

Village of Big Rock



Regular Board Meeting/Committee of the Whole

Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 7:00 PM
Park District Building
7 SOUTH 405 MADISON AVE
BIG ROCK, IL 60511

CALL TO ORDER

President Matt Fitzpatrick called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: President **MATT FITZPATRICK**

Trustee **TED MCCANNON**, Trustee **JOE WALSH**, Trustee **KATHY METZGER**

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

ABSENT: Trustee **TIM MAY**, Trustee **MARK LYNCH**, Trustee **KELLY MAY**

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

Dean Hummell, resident, had a discussion with Big Rock Township Highway Commissioner Wade Thompson.

Mr. Thompson informed him that a Kane County Sherriff set up a meeting with Mr. Thompson to discuss whether or not the stop signs on RHODES AVE. were installed illegally. Mr. Hummell wanted to know why the Sherriff is getting involved. President Fitzpatrick relayed he has recently called Officer McGowen to speak about this, as well as the fact that the Kane County Police are not respecting our stop signs. He conveyed the speed data collected by the Village warranted action before destruction occurs, as well as reiterated the legal rights of the Village to issue the ordinance; and that all police working or passing thru the Village must stop. Officer McGowen told President Fitzpatrick that he will relay the message to the other deputies that they need to stop at the new Village stop signs.

This conversation led to a discussion by Board members of the overall discontent with the patrols that Kane County Sherriff were hired to do. Trustees lamented the lack of results in regards to policing for speed and reliably patrolling in our community. President Fitzpatrick relayed recent discussions with the Hinckley Police Department, and is working thru cross-county details to consider hiring them to replace the Kane County Sherriff.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Bills for May 28th, 2024, June 11th, 2024

Treasurer Phillips noted that we have received reimbursement for USIC charges that were disputed. He informed the Board that there continue to be locates repeated over and over again. **Attorney Zemenak** communicated that he has sent a letter to USIC to clarify the Village's responsibility for hundreds of repeat locates, but they have yet to reply. **Attorney Zemenak** has pointed out that USIC has said that JULIE has issued the locates. JULIE points at USIC. **Trustee Walsh** expressed that this feels like fraudulent inflating of costs. The Board agreed that they would not pay for further multiple locates until clarifications are made.

Approval of the May 28th, 2024 Village Board Minutes

Motion to approve Consent Agenda: Kathy Metzger; Second: Joe Walsh

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

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

RECESS TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Motion to recess to the Committee of the Whole:

Motion: Kathy Metzger, Second: Ted McCannon Voice Vote: 4-0, Time: 7:21 p.m.

PRESIDENT FITZPATRICK

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CONSIDERATIONS

President Fitzpatrick announced to the Board that **Darrin Boyer**, the Sewer Operations Manager will be retiring after many years of dedicated and comprehensive service to the Village. **President Fitzpatrick** expressed to the Board that **Mr. Boyer** has recommended a certified replacement that has worked with him in our Village in the past, and that he can train him to take over Big Rock's service if the Board so chooses. **President Fitzpatrick** will invite the candidate to a future Board meeting so that the Board can explore if he is a good fit to replace **Mr. Boyer**.

President Fitzpatrick also notified the Board that there have been multiple sewer lids that had been tampered with and damaged by residents. He asked **Clerk Zambrano** to review the ordinance regulations and compose a letter to include with the next sewer bill detailing the resident's responsibilities.

DRAINAGE COMMITTEE REPORT

STREET MAINTENANCE REPORT

President Fitzpatrick has received the engineering bid from Bravo for the upcoming MARIE STREET paving project. The Board discussed details of the additions of JONES RD and JERICHO ROAD intersection as well as a dead end on THIRD ST.

DEPT. OF BUILDING/SAFETY/ZONING REPORT

President Fitzpatrick relayed information about the recent light reading at **Patriot Plumbing**. The property exponentially exceeds the lighting limits set forth by the Village Lighting ordinance on multiple areas around the perimeter of their property. There was a discussion about the next steps to be taken, as the owner has been notified of the issues, as well as been given feedback as to ways to mitigate the exorbitant lighting situation. **Attorney Zemenak** will be sending a compliance letter with an adjudication notice.

FINANCIAL REPORT

COMMUNITY REPORT

President Fitzpatrick discussed with **Bob Raymond**, Bull and Bronc Ride Event Coordinator, if the Board can purchase tickets before they go on public sale. He was informed that all sponsors have an option to purchase in advance.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Trustee Metzger highlighted that the Code Enforcement Officer forgot to send the photographs for last week's violations. Clerk Zambrano verified that she would reiterate to him the importance of submitting complete information as the Board has requested. It was also asked for him to include properties that he has verbally given a warning as well.

VILLAGE EMPLOYEES

Clerk Zambrano notified the Board of a resident question regarding whether Village rules and ordinances would allow placement of a travel trailer on her property for a family member to temporarily live in with electricity. The rules state that accessory or temporary dwelling units are NOT permitted unless given a special permitted allowance from the Board. The Board had questions and a discussion about the details of this case, and they agreed that they would not approve this use because the use was planned for much longer than a week or two. Clerk Zambrano will relay the information to the resident, and notify her that she is welcome to attend the next Board Meeting to make a request to the Board during the Public Participation segment.

RECONVENE THE REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

Motion to reconvene the Regular Board Meeting:

Motion: Ted McCannon, Second: Joe Walsh Voice Vote: 4-0

Motion to approve a Community Donation in the amount of \$1,200.00 to the Big Rock Plow Match for the 2024 Bull and Bronco Riding Event

Motion to approve a Community Donation to Big Rock Plowing Match:

Motion: Joe Walsh

Second: Matt Fitzpatrick

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

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: Joe Walsh, Second: Kathy Metzger Voice vote: 4-0 Time: 7:52 pm