

VILLAGE OF BIG ROCK

Regular Board Meeting/Committee of the Whole



Tuesday, September 12, 2023

7:00 PM

Park District Building

7S 405 Madison

Big Rock, Illinois

MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

President Fitzpatrick called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Village President Matt Fitzpatrick,
Trustee Kelly May, Trustee Joe Walsh, Trustee Tim May
Also present: Treasurer Brian Phillips; Village Attorney John Zemenak
Absent: Trustee Ted McCannon; Trustee Kathy Metzger

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Fitzpatrick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

President Fitzpatrick asked for a moment of silence to honor our Armed Forces and Allies.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

By agreement of the Village Board, the USIC invoice was removed from the Consent Agenda and postponed.

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 15, 2023, VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES

Motion to approve Consent Agenda: Trustee Walsh; Second: Trustee Lynch. Roll call vote: 4-0.

RECESS TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Motion to recess to the Committee of the Whole: Trustee Tim May; Second: Trustee Walsh; Voice vote: 4-0.

PRESIDENT FITZPATRICK

President Fitzpatrick stated that the CMOM Kickoff Meeting was this upcoming Friday, where they plan to discuss the scheduling of this project. HR Green has initially estimated 16 weeks to complete and has notified the IEPA of their engagement by the Village.

President Fitzpatrick stated that he is meeting with the Sugar Grove Police Chief tomorrow to discuss the LIV golf event and traffic routing. He is aware that the residents are concerned. He discussed the procedures for resident placards, and he plans to post Rhodes Road for local traffic only.

He also discussed compensation for elected officials, particularly the timing of payments. The Village Board agreed to leave the payment schedule as is.

He also said that he has a person interested in the appointed Village Clerk position. He and Trustee May met with her and Trustee May outlined the duties of the position. President Fitzpatrick said he needs to discuss the Clerk's compensation, and Trustee May suggested a rate of \$23 to \$26/hour. The Village Board agreed and gave authority to President Fitzpatrick to offer up to \$26.00/hour.

President Fitzpatrick spoke to Miller Excavating; they are doing work in the upcoming weeks at the railroad crossing to replace the base/concrete platform. He wants to schedule the Builders Paving roadway work in conjunction with this railroad crossing work so that Builders Paving does not need to obtain a BNSF permit for their work.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CONSIDERATIONS

DRAINAGE COMMITTEE REPORT

President Fitzpatrick said that Darrin Boyer needs a new composite sampler, which costs approx. \$3,800.00, for sampling wastewater. He also discussed Darrin Boyer's rate of pay as the Wastewater Operator for the Village. He currently makes \$65.00/hour. Matt surveyed other communities and the rate of pay for a Wastewater Operator ranged from \$80/hour to \$300/hour. Darrin Boyer suggested \$80.00, and President Fitzpatrick noted that he is on-call 24/7. The Village Board agreed to this pay increase.

President Fitzpatrick said that Plano just got a new truck to clean catch basins. Darrin Boyer works for Plano, and Darrin informed Matt that Plano is willing to clean the Village's catch basins and perform septic tank pumping. The Village would need an IGA with Plano and would need pricing from Plano for this work.

Attorney Zemenak noted that there was no need to amend the Sewer User Charge Ordinance, as explained in his email to the Village Board, and that this item should be removed from the agenda.

Trustee Lynch brought up whether the Village should reduce either the sewer user charges or the SSA amounts charged to residents. The Village Board agreed to place that item on the next agenda for discussion.

STREET MAINTENANCE REPORT

President Fitzpatrick said that approval of the Builders Paving bid is on the agenda for a vote. The Board must approve the bid amount, but Builders Paving has agreed to remove some items of work contained in their bid which will lower the actual cost.

DEPT. OF BUILDING/SAFETY/ZONING REPORT

Trustee Walsh said that he got an estimate from STA for the Gazebo roof replacement, and this item will appear on the next Village Board agenda for a vote. There was a brief discussion about the Schollmeyer's submitting a zoning application for a new office building on their property.

Attorney Zemenak asked whether there was further discuss about the Zoning Ordinance moratorium on outside storage, and he gave an overview of the discussion from the last meeting. No further discussion.

President Fitzpatrick said that he talked to the owner of Vacationland about their plans to refurbish its building, and Vacationland is currently working with Kane County Water Resources.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer Phillips said that he is working with Sikich on the Village's Audit.

COMMUNITY REPORT

President Fitzpatrick said that the Big Rock Plow Match is next week.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Trustee Walsh asked about the roof color for the Gazebo; brown?

Trustee Lynch stated that JoAnn Porch passed away, her memorial is upcoming, and that she requested that donations be made to the Big Rock Plow Match. He suggested that the Village make a Community Donation to the Plow Match, and the Village Board agreed on \$250.00. He also said that the County's overpass project is siphoning water from the creek; at least 4-6 times per day for dust control; and asked whether this was legal? President Fitzpatrick said that he will ask the County, and Village Attorney Zemenak said that this may be an IEPA issue. Trustee Lynch also asked when the IGA with the Road Commissioner is set to expire, and Village Attorney Zemenak said that he will check.

Trustee Tim May said that Crack Attack did great work, but some repair/restoration work is needed. President Fitzpatrick said that he will address this with them. Trustee Tim May also suggested that the new Village Clerk should meeting with the Treasurer.

VILLAGE EMPLOYEES

Village Attorney Zemenak raised concerns over the Village of Hinckley Police Department perform traffic patrols in the Village, as previously discussed, because Hinckley is located in DeKalb County and they are likely limited to writing tickets for DeKalb County courts only. There was a discussion that if an IGA spells out that Hinckley's officers agree to write tickets for Kane County court and agree to appear in Kane County Court, that this may be OK.

A resident brought up data from the Village's speed signs shows that vehicles are still speeding.

Resident Darrin Gengler, 8S953 Jericho Road, said that he wants to discuss the trash collection by Groot. He is having problems where to safely place his trash cans for pick-up, and he is not getting a sufficient response from Groot. Village Attorney Zemenak said that the Village can reach out to Groot on his behalf, and Trustee Tim May said that Groot has a designated representative to assist with Village issues.

A resident who lives on Jefferson asked whether the Village phone number is still valid, and Trustee Fitzpatrick said that it was.

RECONVENE THE REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

Motion to reconvene to the Regular Village Board Meeting: Trustee Lynch. Second: Trustee Walsh. Voice vote: 4-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2023-12, AN ORDINANCE AWARDED THE BID FROM BUILDERS PAVING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$453,453.00 FOR THE RHODES AVE./WHEELER STREET ROADWAY RESURFACING AND JEFFERSON STREET PATCHING PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT CONSISTENT WITH THE BID DOCUMENTS

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 2023-12: Trustee Lynch. Second: Trustee Kelly May. Roll Call vote: 4-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2023-___, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE ORDINANCE REGULATING AND LEVYING OF CHARGES FOR WASTEWATER SERVICES TO PROVIDE FOR ABATEMENT OF USER CHARGES UPON DISCONNECTION OF SERVICES

Motion to remove this Ordinance from the Agenda: Trustee Walsh. Second: Trustee Lynch. Roll Call vote: 4-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: Trustee Walsh. Second: Trustee Lynch. Voice vote: 4-0.