

Village of Big Rock



Regular Board Meeting/Committee of the Whole

Tuesday, October 22nd, 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 **MARK LYNCH**, 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: 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

Aaron Laho, resident stated that bright light is still protruding onto his property from across the street. He expressed his comments and clarified details of the lighting ordinance. The Board took note of his comments. Cory Schollmeyer, resident, asked about the status of the storm sewer pipeline on RT. 30. Nicor is working to move the gas main.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Bills for October 22, 2024

Approval of the October 8, 2024

Village Board Minutes

President Fitzpatrick confirmed that Rockway Gas Station does not have a grease trap, and is not currently being charged the sewer bill rate for this service. This was in regard to the additional charge from the sewer plant manager for an unplanned tank pump containing grease.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda: Mark Lynch; Second: Kathy Metzger

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: Kelly May Voice Vote: 6-0, Time: 7:06 p.m.

PRESIDENT FITZPATRICK

President Fitzpatrick relayed that the Sewer Plant Manager has reported a need to replace the sewer check valve on DAVIS ROAD. He recommended that we update the valve so it can be more accessible near the tank instead of the current setup which requires the street to be dug up.

Darrin Boyer has recommended a person to replace him when he retires from the Sewer Plant Manager position. The Board discussed the nuances about whether they should hire him as an employee vs a contracted employee. Discussion about hiring will be made during executive session after adjournment of the Regular Board meeting. The new Sewer Plant Manager will take the reins in December if the Village decides to hire.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CONSIDERATIONS

DRAINAGE COMMITTEE REPORT

STREET MAINTENANCE REPORT

President Fitzpatrick discussed the details of beginning the HINCKLEY ROAD Bridge Replacement Project. The State grant is approved for 3 phases, and it would take another year or two to begin. The Village will be covering 20%, the state 80% of the costs.

Crack Attack Estimate for Sidewalk Work

Crack attack will be hired to come in to repair some sidewalks around the Village.

DEPT. OF BUILDING/SAFETY/ZONING REPORT

FINANCIAL REPORT

SSA tax levy ordinance

President Fitzpatrick inquired if the Board would still like to consider removing the SSA2 tax levy ordinance. The ordinance is for drainage projects in the Tenerelli subdivision. Ted McCannon pointed out that if we remove the levy, the subdivision would not have money for additional drainage and maintenance. He also pointed out that Tenerelli had specific drainage issues that needed addressing, which was why this subdivision has a levy versus other places in the Village who do not pay a tax levy for drainage projects. Last year, the Village reduced the levy in half. Joe Walsh would like to re-evaluate the necessity of the extra tax levy. Discussion amongst the Board occurred about the duration of the SSA2 tax levy, fund rules and regulations, and the type of drainage projects it has been used for as well as potential future projects. After much discussion, the Board agreed to evaluate the current drainage issues and potential projects in the neighborhood before considering abolishing the SSA2 over the next few weeks. They will re-evaluate whether they should keep it or abolish it at the November 2024 Regular Board Meeting.

COMMUNITY REPORT

Gary Hauge has passed away.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

