

# VILLAGE OF BIG ROCK

## Regular Board Meeting/Committee of the Whole



Tuesday, October 24, 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 **TIM MAY**, Trustee **TED MCCANNON**, Trustee **JOE WALSH**,*

*Trustee **KELLY MAY**, Trustee **KATHY METZGER***

**ALSO PRESENT:**

*Village Attorney **JOHN ZEMENEK**, Village Treasurer **BRIAN PHILLIPS**,*

*Village Clerk **LINDSEY ZAMBRANO***

**ABSENT:**

*Trustee **MARK LYNCH***

### 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.*

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

*None.*

### ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

*None.*

### CONSENT AGENDA

#### APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR OCTOBER 24, 2023

*The board discussed the recent bills from mowing a foreclosed property on 6S920 DAVIS ROAD. **President Fitzpatrick** has already called **Jaime Maldonado** to stop work mowing this property. **President Fitzpatrick** asked if another lien with the last few months of mowing could easily be added, since the house is now for sale. There is an existing lien for mowing from May 8, 2022- May 20, 2023. **Attorney Zemenek** noted that not much time or effort would be applied if the board wanted to make a lien for the recent work of mowing the property. He also pointed out that the village liens may or may not be able to be recouped since it is a foreclosure and there are already multiple liens with re-payment priority.*

APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 10, 2023 VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES

Motion to approve Consent Agenda: **JOE WALSH**; Second: **KELLY MAY**

Role Call Vote: 5-0                      Y= Yay                      N= Nay                      A= Absent

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

**RECESS TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

*Motion to recess to the Committee of the Whole:*

**MOTION: KELLY MAY, SECOND: JOE WALSH, VOICE VOTE: 5-0, TIME: 7:06 pm**

**PRESIDENT FITZPATRICK**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CONSIDERATIONS**

***STREET MAINTENANCE REPORT***

*President Fitzpatrick gave a report on information he gathered about the RHODES AVENUE speed reduction methods, including stop signs, crosswalks and speed bumps/ tables. President Fitzpatrick said he recently discussed the details about speed tables with the Fire Department as well as Big Rock Highway Commissioner Wade Thomson. Both parties expressed their concerns about speed bumps or tables being unsuitable in their opinion.*

*President Fitzpatrick spoke with Bravo Engineering who provided him with information about the classification of traffic on our local roads. RHODES AVENUE is considered a “minor collector road”. He reported that the traffic data the engineer found indicates that they may not meet the full requirements of an IDOT sanctioned stop, and that a transportation study would probably need to be implemented for full data without guarantee of data needed for approval by IDOT. The Board discussed the implications and costs of installing a stop sign with or without full IDOT approval. Attorney Zemenek advised that if the village decides to put it up, that tickets issued could be challenged in court if they don’t follow the IDOT requirements of a stop sign.*

*Members of the Board discussed that the stop signs may not gather ticketing, but they would potentially slow down vehicles and make our village a less desirable thoroughfare for speeding traffic. The Board discussed the latest high speed data and importance of slowing traffic down as well as creating safe pathways for residents. President Fitzpatrick said he would like to get lighted stop signs and crosswalk signs (with shades) for added attention. The Board discussed whether they should install a sign on two or three intersections, and ultimately decided to start with two new stop signs. Possible intersections were discussed as spacing and traffic flow were considered. Ultimately, the Board decided to install signs on RHODES AVENUE at PRICE ROAD and at SIXTH STREET. They agreed they could possibly add more later if proven warranted. Trustee McCannon said the biggest thing will still be to get the Sheriff Department to enforce the speed limit.*

*Trustee McCannon asked if the Board thought we should put up “no parking” signs on DUGAN ROAD between RAYMOND ROAD and OAKEN DRIVE. The visibility conditions are dangerous if anyone parks on the roadside, as has been occurring lately. He reminded the Board that the Kane County Sheriff Department told him they can enforce posted rules. Attorney Zemenek said that we can pass an ordinance to prohibit parking on a specific section of DUGAN ROAD. He also added that the Code Enforcement Officer could also be given authority to write citations for vehicles violating the ordinance.*

***DRAINAGE COMMITTEE REPORT***

*The drainage project is about done at LINCOLN AVE AND SECOND STREET. Some hot and cold patches will be applied to a few areas to finish up the project. Trustee Tim May asked when we would be cleaning the catch*

basins. **President Fitzpatrick** spoke to **Darrin Boyer**, who explained that he needed to fully train the new employees and it may take 6 months.

## DEPT. OF BUILDING/SAFETY/ZONING REPORT

*The Code Enforcement Officer reports a third notice violation for an inoperable vehicle on RT. 30. **President Fitzpatrick** and **Attorney Zemenak** discussed details for adjudication and a filing court appearance.*

***John Zemenak** said that administrative adjudication may also be explored for a property on DAUBERMAN ROAD that is also on its third violation for semi-truck parking. He recommended if the fines persist, and are ignored, that the Village can discuss measures that can be enacted thru the court.*

***Trustee T. May** asked **Clerk Zambrano** to forward future Code Enforcer reports to the **Board**. **Trustee Metzger** is receiving the direct report. She said that most residents have responded and complied after a violation notice.*

## FINANCIAL REPORT

***Treasurer Phillips** followed up with auditors, who are in process of the audit. They will be in touch with any additional information needed from the Village.*

## COMMUNITY REPORT

*None.*

## COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

***Trustee Metzger** inquired about the status of re-zoning of **Schollmeyer** property. **Attorney Zemenak** reported that **Danielle Schollmeyer** spoke with him after the last board meeting and is expecting a call back from **John Zemenak** about advice about next steps for rezoning. They have submitted an application for re-zoning but it has since changed a little. They plan to build an office building on the property. **John Zemenak** discussed the complexities of this multi-building property. He said that one way we might move forward is to look at the site plan and based on that make a PUD approval with PUD agreement that governs how they can use the property in future expansions.*

***Trustee K. May** followed up on the visibility of the intersection of DAVIS ROAD AND RT. 30. **President Fitzpatrick** said he spoke with **Rockway** and that the people that installed flags will remove them.*

***Trustee McCannon** inquired if the **Board** wanted to go forward or not on enforcing no-parking on DUGAN ROAD. **Trustee Walsh** asked if we should reach out to the homeowner parking on the roadside first. **President Fitzpatrick** said he has already spoke with the homeowner about the issue. The vehicle originally in question has been moved, but since there have been other parked vehicles on the roadway edge. **Trustee Walsh** agreed that if the homeowner ignored the message, then posting NO parking may be necessary.*

***Trustee T. May** wanted to highlight that he thinks **Clerk Zambrano** has been doing a phenomenal job so far. Residents have been giving good feedback and stopping in the office again.*

## VILLAGE EMPLOYEES

***Clerk Zambrano** reported that Sewer bills went out on time this week. She also reported 31 delinquent sewer accounts. She is following up with those residents to discuss payment.*

***Attorney Zemenak** talked about the process of disconnection after failure to pay the Sewer bill after 45 days. The village already has form letters for this process. Notice will be fully posted before disconnection. **President Fitzpatrick** hopes that communication with the residents will solve the issue before it gets to disconnection.*

**RECONVENE THE REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**

*MOTION: TRUSTEE METZGER, SECOND: TRUSTEE WALSH*

*VOICE VOTE: 5-0*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**ADJOURNMENT**

*MOTION: TRUSTEE WALSH, SECOND: TRUSTEE METZGER*

*VOICE VOTE: 5-0*

*TIME: 7:44PM*