

Village of Big Rock



Regular Board Meeting/Committee of the Whole

Tuesday, October 14th, 2025, 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 CORY SCHOLLMAYER, Trustee HALEY MASON*

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

Will Shimkus, Resident, inquired about the timeline of appointing a new trustee to the Village Board. President Fitzpatrick will appoint the new member in the coming weeks. Mr. Shimkus also inquired about the Village reviewing a tree that is dying in the right of way on his street.

Robert Brown, Resident, wanted to also inquire about the Village reviewing status of two trees that may be dying in the right of way on Jefferson. President Fitzpatrick will have the trees in the right of way reviewed for safety. Trustee Schollmeyer will coordinate the tree trimming work.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA

*Approval of Bills for October 14th, 2025
Approval of September 23RD 2025 Village Board Minutes*

Motion to approve Consent Agenda: Tim May; Second: Cory Schollmeyer;

Roll Call Vote 5-0 (Y= Yay, N= Nay, A= Absent)

Tim May-Y Ted McCannon-Y Mark Lynch-Y Cory Schollmeyer-Y Haley Mason-Y

RECESS TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Motion to recess to the Committee of the Whole:

Motion: Cory Schollmeyer, Second: Tim May Voice Vote: 5-0, Time: 7:06 p.m.

PRESIDENT FITZPATRICK

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CONSIDERATIONS

*Village office computers are at their end of life, and we need new systems. We are reviewing all our systems in the office to see what upgrades are needed. **President Fitzpatrick** and **Clerk Zambrano** have been meeting with IT companies for quotes.*

*Holiday banners will ordered and installed. A Flag Committee was assembled. **Trustee Mason** was nominated to coordinate the Flags. She wanted to set dates to put them up for the year, so we can coordinate volunteers in advance.*

DRAINAGE COMMITTEE REPORT

STREET MAINTENANCE REPORT

*HINCKLEY ROAD Bridge will need to be repaired. The Village has received a grant, awarded in 2018, that was reactivated by **President Fitzpatrick** since it wasn't yet enacted. This will cover 80% of the original proposed cost for phase 1, Village covering 20%. The problem is, the cost of phase 1 has doubled since estimation, causing the Village's portion to go up because the Grant is capped at 80% of the original estimated cost. The Village is working with the county and state to figure out ways to get more grants or utilize materials to create savings. There may also be more grants available to apply when Phase 1 engineering is completed.*

*The ROUTE 30 storm sewer project is in a similar predicament. The costs have exponentially grown since the original grant was issued, causing the project to pause to locate more funding. Currently, **President Fitzpatrick** is negotiating an extension for the current grant project deadline for two more years so that the contractors are bidding on a job without accelerated timeline, scheduled well in advance, which will hopefully offer some cost savings.*

Agreement with RG Asphalt & Concrete for Asphalt Removal and Replacement

This is up for a vote tonight. The scope of work was outlined, including patching the recent work done to the damaged culverts on TIMBERVIEW and JOHN STREETS.

DEPT. OF BUILDING/SAFETY/ZONING REPORT

FINANCIAL REPORT

Auditors from Sikich were in last week, they are putting their reports together.

COMMUNITY REPORT

***President Fitzpatrick** notified that **Nathan Lambes**, Tow USA, is planning to come to planning and zoning committee to work with the Village on sales of trailers. He may need a special use permit for outdoor storage of those trailers.*

***President Fitzpatrick** updated the status of the new fencing company and their plans for building the business, which may require a special use permit for outdoor storage of material.*

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

***Trustee Lynch** asked about the lines at the parking lot being at the church being redrawn. **President Fitzpatrick** has it coordinated.*

***Trustee May** had a list of a few places where our hired landscaper can add some dirt and seed to patch some places in the village.*

VILLAGE EMPLOYEES

***Clerk Zambrano** gave a report of the local Pumpkin Train event that happened at Plowman's Park recently. She said the organization would love to partner with the Village next year if they would like to donate, make a part of the track or other donation. The Village was not asked to participate this year.*

RECONVENE THE REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

Motion to reconvene the Regular Board Meeting:

Motion: Tim May; Second: Cory Schollmeyer Voice Vote: 5-0, Time: 7:38 p.m.

MOTIONS:

Motion to Approve Ordinance No. 2025- 19, an Ordinance Waiving the Requirement for Competitive Bidding and Approving an Agreement and Addendum with RG Consulting Group, LLC for asphalt removal and replacement at Jefferson and Fourth Street, Carey and Timberview, and John Road in the Amount of \$17,459.00

Motion to approve: Cory Schollmeyer, Second: Tim May

Roll Call Vote 5-0 (Y= Yay, N= Nay, A= Absent)

Tim May-Y Ted McCannon-Y Mark Lynch-Y Cory Schollmeyer-Y Haley Mason-Y

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: Tim May; Second: Cory Schollmeyer Voice vote: 5-0 Time: 7:40 pm