

Village of Big Rock



Regular Board Meeting/Committee of the Whole

Tuesday, June 25, 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 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: President **MATT FITZPATRICK**

Trustee **TIM MAY**, Trustee **TED MCCANNON**, Trustee **MARK LYNCH**,
Trustee **JOE WALSH**, Trustee **KELLY MAY**, Trustee **KATHY METZGER**

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

ABSENT: Village Attorney **JOHN ZEMENAK**

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

Amy Shoger, Big Rock Township Trustee, had concerns about the new stop signs on RHODES AVE. She asked if the Village had done a study about the speed levels, if the Village tried policing, or considered any other methods like speed bumps or other things, and how/ where the speed data was collected. She communicated that she called the County and was informed that the County did not do a study, and she was concerned for the safety of stop signs that she believed were not "legally installed". President Fitzpatrick informed her that the Village's new stop signs are indeed a legal installation because RHODES AVE is a village road, not a county road, and therefore is legally under the jurisdiction of Village Ordinance. President Fitzpatrick referenced the MUTCD handbook that states that a Village can decide to take action such as installing stop signs if excessive speeds warrant it. The Board reiterated that the Village completed their own speed study for many months, with 2 speed radar points near the location of the northern-most and southern-most newly installed stop signs. That speed study found that cars were speeding in excess of 65-98 MPH on a weekly basis, and over 55 MPH nearly daily. The speed study data was presented for the audience to view, and they were reminded that it had been presented for every meeting in which the signs were discussed, since the beginning of last fall. Kane County Sheriff's office has been hired for more than \$2,000 a month, and seems to have no impact on the speeding traffic. He reiterated that the Village has discussed this issue for a long time, published notice in the Crier, as well as held a public hearing back in the Fall to discuss the Village's options like speed bumps and other measures. President Fitzpatrick highlighted that not one resident other than Mrs. Shoger has expressed any opposition at a board meeting to the stop signs, but there have been many

residents who have attended board meetings and delivered messages to express their outrage at the speed cars are traveling on RHODES AVE. Every Board member unanimously expressed their firm support for the new stop signs. **President Fitzpatrick** stated that the signs had done their job, as the traffic count is down more than 60%, and speeds are not reaching the excess levels they were before the installation. **Mrs. Shoger** and other audience members declined to view any of the speed data the Village had collected.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Bills for June 25th, 2024

Approval of the June 11, 2024

Village Board Minutes

Motion to approve Consent Agenda: Tim May; Second: Kelly May

Roll 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: 7:23 p.m.

PRESIDENT FITZPATRICK

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CONSIDERATIONS

A dangerous tree has been removed on OAK and RAYMOND, as well as tree trimming maintenance.

DRAINAGE COMMITTEE REPORT

*The stormwater project on ROUTE 30 near Vacationland is moving along. It is scheduled to be out for bids in early to mid-fall. **President Fitzpatrick** clarified that **Nicor** is relocating the gas main to the south side of ROUTE 30, and they will start after that work is done.*

***Campvac** has begun evaluating the drain basins, and reports that some are still looking good. There is more preliminary work to be done, but drainage basin cleanouts will be started in the beginning of July.*

STREET MAINTENANCE REPORT

***Bravo Engineering** has bid to work on the MARIE STREET paving project, and that agreement is up for vote tonight. **President Fitzpatrick** outlined the project and asked the Board's opinion of a few details.*

DEPT. OF BUILDING/SAFETY/ZONING REPORT

The administrative code hearing system is up for a vote for amendment, to ensure that lighting standards are enabled to go into adjudication court when need be.

*A recent ongoing lighting violation has continued, causing the Village to check standards of adjudication so the matter can be resolved. **Attorney Zemenak** will be sending out at 7-day adjudication letter to the violator. The cost of inspection by the Code Enforcement Officer for an additional light reading will be added to court charges.*

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Village has been looking into streamlining the records process and exploring the options available.

***Attorney Zemenak** is still following up with **USIC** about clarifying the Villages responsibility of many repeated locates.*

COMMUNITY REPORT

None

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Kathy Metzger clarified questions she had about the septic work done by **Darrin Boyer**, and **O'Donnell Excavation** who had done some septic pumps.

Mark Lynch expressed that **Kane County Police** have been sitting around town off the beaten track, and have not communicated any tickets they have issued for some time now. **President Fitzpatrick** agreed that it seems Kane County always puts Big Rock as their last priority, and at times they have said that they have more important work in other areas of Kane county. Kane County gets paid time and a half and has a set schedule to police our Village. **President Fitzpatrick** gave a brief update that he is working with Hinckley, Dekalb and Kane county to consider utilizing Hinckley Police force in a way that makes sense for us in Big Rock.

Tim May asked if the Board could receive more detailed information from the Sherriff on the bill list detailing dates, times policing, and detail about tickets issued or warnings given.

VILLAGE EMPLOYEES

None

RECONVENE THE REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

Motion to reconvene the Regular Board Meeting:

Motion: Kathy Metzger, Second: Kelly May Voice Vote: 6-0

MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2024-13, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BRAVO COMPANY ENGINEERING, INC. FOR THE MARIE STREET AND JONES ROAD ROADWAY REHABILITATION PROJECT

Motion to approve ORD NO. 2024-13:

Motion: Kathy Metzger Second: Joe Walsh

Roll 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

MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2024-14, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE HEARING SYSTEM FOR THE VILLAGE OF BIG ROCK

Motion: Kathy Metzger Second: Kelly May

Roll 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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: Kathy Metzger, Second: Joe Walsh Voice vote: 6-0 Time: 7:44 pm