ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA***

None

***CONSENT AGENDA***

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR JANUARY 12TH, 2016

MOTION: WILL SHIMKUS, SECOND: JOE WALSH

CLAY HANNINEN-Y TED McCANNON-Y JOE WALSH-Y KATHY METZGER-Y WILL SHIMKUS-Y MARK LYNCH-Y

***RECESS TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE***

MOTION: JOE WALSH, SECOND: WILL SHIMKUS, VOTE: 6 – 0, TIME: 7:22 PM

***PRESIDENT HUMMELL***

-Dean received a call from Chris Lauzen about his upcoming reelection. Dean asked him to sit down and discuss some commitments to Big Rock for support on projects, etc.... If any other board members would like to attend this meeting they are welcome.

***COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CONSIDERATIONS***

**DRAINAGE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Wastewater Final Completion/Warranty Issues

-John & Dean have both sent emails to Orenco now asking for a professional “opinion” report vs. just the “data” report it received several months ago about the defective sanitary sewer system(s). There has been no response yet so John Z. will follow-up with another email and phone calls if need be. More to report for next meeting.

-Spring projects were briefly discussed: asphalt replacement, mowing the right of ways, remaining sanitary sewer fixes, etc.....

**STREET MAINTENANCE REPORT**

-The village recently ordered more salt for our roads.

**DEPT. OF BUILDING/SAFETY/ZONING REPORT**

Public Drainage Easement – McCannon Farm Acres

-Discussed under public participation.

FINANCIAL REPORT  
Sikich Audit Presentation

-Discussed under public participation

COMMUNITY REPORT

BOARD ADMINISTRATION

PERSONNEL

***COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS***

-Dean had to respond to some obscure comments that were recently posted on the villages Facebook page about our snow plowing services.

-Kathy drafted a letter to the BNSF and Rempe Sharpe referencing the extreme disappointment we have with the quiet zone project overall. There was entirely too many mistakes & miscommunications on both of these entities part, thus costing the village more money than necessary.

-Joe mentioned Granart Rd is getting really rough again with several large potholes. Tim has reached out to Kolt and we are scheduled for pothole patching all throughout the village once the ice and snow clears.

-Clay wanted to thank Dean, Tim, & Pat for all the efforts with the recent financial audit. He knows these reports are time consuming and very detailed.

-Will discussed the snow ordinance that is posted throughout the village. Vehicles could be towed if they are not removed from the streets anytime we have 2+ inches of snow. This is in place so our roads can be plowed correctly and it appears we have several folks in violation.

***VILLAGE EMPLOYEES***

-Tim was following up with John Z. on the 3 separate notice of violation letters he was sending out from the 12/15/15 meeting. Also discussed with the board the follow-thru that some residents have questioned on the property maintenance enforcement. Lastly the office received a past due Rempe-Sharpe invoice and what would the board like to do with this. Direction was given to leave it unpaid for now.

-Pat brought to the boards attention the year over year increases on the Bytyme USA invoices that handle the villages emails/domain, web services, etc....

***RECONVENE THE REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING***

MOTION: WILL SHIMKUS, SECOND: CLAY HANNINEN VOTE: 6 – 0, TIME: 8:06 PM

MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2016-1, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PUBLIC DRAINAGE EASEMENT FOR MCCANNON FARM ACRES PROPERTY, 45W134 RAYMOND ROAD, BIG ROCK

MOTION: JOE WALSH, SECOND: WILL SHIMKUS

CLAY HANNINEN-**Y** TED MCCANNON-**Y** JOE WALSH-**Y** KATHY METZGER-**Y** WILL SHIMKUS-**Y** MARK LYNCH-**Y**

***EXECUTIVE SESSION***

**Adjournment**

MOTION: WILL SHIMKUS, SECOND: TED MCCANNON