

VILLAGE OF BIG ROCK

Regular Board Meeting/Committee of the Whole



Tuesday May 27th, 2014
7:00 pm
Park District Building
7S 405 Madison
Big Rock, Illinois

CALL TO ORDER

DEAN HUMMELL CALLED THE MAY 27TH, 2014 THE REGULAR/COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (279TH) MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:02 PM

ROLL CALL

Clay Hanninen A, Ted McCannon H, Joe Walsh A, Kathy Metzger H, Will Shimkus H, Mark Lynch H
Dean Hummell H

Also Present: Pat Anderson H, John Zemenak A, Tim May H

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE ***MOMENT OF SILENCE***

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APPROVAL OF THE MAY 13TH, 2014 MINUTES

MOTION: WILL SHIMKUS, SECOND: KATHY METZGER, VOTE: 4 – 0

PUBLIC HEARING

Village Board to conduct a public hearing on the FY 2014-15 Budget for the Village of Big Rock

Dean Hummell opened the public hearing at 7:05 p.m.

No comments from the public

Dean proceeded to close the public hearing at 7:05 p.m.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

-Tom & Shelly (residents on Dugan Road) stopped to voice their concerns with not being allowed to place an above ground pool on the side of their newly purchase property. The village has an ordinance that was commented on via an email from the attorney that was read aloud at the meeting. There is nothing to reference in the ordinance about above ground (being a more temporary accessory structure) vs. and in ground pool (a more permanent accessory structure). This happens to be a “grey” area so it was discussed also

that the board could make an administrative determination. The village board asked Tom & Shelly to obtain letters from the surrounding neighbors in addition to complying with all set-backs on pools and provide a sketch of the proposed pool. This information will be reviewed at the next board meeting a possibly approved.

-Nick with the Shell gas station stopped by to propose and get a general feel for how the board feels with regard to some video gaming machines being installed. The gas station has been struggling for quite some time now and although the sale of liquor has helped, it's unfortunately not going to sustain the station. They would like to try everything possible before letting it go under. The tax benefit to the village would be substantial as well. Fuel happens to be very competitive especially in an RFG (reformulated gasoline) market. Just down the street folks can get gas much cheaper because it's not required to be the RFG type. They are in fact lottery, gaming machines that are highly governed by the State of Illinois. Pictures were provided (from the other owned Shell stations) to show everyone on the board how this would look. Clearly a 21 and over restricted area and no drinking allowed at machines. Nick asked the trustees to take their time and think about this for a while. Please let him know the outcome when a decision has been reached. They are eager to work with the village and residents to make certain everything is kosher & permissible.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

*** REMOVAL OF APPROVAL OF THE APRIL BANK P & L'S / RECONCILIATIONS***

CONSENT AGENDA AS AMENDED

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR MAY 27TH, 2014

~~**APPROVAL OF THE APRIL BANK P & L'S / RECONCILIATIONS**~~

MOTION: KATHY METZGER, SECOND: WILL SHIMKUS

CLAY HANNINEN-A TED MCCANNON-Y JOE WALSH-A KATHY METZGER-Y WILL SHIMKUS-Y MARK LYNCH-Y

RECESS TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOTION: WILL SHIMKUS, SECOND: KATHY METZGER, VOTE: 6-0, TIME: 7:39 PM

PRESIDENT HUMMELL

-Dean mentioned a piece of property off County Line Rd owned by the Antos that's is being potentially purchased by the Kane County Forest Preserve. Details are still be worked out.

-Bob Pritchard phoned Dean and spoke with him about a meeting in June with the BNSF and some other public officials in reference to the railroad issues. Dean also mentioned his meeting again with Andy Williams in the beginning of May and the "no blow" zone. The village is in full support of the "no blow" zone along with trying to get some relief and look at alternate solutions to the railroad crossing blockage(s). The excessive blocking our crossing in town is a definite a life/safety issue that impacts many and continues to get worse with the economy strengthening.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CONSIDERATIONS

DRAINAGE COMMITTEE REPORT
Wastewater Final Completion/Warranty Issues

-The Tenrrelli project is still being discussed and the steep ditchways along with standing water in a couple residents ditches. Contact with Applied Tech resulted in an agreement that this may have been an oversight however funds were tight as well.

-Wastewater issues are still being worked between attorney's and H. Linden & Son's. John Z will have more to report at the next board meeting.

STREET MAINTENANCE REPORT

-The extreme need for patching is still present for several areas in the Big Rock Village limits. Areas of Granart Rd were discussed and most of this area will just be patched. There are other areas though out the community that are going to actually be re-surfaced according to available funds. Dean & Will are going to mark the areas and then get a quote from Kolt O'Donnell and possibly Meyer Paving (if they are interested) on the work needed. While they are out driving around Dean/Will are going to review some of the ash tree's that need removing and/or dead limbs trimmed. This too will be worked on according to the funds available and possibly spread out over several years.

DEPT. OF BUILDING/SAFETY/ZONING REPORT
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE ENFORCEMENT/OFFICER

-The contract for Tom Romano was discussed and determined to be adjusted slightly. One are particular was the insurance section. The general liability costs will be paid for by the village. Tom will not need Professional liability coverage in addition to not needing workman's comp. Tom Romano would be considered a sole proprietorship. Tim will send the contract to Tom with the revisions and see if there is anything else needing attention. Once completed the village attorney will take a look and create a "final" draft for all parties to sign.

-Property located at 207 Lincoln was discussed and the excessive tall grass. Is it abandoned or being resided in?? Tim will try and find out and send a letter to the property owner about the tall grass/weeds.

FINANCIAL REPORT

FY 2014-15 BUDGET
ENGAGEMENT LETTER WITH SIKICH

-Dean will be speaking with Sikich and the pre-audit that they have already began. In addition the engagement letter will be voted on and signed tonight if approved for Sikich.

COMMUNITY REPORT

BOARD ADMINISTRATION

PERSONNEL

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

-Mark Lynch inquired as to whether there has been any feedback from the Park District on the recent incident involving police at the village office. Mark agreed that no trustee on any board should ever conduct themselves in this manner and there should be ramifications. He will try and attend the upcoming Park District meeting with Dean, Clay, and possibly Kathy to address the situation.

-Ted mentioned he is in favor of the gaming/lottery machines at the Shell gas station in town. If the business goes under (because its known they are struggling financially) this will be more detrimental to the village as a whole and tax income vs. closely monitoring and working with the station on ways to generate additional income. It was requested to place this topic on the upcoming agenda at the next board meeting to discuss in more depth.

VILLAGE EMPLOYEES

-Pat requested "peep" holes be placed in the doors of the village office for additional security. Often there are evenings when she is working late or on her own that it would be nice to see whom/if anyone is on the opposite side of the door. It was commented on to be a good idea however we will have to see how the rental agreement of office space would be impacted if any. In addition Pat asked for another large filing cabinets for this year and upcoming years storage of financial information. We are running out of space in the office. It was agreed upon that we could look for another cabinet to accommodate this, preferable used though to keep the cost down.

RECONVENE THE REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

MOTION: TED McCANNON, SECOND: KATHY METZGER VOTE: 4 – 0, TIME: 8:46 PM

MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2014-09, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE FY 2014-15 BUDGET FOR THE VILLAGE OF BIG ROCK

MOTION: TED McCANNON, SECOND: WILL SHIMKUS

CLAY HANNINEN-**A** TED McCANNON-**Y** JOE WALSH-**A** KATHY METZGER-**Y** WILL SHIMKUS-**Y** MARK LYNCH-**Y**
DEAN HUMMELL-Y****

MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2014-10, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN ENGAGEMENT LETTER WITH SIKICH FOR AUDIT SERVICES

MOTION: MARK LYNCH, SECOND: WILL SHIMKUS

CLAY HANNINEN-**A** TED McCANNON-**Y** JOE WALSH-**A** KATHY METZGER-**Y** WILL SHIMKUS-**Y** MARK LYNCH-**Y**

TABLE: MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2014-____, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT WITH TOM ROMANO TO SERVE AS THE VILLAGE'S ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

MOTION: KATHY METZGER, SECOND: WILL SHIMKUS

CLAY HANNINEN-A** TED McCANNON-**Y** JOE WALSH-**A** KATHY METZGER-**Y** WILL SHIMKUS-**Y** MARK LYNCH-**Y****

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Adjournment

MOTION: TED McCANNON, SECOND: KATHY METZGER