

# VILLAGE OF BIG ROCK

## Regular Board Meeting/Committee of the Whole



Tuesday, September 26, 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 7:03 p.m.

### ***ROLL CALL***

Present: Village President Matt Fitzpatrick,  
Trustee Ted McCannon, Trustee Kathy Metzger, Trustee Kelly May, Trustee Joe Walsh, Trustee Tim May

Also present: Treasurer Brian Phillips; Village Attorney John Zemenak

Absent: None

### ***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***

Bob Raymond discussed the parking of vehicles in the public right-of-way along Raymond Road and Dugan Road. Trustee McCannon suggested that the Village should have No Parking signs installed, and President Fitzpatrick suggested that the Village should also send out written notice to the residents in this area. The Village Board discussed possibly passing an ordinance declaring No Parking in this area.

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

By agreement of the Village Board, the USIC invoice was removed from the Consent Agenda and postponed. Trustee Lynch asked whether the Village was still mowing the Hanninen property, and a discussion ensued about the potential for placing 3<sup>rd</sup> party mowing costs on the sewer bill.

### ***CONSENT AGENDA***

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 12, 2023, VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES

Motion to approve Consent Agenda: Trustee Walsh; Second: Trustee Metzger. Roll call vote: 6-0

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

Motion to recess to the Committee of the Whole: Trustee Metzger; Second: Trustee Walsh; Voice vote: 6-0.

***PRESIDENT FITZPATRICK***

President Fitzpatrick spoke with Wade at the Township, and Oct. 1 is the deadline for the Village to pay the annual cost for snow plowing and related services by the Road Commissioner.

***COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CONSIDERATIONS***

**DRAINAGE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Sewer User Fees**

**Second Amended Independent Contractor Agreement with Darrin Boyer**

President Fitzpatrick stated that several people have raised the idea of potentially lowering sewer user fees. He spoke with Darrin Boyer and HR Green and there are several expenses that the Village needs to be mindful of. Trustee May noted that the IEPA Loan requires that the Village keep a certain amount of money in reserve. The Board discussed generally and no fee reduction was proposed.

**STREET MAINTENANCE REPORT**

President Fitzpatrick said that Builders Paving hopes to start the roadway paving project in about 2 weeks. Next, there was a discussion about a potential grant program for bridge repairs on Hinckley Road. Trustee May noted that this project is expected to cost around \$1.2 million, and with an 80%-20% grant, the Village needs to budget 20% of the repair costs. Next, there was a general discussion about the speeding on Rhodes Road, potential police enforcement option, and an option to install speed tables.

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

**STA Proposal for Gazebo Roof Replacement**

**Moratorium on Outdoor Storage Uses in Business Districts**

President Fitzpatrick said that there appears to be an agreement on the outdoor storage restrictions in the Business districts, and the Board discussed the need for a public hearing. Next, there was a discussion about Soto-Mayn's proposed outdoor storage of the next door residential property, which requires Site Plan approval since they have already received special use approval.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

President Fitzpatrick said that Sikich has been in the office for the audit. Fifth Third Bank has over \$250,000.00, and some of that money needs to be moved to Resource Bank.

## COMMUNITY REPORT

No discussion.

## *COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS*

Trustee Walsh stated that Granart Road is being shut down as part of the overpass construction project. President Fitzpatrick said that Wade informed him that part of the Granart Road shoulder is washed out. The railroad crossing will be open by Sunday. There was a general discussion about the traffic impacts caused by the Granart Road closure.

Trustee Lynch asked about the status of the Thompson property and 6S706 Granart, and the Village Attorney was instructed to reach out to both owners, and to threaten revocation of the Intren truck parking at 6S706 Granart.

Trustee McCannon said that the Middle School approached him about adding a parking lot and an additional entrance onto Route 30. They will first talk to IDOT and Water Resources.

## *VILLAGE EMPLOYEES*

Brian Phillips asked if the Village was supposed to get reimbursed by Kane County for USIC charges.

## *RECONVENE THE REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING*

Motion to reconvene to the Regular Village Board Meeting: Trustee Tim May. Second: Trustee Metzger. Voice vote: 6-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2023-19, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SECOND AMENDED INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT FOR TREATMENT PLANT AND STEP COLLECTION SYSTEM OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES BETWEEN DARRIN BOYER AND THE VILLAGE OF BIG ROCK

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 2023-19: Trustee Metzger. Second: Trustee Walsh. Roll Call vote: 6-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2023-20, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PROPOSAL FROM STA FOR THE GAZEBO ROOF REPLACEMENT

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 2023-20: Trustee Metzger. Second: Trustee Tim May. Roll Call vote: 6-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE A COMMUNITY DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250.00 TO THE BIG ROCK  
FLOW MATCH IN HONOR OF JOANN PORCH

Motion to approve Community Donation: Trustee Kelly May. Second: Trustee Metzger. Roll Call vote: 6-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S APPOINTMENT OF JOHN ZEMENAK OF LAW  
OFFICE OF JOHN ZEMENAK, LLC AS THE VILLAGE ATTORNEY

Motion to approve Village Attorney appointment: Trustee Metzger. Second: Trustee Tim May. Roll Call vote:  
6-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT BY THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT OF LINDSEY ZAMBRANO AS  
THE APPOINTED VILLAGE CLERK

Motion to approve Village Clerk appointment: Trustee Metzger. Second: Trustee Kelly May. Roll Call vote: 6-  
0.

SWEARING-IN OF LINDSEY ZAMBRANO AS VILLAGE CLERK

Village President Fitzpatrick swore in Lindsey Zambrano as the appointed Village Clerk, and she took the Oath of  
Office.

***EXECUTIVE SESSION***

None.

***ADJOURNMENT***

Motion to adjourn: Trustee Walsh. Second: Trustee Lynch. Voice vote: 6-0.