

Village of Big Rock



Regular Board Meeting/Committee of the Whole

Tuesday, August 12th, 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 **TED MCCANNON**, Trustee **MARK LYNCH**, Trustee **TIM MAY**

Trustee **KATHY METZGER**, Trustee **CORY SCHOLLMAYER**, Trustee **HALEY MASON**

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

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Bills for August 12th, 2025

Approval of July 22nd, 2025 Village Board Minutes

Motion to approve Consent Agenda: Mark Lynch; Second: Cory Schollmeyer;

Roll Call Vote 6-0 (Y= Yay, N= Nay, A= Absent)

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

RECESS TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Motion to recess to the Committee of the Whole:

Motion: Mark Lynch, Second: Tim May

Voice Vote: 6-0, Time: 7:02 p.m.

PRESIDENT FITZPATRICK

Storm Sewer Project on ROUTE 30 is currently on hold. The deadline for the grant to be awarded is extended to April 30th, but this will not be enough to cover the current expense of the project since it was expanded and delayed by the IDOT plans for expansion of Route 30. The project is being held to see if the County will be able

to assist in locating further funding to finish the project. The Village will be unable to pay the very large gap in funding due to inflation of costs since originally projected.

*There are 2 fiber optic providers now looking at our community to install cable. **President Fitzpatrick** has been advised that it is a good thing to have multiple companies with fiber to maintain good competitive pricing for the community. **Attorney Zemenak** spoke with the Board about different ways to regulate use after questions were raised by the Board.*

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CONSIDERATIONS

Return to Work Policy

Village got communication from RMA IML that encouraged us to have a return to work policy. It outlines basic rules around returning to work after a work-related injury.

DRAINAGE COMMITTEE REPORT

O'Donnell Excavating has ordered material for JOHN ST and TIMBERVIEW to update drainage and culverts.

***President Fitzpatrick** updated the Board on a recent request from a resident on SIXTH ST. The resident would like to install a culvert to level the ditch out. **President Fitzpatrick** expressed his opinion that the Village should preserve the installation control over the system and material because the Village would be responsible for any future problems with the size or quality of the drainage installed. If one resident is allowed to make changes, all could try to change the system. He asked the Board for their opinion on if they would like to allow a citizen to manipulate the drainage ditch system. They agreed with him on this issue, that the Village was responsible for the system and it needs to be cohesive in its installation.*

STREET MAINTENANCE REPORT

Pavement Striping

The Village is adding a crosswalk on THIRD ST at the west side of RHODES this week.

DEPT. OF BUILDING/SAFETY/ZONING REPORT

Solar Farm Zoning Regulations

*SCOTT RD near the Village of Big Rock received another proposal for a solar farm. **President Fitzpatrick** inquired the Board's opinion on Solar Farms in our Village. The Board had a discussion regarding their opinions. **Attorney Zemenak** outlined some of the laws in regard to restricting use. He also discussed different amendments or regulations the Village could consider if it wishes, along with the process the Village would follow.*

IPTIP Investment Pool

Investment Policy

*The Village is assembling a new policy for an investment policy. **Attorney Zemenak** and **Treasurer Phillips** discussed certain investment policies that should be included.*

COMMUNITY REPORT

Bull Riding Event was a huge success.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

***Trustee Mason** asked about the Emergency Weather system installation status. **President Fitzpatrick** was notified that it will be ordered soon.*

***Trustee Schollmeyer** asked about the status of hiring a new code enforcement officer. **President Fitzpatrick** will be conducting some phone interviews soon.*

VILLAGE EMPLOYEES

Attorney Zemenak discussed the recent inquiry into the property next to RayVac listed by Rooster Ag. The Village limits the buildings size and restricts the materials stored outdoors. He outlined some other requirements that the property would be under in regard to building a business operation.

RECONVENE THE REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

Motion to reconvene the Regular Board Meeting:

Motion: Kathy Metzger, Second: Mark Lynch Voice Vote: 6-0, Time: 7:44 p.m.

MOTIONS:

Motion to Approve Ordinance No. 2025- 12, an Ordinance Approving a Proposal from Brown Sealcoating & Construction, Inc. in the Amount of \$3,750.00* for Paving Striping Work at Numerous Locations.

*Amended to- Authorize up to a certain amount not to exceed \$8,000

Roll Call Vote 6-0 (Y= Yay, N= Nay, A= Absent)

Motion: Haley Mason, Second: Tim May

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

Motion to Approve Ordinance No. 2025- 13, an Ordinance Prohibiting Parking on Both the East and West Sides of Raymond Road from Dugan Road to Toronto Street.

Roll Call Vote 6-0 (Y= Yay, N= Nay, A= Absent)

Motion: Kathy Metzger, Second: Haley Mason

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

Motion to Approve Ordinance No. 2025- 14, an Ordinance Approving the Village of Big Rock Return to Work Policy

Roll Call Vote 6-0 (Y= Yay, N= Nay, A= Absent)

Motion: Mark Lynch, Second: Cory Mason

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: Kathy Metzger, Second: Cory Schollmeyer

Voice vote: 6-0 Time: 7:46 pm