

VILLAGE OF BIG ROCK

Regular Board Meeting/Committee of the Whole



Tuesday June 10th, 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 (280TH) MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:02 PM

ROLL CALL

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

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APPROVAL OF THE MAY 27TH, 2014 MINUTES

MOTION: WILL SHIMKUS, SECOND: KATHY METZGER, VOTE: 5 – 0

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

-Tom Brown (resident in Bergman) wanted to express his concern over the deteriorating roads throughout Raymond Woods & Bergman Estates. There needs to be pothole patching at a minimum but better yet some new sections of road. The board assured Tom that this is all being looked at closely and planned out. Hopefully soon the village can start to fix some sections.

-Kim (another resident of Bergman) has the same concerns as Tom. The roads are in very bad shape and need some attention for the safety of everyone.

-Kathy with “The Home Pages Directory” gave a presentation along with some handouts on the: text message directory/notification alerts. She explained the benefits to the entire community or anyone that signed up to receive these messages via this method. In addition she is working with the township, library, park district, & fire department to get everyone on board and share the \$1,795 annual cost for this service.

-Pat Testin mentioned the train horns are excessive and frankly out of control.

-Nick with the Shell Gas Station stopped again to answer any questions about the gaming machines and get the feel of the board around this topic. He shared that the expected revenue for the village would be approximately 5-8% of what's not actually paid out to consumers. About 70-80 percent of the monies put in these machines gets paid out and then the remainder gets divvied up between different places.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

None

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR JUNE 10TH, 2014

APPROVAL OF THE MAY BANK P & L'S / RECONCILIATIONS

MOTION: WILL SHIMKUS, SECOND: MARK LYNCH

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

RECESS TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOTION: JOE WALSH, SECOND: WILL SHIMKUS, VOTE: 5 – 0, TIME: 7:36 PM

PRESIDENT HUMMELL

-Dean wanted to let everyone know he met with BNSF officials and other Big Rock entities for a meeting around a "quiet zone" at the railroad tracks. Although it's a timely & costly process we hope it might be a possibility in the future. The engineer hired by the village (Rempe-Sharpe) will be at the next village meeting to discuss all its findings etc... Dean also mentioned to the BNSF officials the excessive horn! Unfortunately he was told that there is no length to how long they can sound the horn.

-Dean also was contacted by Arnie @ Progressive Energy. They had a deal on electrical rates that was time sensitive so he made the decision to sign along with 8 other communities and capture the pricing available. Although it's not going to save as much as hoped for it'll still be a few bucks saved.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CONSIDERATIONS

DRAINAGE COMMITTEE REPORT

Wastewater Final Completion/Warranty Issues

-H. Linden & Son's is ready to do work on the risers although they are still waiting for some materials and direction from Orenco/Flow Systems. Once the materials and tools are made available they will either do the work themselves with an inspector present or hire out Kolt O'Donnell to do the work (where an inspector won't be necessary per the village). John Z. will follow-up to see that the delay is and try and get a projected start date.

-Darrin has had to replace some pumps prematurely. They should be guaranteed however no one is returning his calls for instructions on warranty items. Dean is going to follow-up with the manufacturer about this.

-There was yet another sewer line broken at the corner of Sixth & Rhodes this past weekend. It was leaking into the storm water tiles and causing a very strong smell to some of the surrounding homes. Appears to be fixed now after excavation and repair.

-Joe is going to speak with Illco about the village rates when ordering parts.

-Ray Warchol mentioned the new culverts that were installed between Rte 30 and Plowman's Park a couple years back. Now that BNSF has the culverts at a higher level than prior, water is back flowing onto properties and not going downstream as planned. Ray supplied some very detailed pictures of the "before" & "after" that clearly shows the issue. Tim has made some contact with the BNSF department responsible for this and the sight will be visit soon by BNSF. More details to follow.....

STREET MAINTENANCE REPORT

-Rick Rausch and Dean have had some good conversation lately about working together/cooperating for the benefit of the community. More discussion is taking place to find out the extent of the entities working together more closely/often.

-Trying to find ways to fix as many streets as possible with the monies available was discussed. In addition to finding some grant monies possibly. Dean is going to look into any grants the village might qualify for before spending any money on grant writers etc...

DEPT. OF BUILDING/SAFETY/ZONING REPORT PROPERTY MAINTENANCE ENFORCEMENT/OFFICER ABOVE-GROUND POOL SETBACK ISSUE

-The property maintenance enforcement/officer contract with discussed with the board this evening. Looks like all the details have been mutually agreed upon and the contract will be signed shortly by all parties. A small detail about a \$15 stipend for travel to/from Big Rock will be added as well.

-The residents whom were interested in putting the pool on their side yard were not present this evening. They were going to have letters from surrounding neighbors per a conversation with the village board at the last meeting. Nothing to report on this topic.

FINANCIAL REPORT JUDD FARM INC PAYMENT (COMED TAX ERROR)

-The Judd Farm Inc is receiving their monies back from being overcharged on the ComEd bill. For several years now they have been paying village tax/franchise costs when they are in the township jurisdiction only. This has since been rectified with ComEd and the village has cut a check back to the Judd Farm Inc for the money that was incorrectly received the past several years.

COMMUNITY REPORT GAMING MACHINES @ GAS STATION

-The idea of having "gaming/gambling" machines present at the Rockway/Shell Gas Station is still being discussed and thought out by the village board. Some trustees are in favor of it and others are on the fence about it. John is going to draft an ordinance similar to another municipalities in the event that the board would like to vote on this at the next meeting. It can always be tabled if more time is needed. The gas station has been present at the meetings expressing the need to find ways to generate more revenue in order to sustain the business. This "gaming/gambling" machine approach is completely overseen by the Illinois Gaming Board & the State. In addition they would like to work with the village on all other details (construction, location, # of machines, etc..) to make sure it's totally acceptable to all parties before any installation.

BOARD ADMINISTRATION

PERSONNEL

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

-Will Shimkus brought up the needed tree trimming of the ash trees throughout the community. This is timely & costly but needs to be looked at. It was suggested to get an RFP (request for proposal) possibly. The village will discuss budgeting some money and also look around town at maybe getting the largest/dangerous limbs taken care of sooner than later.

-Dean mentioned a resident in Welton has been organizing an event on July 4th that includes a tractor parade in the early afternoon. He wanted to make sure no one had any issue with this and make the board aware. Everyone seemed fine with this and thought it would be a fun ride, family friendly too.

VILLAGE EMPLOYEES

RECONVENE THE REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

MOTION: WILL SHIMKUS, SECOND: JOE WALSH VOTE: 5 – 0, TIME: 8:40 PM

MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2014-11, 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-Y KATHY METZGER-Y WILL SHIMKUS-Y MARK LYNCH-Y

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Adjournment

MOTION: TED McCANNON, SECOND: KATHY METZGER