

Village of Peoria Heights
Board of Trustees
March 15, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Everyone stood for a moment of silence and the Pledge to the Flag. Mayor Phelan asked people keep Mr. Mike Tamkin in their thoughts. Mr. Tamkin, a long time volunteer firefighter, recently passed away.

Upon calling roll, the following Trustees were present: Sarah DeVore, Jeff Goett, Beth Khazzam, David Marfell, Matthew Wigginton, Brandon Wisenburg. Trustee DeVore, Trustee Khazzam, Trustee Wigginton, and Trustee Wisenburg were present by telephone. Others present included Mayor Michael Phelan, Village Administrator and Chief of Police Dustin Sutton, Village Clerk Stephanie Turner, and Village Counsel Attorney Mark Walton.

Mayor Phelan asked Attorney Walton to explain the situation. Attorney Walton noted that Governor Pritzker had extended the disaster order for the pandemic, which allowed for remote attendance, and it was his understanding the mayor didn't find it prudent or practical to require in person attendance to the meeting. Mayor Phelan agreed he found it was not prudent or practical to require physical attendance.

Trustee Goett made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on February 15, 2022, and the motion was seconded by Trustee Marfell. The Board voted to approve the minutes 6-0.

Mayor Phelan announced the Village will be working with the Peoria Heights PTA to organize an egg hunt on April 9, 2022 at 10:00 am at the schools.

Mayor Phelan opened the meeting to public comment. Hearing no public comment, Mayor Phelan closed the meeting to public comments and asked for old business. Hearing no old business, the Board moved on to new business.

Trustee DeVore introduced discussion of the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Operating Budget. Trustee DeVore noted that Administration had made some changes since the first presentation. She asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the changes. There were no comments.

Trustee DeVore made a motion to approve a one time transfer to the Police Pension fund in the amount of \$315,000. Trustee Wisenburg seconded the motion. Trustee DeVore explained the Village is trying to decrease the unfunded liability to the Police Pension Fund. She noted that the Board had agreed to make transfers to the fund if there were surplus funds. The Board approved the transfer 6-0.

Trustee Khazzam made a motion to approve the site plan application filed by Sherman's Real Estate LLC – Marietta Ave Series seeking approval of a site plan for demolition and development of a building additional (Phase I) for the property located at 1203 East Marietta Avenue. Trustee Goett seconded the motion. Trustee Khazzam deferred to Village Counsel. Attorney Walton explained that the Zoning Board of Appeals conducted a hearing on the site plan, and the ZBA recommended approval. He noted there was no major concerns from the ZBA. Mayor Phelan invited Mr. Paul Sherman, the owner, forward to speak about the project. Mr. Sherman explained their business model is changing as buying habits require his business to purchase more stock in order to provide quick delivery. He noted that the

expansion would allow them to meet changes to customer demand. Fire Chief Thompson asked Mr. Sherman about the fire sprinkler system. Mr. Sherman provided details of the fire suppressant system to Fire Chief Thompson's satisfaction. The Board voted 6-0 to approve the site plan.

Trustee Wigginton made a motion to approve of the annual employment contract for Fire Chief Thompson. Trustee Goett seconded the motion. Trustee Wigginton explained the contract was a continuation of what the Village had done previously. Chief Sutton agreed stating it was the same contract for an additional year. Chief Sutton explained he envisioned the next contract would be for two years. He stated since hiring Fire Chief Thompson that he has been very pleased with his professionalism and performance noting the culture of the Peoria Heights Fire Department has changed. Attorney Walton explained the employment contract was for part-time employment at \$40,000 annually. Trustee Wigginton praised Fire Chief Thompson's leadership over the last year. The Board voted 6-0 to approve the employment contract.

Mayor Phelan explained there were no agenda items for the next Departmental meeting and asked for a motion to cancel the regularly scheduled meeting on March 22, 2022. Trustee Goett made a motion to cancel the meeting, and Trustee Marfell seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion 6-0.

Hearing no additional new business, the Board moved on to miscellaneous business. Chief Sutton shared that the PHPD would close down Prospect Road at midnight from Seiberling Avenue to Marietta Avenue for the St. Patrick's Day parade. Traffic will be diverted to the normal detour. He stated there would be a large number of police on hand and encouraged people to come out and enjoy themselves.

Mayor Phelan thanked Mr. Mike Bailey for his public relation services and work getting Peoria Heights businesses featured in the Peoria Journal Star.

Hearing no additional miscellaneous business, the Board moved on to the finance reports.

Trustee Goett made a motion to approve payment of the bills. Trustee Marfell seconded the motion. There were no questions on the bills. The Board voted 6-0 to approve payment of the bills.

Clerk Turner read the Treasurer's Report. As of the end of February, there was \$5,958,633.01 in the Village controlled accounts and \$1,798,206.85 in the Water controlled accounts. Trustee Marfell made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, and Trustee Goett seconded. The Treasurer's report was approved 6-0.

Trustee Goett made a motion to adjourn, and Trustee Marfell seconded the motion. The Board of Trustees voted 6-0 to adjourn at 6:19 pm.

Michael Phelan, Mayor

Stephanie Turner, Village Clerk