

# VILLAGE OF BIG ROCK



## Regular Board Meeting/Committee of the Whole

Tuesday, January 9th 2024

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 JOE WALSH,*  
*Trustee KELLY MAY, Trustee KATHY METZGER*

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

ABSENT: *Trustee TED MCCANNON, Trustee MARK LYNCH, Village Attorney JOHN ZEMENEK*

### **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**

*Josh Rodgers, resident, inquired if expanding parking at the Community Park is being considered along with the potential new road connection of MADISON ST to the north to 2<sup>nd</sup> ST. He conveyed that parking is the still the main issue for residents of 6<sup>th</sup> and MADISON, even after expanded parking was added this year. He inquired if the Park District/ HBR Youth Soccer League could schedule the games differently for timing or expand locations to accommodate the very large league. He expressed support of the League and the Community Park, but asked that the Village and Park District consider any short-term measures to alleviate parking congestion also.*

*Judy Blincoe, resident, remarked that she was opposed to the opening of MADISON ST to the north to 2<sup>nd</sup> STREET. She noted that it could create more traffic where children are playing and would compromise the privacy of the dead end. She emphasized that the parking issue is only a problem 6-7 days a year for 4 hours a day, and that building a new road is very costly.*

*The Board discussed details of the parking issues that remain at the Community Park as well as possibilities of what can be done in the interim as parking needs only grow with the league every year. The President will work with the Park District and HBR Youth Soccer League to determine any short-term, low-cost solutions.*

## ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

None

## CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Bills for January 9, 2024

Approval of the December 12, 2023 Village Board Minutes

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

Role Call Vote 4-0 (Y= Yay, N= Nay, A= Absent)

**Tim May- Y Ted McCannon- A 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: **KATHY METZGER**, Second: **TIM MAY** Voice Vote: 4-0, Time: 7:14 pm

## PRESIDENT FITZPATRICK

*Sotomayn, LLC is in process of a new plan submission with the Village Attorney, John Zemenak. The site was previously approved as a special use, and therefore will require **Planning Commission** and **Village** approval for any new plans.*

*Vacationland will soon submit plans of their expansion to **Water Resources**. **President Fitzpatrick** stated that **Vacationland** estimates the expansion may double retail sales. **Vacationland** had expressed to **President Fitzpatrick** that they may come to the **Village** to negotiate a tax break. The **Board** had a general discussion that was tabled to gather more information.*

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CONSIDERATIONS

### DRAINAGE COMMITTEE REPORT

### STREET MAINTENANCE REPORT

*Street and stop signs are in process of delivery. They are planned to be installed as weather allows.*

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

*Clerk Zambrano gave a report on a recent meeting with **B&F Construction Code Services, Village of Big Rock's Code Enforcement Officer**. They reviewed the code enforcement process for the coming year of 2024.*

### FINANCIAL REPORT

### COMMUNITY REPORT

***President Fitzpatrick** conveyed that the **Hinckley-Big Rock Soccer League** had asked for a donation for new soccer nets at the **Elementary School**. They are trying to offset the cost of \$1139.98. The **Board** had a discussion and verbally agreed to donate up to \$575 to help cover the costs of the new nets.*

## COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

***Trustee Joe Walsh** confirmed with **President Fitzpatrick** the winter/ summer schedule of the Village Board meetings. **President Fitzpatrick** noted this was set by precedent. The Village Board Committee of the Whole meets Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb only once a month on the second Tuesday. Mar-Oct will meet twice, on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month.*

## VILLAGE EMPLOYEES

*NONE*

**RECONVENE THE REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**

*Motion to reconvene the Regular Board Meeting:*

*Motion: KATHY METGER, Second: JOE WALSH      Voice Vote: 4-0*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*None.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion to adjourn: KATHY METZGER      Second: TIM MAY      Voice vote: 4-0      Time: 7:35 pm*