

VILLAGE OF BIG ROCK

Regular Board Meeting/Committee of the Whole



Tuesday, October 10, 2023

7:00 PM

Park District Building

7S 405 Madison

Big Rock, Illinois

CALL TO ORDER

President Matt Fitzpatrick called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: President **MATT FITZPATRICK**
Trustee **MARK LYNCH**, Trustee **KELLY MAY**, Trustee **TIM MAY**, Trustee **JOE WALSH**

ALSO PRESENT: Village Attorney **JOHN ZEMENEK**, Village Clerk **LINDSEY ZAMBRANO**

ABSENT: Trustee **TED MCCANNON**, Trustee **KATHY METZGER**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Fitzpatrick led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

President Fitzpatrick asked for a moment of silence in honor of our Armed Forces and their Allies; and also for Pat Finley, a local resident who passed away in a car accident recently.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Jessica Sonntag, Superintendent of Hinckley-Big Rock School District came to discuss the planning of a parking improvement project at the middle school. She outlined how the school needs safe overflow parking for events, as currently there are only enough parking spots at the school lot for staff. The district's goal is to add 50-80 new parking spots to the property.

*Jessica Sonntag brought in 2 project managers to discuss four different parking lot designs. They outlined with visual aids the challenges of the site, and discussed the four options they were developing to meet the challenges of the site. The main challenges faced are: getting approval from **IDOT** for another entrance driveway off RT. 30, and storm/ wastewater drainage issues.*

*The school's project team wanted to inform the **Village** of the future plans, gather input on drainage issues, and check if any future drainage projects were in the works that may impact the development of this project. The **President** confirmed that wastewater/drainwater plans are in the works, but that they won't be fully known until later this fall. The **Board** verified that they would reach out if any new project is developed that may impact the trajectory of the plans of the school's project.*

The Village Attorney **John Zemenek** said that the team should also double check the setback footage limitations. If the school is not compliant, they can examine issuing a variance. He also mentioned that the school's properties are currently under multiple zoning jurisdiction, and this may be a good time to work together to get them more properly zoned.

Resident **Greg Green** stated that speeding on RHODES ROAD has spiked significantly since the closure of GRANART ROAD. The discussion of speed tables and their installation was discussed as further information has been gathered by the **Board**. The **Board** communicated that they will need to check with the **BRFD** to examine any restrictions or opinions they may have on the matter. **Greg Green** asked if we should make a petition or public forum to discuss the possible options. The **Board** discussed that a public forum was in order and will set up a future meeting to specifically discuss the community's options to slow down traffic.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

NONE

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR OCTOBER 10, 2023

APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 26, 2023 VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES

Motion to approve Consent Agenda: **Trustee Joe Walsh**; Second: **Trustee Kelly May**

Role Call Vote: 4-0.

Ted McCannon-A Kelly May-Y Kathy Metzger-A Mark Lynch-Y Tim May-Y Joe Walsh-Y

RECESS TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Motion to recess to the Committee of the Whole:

MOTION: **TIM MAY**, SECOND: **JOE WALSH**, VOICE VOTE: 4 – 0, TIME: 7:33 PM

PRESIDENT FITZPATRICK

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CONSIDERATIONS

DRAINAGE COMMITTEE REPORT

President Fitzpatrick reports that **Kolt O'Donnell** will be starting on a new catch basin drain on LINCOLN and SECOND AVE. that will be done in conjunction with **Builders Paving** to complete the re-paving alongside the other paving projects.

The **President** also reminded the Board that the upcoming Drainage Project is scheduled to have a plan update from the engineers by mid-October. He will be following up as the dates progress.

STREET MAINTENANCE REPORT

*President Fitzpatrick gave a report on the progress of the **Builders Paving** road projects. The **RHODES RD** and **WHEELER RD.** projects will be delayed due to weather until next week. He discussed some of the process logistics of completing the project. He is meeting with **Mark** from **Builders Paving** to ensure all details of operation are communicated.*

DEPT. OF BUILDING/SAFETY/ZONING REPORT

The village code enforcer has been sending regular weekly reports of violations.

*President Fitzpatrick relayed a concern that was voiced to him from a resident regarding **Harper's Landscaping** property on RT. 30. There was a large berm installed along RT. 30 and recently tall telephone poles were installed on top of it. There may be concerns that drainage may have been altered and that if this is a future fence, it will be too tall for regulations. **President Fitzpatrick** will double check the zoning regulations. **John Zemenek** noted that ten feet is the limit for fencing. **President Fitzpatrick** discussed sending out a simple inquiry letter to kindly ask what the intentions for this recent work are.*

FINANCIAL REPORT

*President Fitzpatrick proposed donating \$250.00 to the **Big Rock Historical Society** in honor of community member **Pat Finley**.*

COMMUNITY REPORT

NO DISCUSSION.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

***Trustee Kelly May** would like the sight triangles checked at the intersection of **DAVIS RD.** and **RT. 30.** There are items like a large bush and flags potentially blocking visibility for the intersection.*

***Trustee Joe Walsh** reported that the re-roofing of the Gazebo was complete. He also said that the **LIV GOLF** tournament traffic seemed to go smoothly for the residents of **GRANART RD.** The assigned police did a great job managing the traffic.*

***Trustee Mark Lynch** highlighted the need to check out the condition of the two village alleyways. **President Fitzpatrick** said he would coordinate with **Wade** to see if it can be grated.*

***Trustee Tim May** discussed the idea of formally opening and closing public participation during the Committee of the Whole Considerations, as is originally intended. **Trustee Kelly May** expressed that residents could save comments from this portion until after the meeting is closed. **John Zemenek** offered that public comment may also be opened and closed at special times, like before voting on ordinances. **President Fitzpatrick** agreed that he could do more enforcement of public comment at appropriate times.*

VILLAGE EMPLOYEES

***Lindsey Zambrano** asked if anyone had any ideas for new topics for the Big Rock Crier submission.*

RECONVENE THE REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

MOTION: JOE WALSH, SECOND: KELLY MAY

VOICE VOTE: 4 – 0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NONE

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: JOE WALSH, SECOND: MARK LYNCH

VOICE VOTE: 4-0

TIME: 7:52 PM