

Village of Peoria Heights

Board of Trustees Special Meeting

March 15, 2018

1. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Phelan at 5:32 pm.
2. Everyone stood for the pledge to the flag.
3. Upon roll call, the following Trustees were present: Dan Mariscal, Diane Mariscal, Reichert, and Carter. Trustee Harn arrived at 5:45 and Trustee Goett Arrived at 5:51. Others present included Administrator Fick, Mayor Phelan, Chief Sutton, Clerk Gauf, Administrative Assistant Witbracht, Bookkeeper Turner, and Council Tibbs.
4. Comments from the public were from multiple restaurant owners in Peoria Heights commenting on the "street seats". JD Comfort (Jim's Bistro) stated he was in favor and voiced concerns on cost. Also, the owners of Joe's on Prospect, Cayenne, Noir, Hearth, Sullivan, Public House (via Hugh Higgins), all were in favor and wanted to have street seating for their establishments. Bob Hill stated concerns about liability. Administrator Fick explained that street seats were covered under the same policy as the seating on the sidewalks.
5. No old business was discussed.
6. New Business: Trustee Goett made a motion to approve purchasing 6 additional street seats at a maximum cost of \$26,400. Trustee Harn 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it was passed with a vote of 5-1. (Trustee Harn, Goett, Dan Mariscal, Diane Mariscal, and Reichert voted Aye. Trustee Carter voted Nay). Bookkeeper Turner gave a presentation on budget with plenty of graphs to show how money is spent and where it comes from. Because of time, budget discussions were deferred to additional meetings. Mayor Phelan mentioned that the board was planning a trip to Galena to talk with city leaders and get ideas on how to make Peoria Heights a more tourist friendly place. Also, he mentioned that he and Administrator Fick were planning to meet with IDOT to try to expand business on the Route 29 corridor. They also have a meeting with ICC to discuss collaboration with ICC on events in the Heights such as music, arts, and culinary.
7. The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 with a motion form Trustee Goett, seconded by Trustee Harn, and approved with a voice vote.

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Michael E Phelan, Mayor

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Margaret Gauf, Village Clerk

