

# VILLAGE OF BIG ROCK



## Regular Board Meeting/Committee of the Whole

Tuesday, November 14, 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 7:01 PM.*

### **ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** President **MATT FITZPATRICK**  
Trustee **TIM MAY**, Trustee **TED MCCANNON**, Trustee **JOE WALSH**,  
Trustee **MARK LYNCH**, Trustee **KELLY MAY**, Trustee **KATHY METZGER**

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

**ABSENT:** None

### **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**

*The **Rodgerson Family** installs 21 American flags along ROUTE 30 every year. **John Rodgerson** reported that the flags that were donated by the **Township** and **Village** are now looking worn and tattered. He asked for permission to purchase more flags and poles for \$650. **President Fitzpatrick** instructed John to order what he needs to update the flag display. The **Township** will be contacted for an opportunity to donate also.*

***Greg Green** brought in the latest data about excessive speeding continuing at all hours on RHODES AVENUE. He also asked for **Wade Thompson**, township highway commissioner, to review the corner of RHODES AVE and TIMBERVIEW because recent work has left a pavement ridge that may interfere with the snowplow blade.*

***MJ Mudassir Junaid** is a new Big Rock property owner who introduced himself to the village.*

*Don Seifert asked for the village to consider reducing the speed limit on all of RHODES AVE and part of GRANART ROAD. He pointed out that many people/ kids walk from town to the bridge to go fishing.*

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

*with exception of USIC invoices, none*

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR NOVEMBER 14, 2023

APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 24, 2023 VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES

*Motion to approve Consent Agenda: **Tim May**; Second: **Mark Lynch***

*Role Call Vote: 6-0 (Y= Yay, N= Nay, A= Absent)*

***Tim May- Y Ted McCannon- Y Mark Lynch- Y 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: **Kathy Metzger**, Second: **Joe Walsh** Voice Vote: 6-0, Time: 7:08 pm*

### **PRESIDENT FITZPATRICK**

#### **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CONSIDERATIONS**

*Paving is now done on Rhodes. President Fitzpatrick will examine the corner **Greg Green** was concerned would interfere with the snow plow.*

***Darrin Boyer**, the Sewer Plant Manager, has reported a few issues that require the village attention at a few addresses- 310 RHODES, (Check valve failure) and Executive Affiliates (pump consistency issues). **Darrin Boyer** will be doing work to service these issues in the upcoming weeks.*

#### **DRAINAGE COMMITTEE REPORT**

***Kolt O'Donnell** has completed a drainage project on SECOND AVE and LINCOLN AVE to try to remedy drainage issues. LINCOLN AVE will have additional drainage work planned for next year.*

#### **STREET MAINTENANCE REPORT**

##### **Stop Signs on Rhodes Avenue**

*After many discussions about actions the village could take to reduce speeding, the **Board** has decided to add stop signs along RHODES AVE to reduce speed. **President Fitzpatrick** said that the Village would hire someone to install and maintain the signs, not the township commissioner.*

***President Fitzpatrick** would like to include flashing stop warning signs for at least some of the stops. After the panel finishes assessing the sign options, **President Fitzpatrick** would like to install the stops as soon as possible. The ordinance was written for two stops at PRICE ROAD AND SIXTH STREET and RHODES AVE. **Trustee Tim May** and **Trustee Mark Lynch** voiced that possibly a third sign at THIRD STREET should be added at this time because excessive speeds are recorded at this intersection daily. After a discussion, board members agreed that installing all three stops would be a more comprehensive plan. The ordinance 2023-21 up for a vote tonight will be revised and re-signed with all three intersections approved for a stop sign: PRICE RD, SIXTH ST, AND THIRD AVE intersections with RHODES AVE.*

### **No Parking on Dugan Road**

*Ordinance 2023-22 up for approval tonight is about No Parking along the roadside on DUGAN ROAD between RAYMOND ROAD and OAKEN DRIVE. The signs will be ordered after the ordinance is approved, and is likely to be installed by the Village before the next board meeting.*

### **Other Street Maintenance Report Items**

*The State of Illinois grant program has made available a grant to create more walkability for towns in Illinois. The village will work with IDOT for consideration under this grant to create new sidewalks down RHODES AVE.*

*Kane County is facilitating a grant for the village to rehabilitate the bridge on HINCKLEY ROAD. The State of Illinois also has grants that would apply to this bridge. The village will apply for grants available to help offset the major cost of repairing this important bridge.*

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

*The code enforcement officer has been reporting violations. Trustee Tim May voiced concerns that there are some residents that are repeat offenders that may need a more hands on approach. He suggested that Clerk Zambrano could work in conjunction with the code enforcement officer. President Fitzpatrick would also like to update the website to include information about village rules and regulations.*

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

*Trustee Tim May reminded the Board that special service areas need an ordinance. Clerk Zambrano will need help to file this by December 31<sup>st</sup>. This will be added to the agenda in December.*

### **COMMUNITY REPORT**

*None.*

### **COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

*Trustee Kathy Metzger would like to add the burning ordinance to the website.*

*Trustee Joe Walsh asked if we should take a moratorium for a year to not assess drainage SSA #2 for maintenance this year. This was originally built into the contract as a possibility to occur. The village would resume SSA area #2 the following year.*

### **VILLAGE EMPLOYEES**

*Clerk Zambrano reported that sewer payments are being collected and entered into the system.*

*Attorney Zemenak reported that the village is moving forward with administrative adjudication with a resident regarding the recent truck parking violations after the deadline for compliance 11/15/23. Attorney Zemenak has been in contact and told the owner's representative that the property cannot be used for a freight terminal. Permission was granted by the Board for Intren parking only, and the ordinance states if there was a violation, the village can use administrative adjudication.*

*Attorney Zemenak gave an overview of the Big Rock Planning and Zoning Commission meeting last night. The commission has taken village recommendations to limit outdoor storage as an auxiliary use to a permitted or special retail use on the property. Zoning ordinance amendment will be up for approval at the December board meeting agenda. ORI and Manufacturing Districts (which are districts but don't currently have properties zoned in them) were discussed also. The board can decide on a case-by-case basis on whether new manufacturing or retail districts can have outdoor storage on the property.*

**RECONVENE THE REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**

*Motion: Joe Walsh, Second: Kathy Metzger*

*Voice Vote: 6-0*

MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2023-21, AN ORDINANCE DECLARING NO PARKING ON DUGAN ROAD, ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ROAD, BETWEEN RAYMOND ROAD AND OAKEN ROAD, AND AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF NO PARKING SIGNS

*Motion to approve Ordinance No. 2023-21: Motion: Kathy Metzger. Second: Tim May. Roll Call vote: 6-0.*

MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2023-22, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING STOP SIGNS ON RHODES AVENUE, NORTHBOUND AND SOUTHBOUND, AT THE INTERSECTION WITH PRICE ROAD, AT THE INTERSECTION WITH SIXTH STREET, AND AT THE INTERSECTION WITH THIRD STREET AND AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF STOP SIGNS AT THESE INTERSECTIONS

*Motion to approve Ordinance No. 2023-22: Motion: Kathy Metzger. Second: Tim May. Roll Call vote: 6-0.*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*None.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion to adjourn: Kathy Metzger.*

*Second: Tim May.*

*Voice vote: 6-0.*

*Time: 7:44 pm*