

# VILLAGE OF BIG ROCK

## Regular Board Meeting/Committee of the Whole



Tuesday February 23rd, 2016

7:00 pm

Park District Building

7S 405 Madison

Big Rock, Illinois

### *CALL TO ORDER*

DEAN HUMMELL CALLED THE FEBRUARY 23RD, 2016 THE REGULAR/COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (318TH) 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 FEBRUARY 9TH, 2016 MINUTES

MOTION: KATHY METZGER, SECOND: TED MCCANNON, VOTE: 6 - 0

### *PUBLIC PARTICIPATION*

-Jason & Deborah Halstead wanted to express their frustrations with the village and recent nuisance violations they have received. They have been working on their home since last spring (with a new foundation/basement installation) and due to weather the project did not go as timely as originally planned. They asked for some lenience with the time parameters in which the village would like to see dumpsters removed, sidewalk's and r.o.w. put back together. The village board said this would not be a problem and to communicate more effectively with the office on intentions and/or questions. This would help prevent any unnecessary frustrations and headaches for homeowners and the village. Last year the village hired a zoning enforcement/property maintenance officer to monitor properties throughout the village limits and ensure residents are complying with maintenance code(s). There are several residents whom have received notices for various code violations however the village is willing to work with everyone.

-Sandy Carr wanted to inform the village of the buyout and new printing company for the crier article. Seems the publication costs are going to be entirely too expensive and they are looking for an alternative. Also Sandy spoke with Carl Schoedel at Kane County about taking on more sections of Granart Road for the benefit of all entities. She will be setting up a meeting with Carl, Dean, and herself soon to discuss possible options

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

**None**

***CONSENT AGENDA***

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR FEBRUARY 23RD, 2016

APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY BANK P & L'S / RECONCILIATIONS

MOTION: WILL SHIMKUS, SECOND: KATHY METZGER

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: 7:33 PM

***PRESIDENT HUMMELL***

-None

***COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CONSIDERATIONS***

**DRAINAGE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Wastewater Final Completion/Warranty Issues

-Kathy discussed that she has been patient enough waiting for some resolution and/or compensation for her drainage issues as a direct result of the poor sewer system installation. She is very frustrated and may seek an alternate plan on her own if something does not change soon. The board did discuss that the village has several residents with similar situations like Kathy's and maybe setting up a fund to help in these situations is a solution?? More details to follow.....

-The board discussed revising the sewer ordinance. It would like to reduce the quarterly bill slightly for a home that has the sewer "disconnected" underground. The village recently had a home that was non livable because it was lifted and had a new basement/foundation installed. If there was a reason such as this again and the sewer connection had to be "disconnected" the resident would qualify for a reduced bill for this duration of time. However whatever fee(s) the village incurred from the sewer operator (including his time to disconnect, then reconnect the sewer) would be passed onto the homeowner. More details to follow...

**STREET MAINTENANCE REPORT**

-Ted McCannon spoke about his conversations with the engineers for the planning of the sidewalk between 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> St. They have come up with some preliminary plans however would like to see a survey done of this area. The board did decide to spend up to \$700 on a survey so it could continue to the next step of this project.

-Dean mentioned the street light at Price Rd. & Rhodes Rd. is out. Tim will put a work order in with ComEd for this tomorrow.

## DEPT. OF BUILDING/SAFETY/ZONING REPORT

### FINANCIAL REPORT

-Dean & Pat received a notice from Sikich for possibly doing the villages next audit. It was discussed by the board that the costs seem too high from Sikich and it will need to get a couple different quotes for this year's audit before it commits to anyone.

-Dean, Pat, & Tim had to very quickly do a change in bank accounts from the Illinois Funds to Fifth Third Bank. Illinois Funds notified the village that it was changing all its accounts to investment products and no longer was going to do the typical deposit accounts anymore. The 2 accounts affected were the General Fund and the MFT Fund. Both these accounts are being closed and the balances being transferred to the new accounts set up at Fifth Third Bank in Hinckley. This was convenient for the village because we also have accounts at Resource Bank in Hinckley. A motion to approve the monies being transferred to a new financial institution will be placed on the agenda for voting at the next board meeting. The board decided to have Dean Hummell, Pat Anderson, Tim May, Joe Walsh, Will Shimkus, Mark Lynch, and Clay Hanninen as signers on all accounts.

### COMMUNITY REPORT CAR SHOW DONATION 2016

-The board decided to donate its typical \$200 for the annual car show in Big Rock.

### BOARD ADMINISTRATION

### PERSONNEL

### ***COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS***

-Joe would like to see the committees formed sooner than later that were discussed several months ago. This would be a way for trustees to get more involved and also stay more informed. Joe would also like the board to be more included and kept abreast of things that go on with the village throughout the week.

-Ted would like to congratulate the Indian Creek girls basketball team for making it to state.

-Mark wanted to remind the board that we need to find a new property maintenance/zoning enforcement officer.

-Dean received a call from Ellen Weiten and she will be moving from the area soon for retirement. The village will need to find a replacement to put up the American Flags throughout the summer holidays.

### ***VILLAGE EMPLOYEES***

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

MOTION: WILL SHIMKUS, SECOND: JOE WALSH VOTE: 6 – 0, TIME: 8:29 PM

***EXECUTIVE SESSION***

**Adjournment**

MOTION: JOE WALSH, SECOND: WILL SHIMKUS