

Village of Peoria Heights
Board of Trustees Special Meeting
March 29, 2018

1. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Phelan at 7:30 pm.
2. Everyone stood for the pledge to the flag.
3. Upon roll call, the following Trustees were present: Harn, Goett, Dan Mariscal, Diane Mariscal, Reichert, and Carter. Administrator Fick was appointed as Clerk Pro-Tem due to Clerk Gauf's absence.
4. Comments from the public: Hugh Higgins from Hearth Restaurant inquired about the shortfall in the budget and asked for detailed information about cuts that have already been made. Jeff Huebner from Trefzger's explained that the process seems rushed and that .25% doesn't seem like it would generate that much extra sales tax and pointed out that they are already paying a Business Development Tax as well as the additional Food and Beverage tax. He also pointed out that customers notice the tax increase and that it may long term hurt businesses. He also said that other restaurants and businesses are not in favor of the tax increase and that a quick decision in one meeting is too hasty. Lisa Mancuso from Paparazzi pointed out that downtown Chicago has a 11.25 tax rate and that Peoria Heights would now be 12% and asked everyone to ponder that for a moment. She insisted more discussion needs to be had and that a 24-hour decision would be an unwise decision long term for the village.
5. New Business: The purpose of the Special Meeting was to discuss and approve an ordinance to increase the Home Rule Municipal Retailer's Occupation Tax and Home Rule Service Occupation Tax in the Village of Peoria Heights by .25%. The board decided that the approval should be deferred and Trustee Goett made a motion to table the proposed ordinance and Trustee Harn seconded the motion. The motion to table was approved 6-0.
6. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm with a voice vote.

Michael E Phelan, Mayor

Matt Fick, Village Clerk Pro-Tem