

# Village of Big Rock



## Regular Board Meeting/Committee of the Whole

Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 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 **TED MCCANNON**, Trustee **TIM MAY**

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

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

**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, as well as the for the people lost during the recent hurricanes.*

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

*Aaron Laho, resident, requested that the Village of Big Rock ask Patriot Heating to turn their lighting straight down. He described the lighting now as it points up and out, shining brighter since recent work was done on the building. He asked for the status of the enforcement of the Village lighting regulations regarding lights being extinguished 30 minutes after closing. Amanda Sheelor, resident, wanted to add that the Patriot Heating building's light/sign is blindingly bright, that it has jeopardized her family's safety when they back out of their driveway. She reported that it also shines brightly inside bedrooms all night. All the residents that commented agreed that the work that Patriot Heating has done on the building does make it look much better, but the lighting installed is affecting their quality of life. They hope the Village can work with Patriot Plumbing to get the lighting standards enforced. President Fitzpatrick explained the process of ordinance enforcement, and some of the particulars about this specific case. He will review the lighting situation as well as the lighting standards with the Village Attorney. He will be reaching out to Patriot Plumbing to see if they can readjust the lighting once again.*

### ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

#### CONSENT AGENDA

*None*

Approval of Bills for October 8th, 2024

Approval of the September 24, 2024

Village Board Minutes

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

**Roll 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: Kathy Metzger, Second: Kelly May Voice Vote: 5-0, Time: 7:28 p.m.**

## **PRESIDENT FITZPATRICK**

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

*Clerk Zambrano has packets for Board Election Candidates that will be voted in on April 1<sup>st</sup> 2025. The packet due date is 12<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> of November, 2024. Kelly May, Joe Walsh and Ted McCannon are the current Trustees with terms expiring with the opportunity of re-election.*

*The Village Board Christmas party will be held December 7<sup>th</sup> at a local restaurant.*

### **DRAINAGE COMMITTEE REPORT**

*The stormwater project on ROUTE 30 is still in queue for IDOT to get the appropriate permits. It was hoped to have it released for bid to accomplish in the springtime but will have to wait until permitting is fully done to begin any further work.*

### **STREET MAINTENANCE REPORT**

*President Fitzpatrick spoke to Curran about the MARIE STREET Road Resurfacing project that will be starting this week. They discussed utilizing the road shavings in other areas of the Village, but Curran clarified that it would not be cost effective to mobilize their machinery. They gave other more cost effective recommendations. President Fitzpatrick would like to get the sidewalks on a future agenda for approval for this year.*

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

*The Board discussed code enforcement and their unhappiness with the work the code enforcement officer has been doing. They would like to end code enforcement by Lakeside Consulting for the year. The Board discussed ways the Village can enforce the codes of our Village.*

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

*President Fitzpatrick spoke to the bank about Telepay service. It would enable the Village to accept sewer service payment via credit card, bank account and more. Telepay would also allow the residents to view their accounts online and offer multiple ways to pay the bill by internet or phone. It would link up to our accounting systems automatically. Standard transaction fees would be passed on to end users. Clerk Zambrano noted that many, many residents have asked for this service. President Fitzpatrick asked if the Board was interested in this idea. The Board was unanimously amenable to this idea.*

### **COMMUNITY REPORT**

### **COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

*Trustee Metzger asked about the IML insurance coverage declaration and would like to compare it with other companies to ensure it's a fair quote. Clerk Zambrano will forward the information to her for review.*

## **VILLAGE EMPLOYEES**

*Clerk Zambrano noted that it is the last week to purchase a Big Rock Photo Calendar, a fundraiser for the Big Rock Historical Society.*

### **RECONVENE THE REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**

*Motion to reconvene the Regular Board Meeting:*

*Motion: Tim May, Second: Ted McCannon      Voice Vote: 5-0 , Time: 7:58 p.m.*

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*None.*

### **ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion to adjourn: Kelly May, Second: Joe Walsh      Voice vote: 5-0      Time: 7:58 p.m.*