

VILLAGE OF BIG ROCK

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting/Committee of the Whole



Tuesday, October 11, 2022

7:00 PM

Park District Building

7S 405 Madison

Big Rock, Illinois

CALL TO ORDER

PRESIDENT HUMMELL CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: VILLAGE PRESIDENT DEAN HUMMELL; TRUSTEE MCCANNON; TRUSTEE METZGER; TRUSTEE LYNCH; TRUSTEE FITZPATRICK; TRUSTEE MAY; TRUSTEE WALSH

ALSO PRESENT: TREASURER PHILLIPS AND VILLAGE ATTORNEY ZEMENAK

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESIDENT HUMMELL LED THE BOARD IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PRESIDENT HUMMELL ASKED FOR A MOMENT OF SILENCE TO HONOR OUR MILITARY AND ALLIES

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

NONE.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

NONE.

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR OCTOBER 11, 2022

APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 27TH, 2022 VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES

MOTION TO APPROVE: TRUSTEE MAY; SECOND: TRUSTEE METZGER; ROLL CALL VOTE: 6-0

RECESS TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOTION TO RECESS TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: TRUSTEE FITZPATRICK; SECOND: TRUSTEE WALSH; VOICE VOTE: 6-0

PRESIDENT HUMMELL

PRESIDENT HUMMELL STATED THAT THE VILLAGE'S ARTICLES TO THE CRIER PUBLICATION WERE DUE LAST WEEK, HE HADN'T SUBMITTED THE ARTICLES YET, AND THE CRIER WASN'T GOING TO ACCEPT, BUT ULTIMATELY THEY AGREED TO ACCEPT THE ARTICLES LATE.

HE ALSO DISCUSSED THE PART-TIME CLERK SEARCH; A LOCAL PERSON APPLIED WHO APPEARS QUALIFIED, BUT SHE WANTED \$25.00/HOUR. THE BOARD HAD A DISCUSSION ABOUT WHAT A FAIR HOURLY RATE IS FOR THIS POSITION, AND WHETHER THE TREASURER IS FAIRLY COMPENSATED IF THERE IS A DECISION TO INCREASE THE OFFERED RATE OF \$20/HOUR. PRESIDENT HUMMELL SUGGESTED TO WAIT SINCE THE CRIER ARTICLE ADVERTISING THIS POSITION WILL BE PUBLISHED SOON, AND THE VILLAGE CAN SEE IF THEY RECEIVE ANY APPLICANTS.

PRESIDENT HUMMELL ALSO DISCUSSED THAT SEWER BILLING HAS TO GO OUT SOON, AND HE WILL NEED TO CONSULT WITH TIM MAY IN ORDER TO LOCATE ALL NEEDED INFORMATION. FROM WHAT HE HAS SEEN TO DATE, IT APPEARS THAT THERE ARE SOME ACCOUNTS THAT HAVE LONG-OVERDUE BILLS, AND IT ALSO APPEARS THAT SOME ACCOUNTS MAY HAVE SLIGHTLY OVER-PAID.

HE ALSO STATED THAT THE COUNTY HAS FINALIZED THE GRANT INFORMATION FOR THE ROUTE 30 DRAINAGE PROJECT, AND THE VILLAGE NEEDS TO PUBLISH FOR AN RFQ FOR A PROJECT ENGINEER.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CONSIDERATIONS

DRAINAGE COMMITTEE REPORT

TRUSTEE MCCANNON STATED THAT IT IS NICE TO HAVE THE COUNTY PREPARE ALL THE PAPERWORK FOR THIS GRANT. PRESIDENT HUMMELL STATED THAT THE VILLAGE HAS TO PAY FOR THIS PROJECT UP-FRONT, AND THEN WILL BE REIMBURSED BY THE STATE FROM THE GRANT FUNDS. THE COUNTY INDICATED A WILLINGNESS TO ADVANCE FUNDS TO THE VILLAGE IF NEEDED.

PRESIDENT HUMMELL SAID THERE WAS ONE DRAINAGE ISSUE ON LINCOLN; APPARENTLY A RAISED SCREW ON A SEWER COVER CAUSED DAMAGE TO HER LAWN MOWER. THE BOARD SUGGESTED THAT THE OWNER SHOULD NOT DRIVE THE LAWN MOWER OVER THE SEWER COVER, AND PRESIDENT HUMMELL SAID THAT HE WILL PUT A REMINDER ABOUT THIS IN THE NEXT CRIER.

STREET MAINTENANCE REPORT

GENEVA CONSTRUCTION SHOULD BE STARTING THE PAVING WORK NEXT WEEK NOW THAT SOCCER AT THE PARK IS DONE.

DEPT. OF BUILDING/SAFETY/ZONING REPORT

A RESIDENT WAS UPSET ABOUT A TREE TRIMMING SERVICE RETAINED BY THE VILLAGE THAT ASKED A RESIDENT TO MOVE HER CAR OUT OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY SO THE TREE TRIMMING SERVICE COULD PERFORM ITS WORK. THE RESIDENT REFUSED TO MOVE THE CAR, AND THE COMPANY DID ONLY MINOR TREE TRIMMING WORK. ACCORDING TO THE RESIDENT, A FEW SMALL BRANCHES HIT AND SCRATCHED HER CAR AND SHE WANTED REIMBURSEMENT. THE COMPANY CLAIMED THAT IT ASKED HER WHETHER THERE WAS ANY DAMAGE TO HER CAR WHEN THEY WERE

DONE, AND SHE DID NOT SAY THAT THERE WAS ANY. BUT SHE THEN COMPLAINED TO THE VILLAGE, AND PRESIDENT HUMMELL TOLD HER TO FILE A POLICE REPORT.

FINANCIAL REPORT

NO REPORT.

COMMUNITY REPORT

VILLAGE CLERK POSITION

TRUSTEE MAY ASKED WHETHER ANYTHING WAS POSTED ON THE BIG ROCK COMMUNITY HELPER FACEBOOK PAGE. PRESIDENT HUMMELL SAID NOT YET. TRUSTEE MAY ASKED IF THERE WAS A JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE CLERK'S POSITION, AND ATTORNEY ZEMENAK SAID THAT THE FORMER CLERK HAD SENT HIM AN OLD, DRAFT JOB DESCRIPTION PREPARED BY SANDY BELL THAT DIDN'T MATCH WHAT WAS NOW REQUIRED FOR THIS POSITION.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

TRUSTEE LYNCH ASKED IF THERE WAS AN UPDATE ABOUT WHAT WAS GOING ON WITH THE THOMPSON PROPERTY, BECAUSE THERE ARE AT LEAST 20 CARS ON-SITE. IT APPEARS THAT CARS ARE BEING TOWED THERE AND EITHER ARE WORKED ON, OR IT IS A JUNK YARD. A TENANT OCCUPIES THE PROPERTY. THE VILLAGE ATTORNEY SAID THAT HE WOULD SEND OUT A VIOLATION LETTER TO THE OWNER AND THE TENANT IF HE HAS CONTACT INFORMATION. TRUSTEE McCANNON SAID THAT RICH HARVEST IS HOSTING THE LIV GOLF EVENT FOR THE NEXT 4 YEARS. PRESIDENT HUMMELL STATED THAT THERE WAS A PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION MEETING LAST NIGHT INVOLVING THE GRAYER PROPERTY. THE NEW PROPOSED OWNER INTENDS TO CONTINUE THE INDOOR AND OUTDOOR STORAGE USE ON THE PROPERTY, AND ALSO IS BUYING THE NEXT DOOR PROPERTY WITH THE BLUE HOUSE. PRESIDENT HUMMELL SHOWED A SITE PLAN THAT SHOWS CURRENT IMPROVEMENTS AND A PROPOSED EXPANSION OF THE OUTDOOR STORAGE AREA WITH GRAVEL. APPARENTLY, KANE COUNTY WATER RESOURCES SAID THEY COULD EXPAND THE GRAVEL STORAGE AREA IF THEY USED 3" GRAVEL WHICH WOULD ALLOW FOR PROPER DRAINAGE. THERE WAS A GENERAL DISCUSSION ABOUT THE PROJECT AND WHAT STORAGE WAS PLANNED.

TRUSTEE HUMMELL SAID THAT THE FIRST MEETING IN NOVEMBER IS ELECTION DAY, SO THE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING NEEDS TO BE MOVED TO TOWN HALL.

VILLAGE EMPLOYEES

NO COMMENTS.

RECONVENE THE REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

MOTION: TRUSTEE METZGER; SECOND: TRUSTEE MAY; VOICE VOTE: 6-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NONE

Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN: TRUSTEE WALSH; SECOND: TRUSTEE MAY; ROLL CALL VOTE: 6-0. TIME: 7:45 P.M.