

VILLAGE OF BIG ROCK

Regular Board Meeting/Committee of the Whole



Tuesday May 25th, 2021

7:00 PM

Park District Building

7S 405 Madison

Big Rock, Illinois

***** IMPORTANT NOTE *****

THIS MEETING IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISHES TO ATTEND MUST WEAR A FACE MASK DURING THE MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

DEAN HUMMELL CALLED THE APRIL 27TH, 2021 REGULAR/COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (430TH) MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM

ROLL CALL

Clay Hanninen H, Ted McCannon H, Kelly May H, Kathy Metzger H, Mark Lynch H, Matt Fitzpatrick H
Dean Hummell H

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ADMINISTERING OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY-ELECTED OFFICIALS

Kelly May, Ted McCannon, Clay Hanninen

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

-Bob Raymond with the Big Rock Plowing Match Association wanted to inform everyone that August 14th of this year will be the second annual bull riding event. He is asking if the village would again consider another donation for this event. Dean mentioned the board will discuss another sponsorship for this local event.

-Danyell attended the meeting this evening with an audience to reiterate a couple things. "She started a petition and feels it was taken the wrong way. The only reason there is still conflict is because they feel like they are being attacked for voicing their opinion(s). It's been a controversial issue that has put everyone in a hard position and been blown out of proportion. She is asking the village board to bring everyone back together as a community that has a right to voice concerns. People want to be heard and listen to just as the applicants also should be treated fairly. Additionally she would like to ask with the deletion of the slaughterhouse proposal will this remain permanent/indefinite." The crowd applaud Danyell for voicing these points. Dean "voiced his opinion on how hard the board works and the lack of participation from residents at board meetings. He is very proud how the board operates and the fact the village does NOT tax its residents. Dean also mentioned that the flyers, postcards, and miscellaneous communications on social media had a lot of false information in them. The slaughterhouse has been permanently removed from the PUD (planned unit development) however there is NEVER any guarantee that anyone in the future will never present this idea again to the village board!! People

should have come to the board to get their information”. John Z. took over conversation about details of the applicant’s application to share with the public in attendance to bring everyone up to speed with accurate information. John also elaborated on the definition of a P.U.D and how it offers a bit more flexibility to the applicants. Another resident asked how the people could get information more quickly in an electronic format from the village regarding this topic or anything that impacts residents? John Z. agreed this was a fair question. Dean and John agreed that in the future maybe they can look at ways to get more communication(s) out. Kathy Metzger asked for residents to attend more meetings to get informed. Another resident voiced concerns about the potential mechanic shop usage of the property as well.

-Gary Peterson spoke and thanks the new trustees for joining sometimes a thankless job. He wanted to offer a different perspective on the property. Utilization of the village’s comprehensive land use plan (with the latest review in 2014) might help shape what the people and village would like to see happen with Big Rock land. It includes visions for the future and current uses for both the east and west sides of town. He “does not think we should just settle with any applicant and rather should showcase land that could help Big Rock prosper”. Maybe we should look at the fact that “we have something to sell”. In his opinion these applicants have not had their ducks in row from the beginning and the village should be leery of this. “If you put something good out there it will spawn and if you put something sour out there it will stink”.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

(removal of invoice/payment to Kim Hummell)

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR MAY 25TH 2021

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 2021 BANK P & L’S / RECONCILIATIONS

APPROVAL OF THE MAY 11TH, 2021 VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES

MOTION: MARK LYNCH, SECOND: KATHY METZGER

CLAY HANNINEN-Y TED McCANNON-Y KELLY MAY-Y KATHY METZGER-Y MARK LYNCH-Y MATT FITZPATRICK-Y

RECESS TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOTION: TED McCANNON, SECOND: CLAY HANNINEN, VOTE: 6 – 0, TIME: 7:47 PM

PRESIDENT HUMMELL

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CONSIDERATIONS

DRAINAGE COMMITTEE REPORT

STREET MAINTENANCE REPORT

-Specific roadways that are being looked at for repaving this year are: First St., Lincoln, Oak St., Sixth St., and Madison. Matt brought up that Toronto also is in need of patching as its getting fairly rough.

-Sidewalks in town will start to be repaired and the village budget accordingly for this.

DEPT. OF BUILDING/SAFETY/ZONING REPORT

-Property maintenance standards have been being enforced by Jose. There are a couple properties that will be fast approaching the 30 day time period with little to no effort to comply. After thirty days the office will turn information/reports over to the village attorney.

FINANCIAL REPORT

COMMUNITY REPORT

-There have been resident complaints of planes flying over the south side of town recently. Clay has been in communication with the Aurora Airport traffic control to ask that they fly over the north side of town which is primarily farmland. More discussion and a possible meeting with airport officials may need to occur in the near future.

-The Big Rock Plowing Match Association will in fact be hosting its annual rodeo, plowing match, and car show this year! Something for everyone to look forward to!

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

-The board discussed a donation/sponsorship of 1k to the bull riding event for this year and everyone agreed unanimously. The check will be made payable to the Big Rock Plowing Match for the 2021 "bull riding/rodeo event"

-Mark mentioned that the side walk crew will be starting in the next week with the south side and then working its way north.

VILLAGE EMPLOYEES

-John mentioned that the CDC eased up mask restrictions however the village might want to consider some guidelines to post.

RECONVENE THE REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

MOTION: MARK LYNCH, SECOND: MATT FITZPATRICK VOTE: 6 – 0, TIME: 8:00 PM

MOTION TO APPROVE A \$500.00 COMMUNITY DONATION TO THE BIG ROCK
HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOR 2021 CAR SHOW

MOTION: KATHY METZGER, SECOND: MATT FITZPATRICK

CLAY HANNINEN-Y TED McCANNON-Y KELLY MAY-Y KATHY METZGER-Y MARK LYNCH-Y MATT FITZPATRICK-Y

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Adjournment

MOTION: MARK LYNCH, SECOND: CLAY HANNINEN