

Village of Big Rock



Minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees Meeting/ Committee of the Whole

Tuesday, March 11th, 2025 at 7:00 PM
Park District Building
7 SOUTH 405 MADISON AVE
BIG ROCK, IL 60511

CALL TO ORDER

Village President Matt Fitzpatrick called the meeting of the Village of Big Rock Board of Trustees to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked for a roll call.

ROLL CALL

Present: Village President Matt Fitzpatrick; Trustee Ted McCannon; Trustee Kathy Metzger; Trustee Mark Lynch; Trustee Kelly May; Trustee Joe Walsh; Trustee Tim May

Also present: Village Attorney John Zemenak; Village Treasurer Brian Phillips
Absent: Village Clerk Lindsey Zambrano.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Village President Fitzpatrick led the Village Board and the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Village President Fitzpatrick asked for a moment of silence for our armed forces and allies.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Bills for March 11th, 2025
Approval of the February 11, 2025
Village Board Minutes

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda: Trustee Lynch. Second: Trustee Walsh.

Roll Call Vote: 6-0.

RECESS TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Motion to Recess to the Committee of the Whole: Trustee Kelly May. Second: Trustee Metzger.
Voice Vote: 6-0.

PRESIDENT FITZPATRICK

Village President Fitzpatrick said he reached out to Metronet about building out fiber optic internet service in the Village; they are investigating whether such service is feasible based on the number of residents.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CONSIDERATIONS

DRAINAGE COMMITTEE REPORT

Village President Fitzpatrick said the bid for the Route 30 stormwater project will go out on April 1, and he expects a contractor to be selected around May 1. The original engineer's estimate for the work was \$2m, and the Village's grant is for \$2m. But the engineer had to revise its cost estimate, which is now \$2.6m, and the Village will be responsible for 100% of the costs over \$2m. He also said that the RFQ for engineering services for the Hinckley Road Bridge Project has been advertised on DemandStar.com and the Village's website; many firms have already viewed the RFQ.

STREET MAINTENANCE REPORT

No report.

DEPT. OF BUILDING/SAFETY/ZONING REPORT

Village President Fitzpatrick said he and Trustee Tim May met with Cole Freeland about serving as the Village's Code Enforcement Officer. He wants to get Cole on board as soon as possible. There was a discussion by the Board about whether Cole would be a part-time employee or an independent contractor, and the Board discussed Code enforcement procedures generally.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Village Treasurer Phillips said that the audit is complete and the Village is now waiting for the audit summary from Sikich.

COMMUNITY REPORT

Village President Fitzpatrick said that a motion to approve a donation for the Park District's annual Easter Egg Hunt is on the agenda for a vote.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Trustee Kelly May asked for a status update on whether Soto-Mayn has complied with the Notice of Violation. Village Attorney Zemenak provided a status update and stated that they are in compliance. Trustee May also noted that the tenant on the residential property that is owned by Big Rock Self Storage LLC still has numerous cars parked outside and it still appears that they are running some sort of auto repair business from this residential property. Village President Fitzgerald said that he recently warned the owner that a citation will issue for this

violation, and the owner welcomed enforcement action against the tenant. Village President Fitzgerald stated that the Code Enforcement Officer will need to take photos and that the Village Attorney should issue a citation for administrative adjudication as soon as possible.

Trustee Lynch asked about who should perform needed sidewalk work now that Crack Attack is no longer an option. Trustee Lynch and Village President Fitzpatrick agreed to investigate other contractor options.

Trustee Tim May asked about following-up with the property on 6th Street that has unfinished work.

VILLAGE EMPLOYEES

No comments.

RECONVENE THE REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

Motion to Reconvene to the Regular Village Board Meeting: Trustee Metzger. Second: Trustee Walsh.

Voice Vote: 6-0.

Motion to approve a Community Donation to the Big Rock Park District in the amount of \$300.00 for their Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Plowman's Park.

Motion to Approve: Trustee Metzger. Second: Trustee Walsh.

Roll Call Vote: 6-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn the Regular Village Board Meeting: Trustee Kelly May. Second: Trustee Metzger.

Roll Call Vote: 6-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.