Village of Peoria Heights Public Hearing April 5, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m.

Everyone stood for a moment of silence and the Pledge to the Flag.

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

Attorney Walton asked Mayor Phelan to confirm the mayor didn't find it prudent to require in person attendance to the meeting. Mayor Phelan agreed he found it was not prudent to require physical attendance.

Mayor Phelan invited Peoria Heights Public Library Director Mr. Shawn Edwards forward to speak about the Peoria Heights Public Library's budget for the upcoming year. Mr. Edwards explained that the Library budget had continued in line with last year, with a slight reduction, due in part to an increase in Personal Property Replacement Tax (PPRT). He noted that the Library is trying to be cautious with its funds as they're looking to complete some building maintenance projects. Mr. Edwards shared the Library is planning to install new artwork in front of the building soon. The Peoria Heights Public Works will be helping with transportation and installation, and Mr. Edwards shared his appreciation for the PHPW. Mr. Edwards also shared details of the Library's summer event series.

Mayor Phelan gave an overview of the budget including infrastructure improvements, paying down pension debt, evaluating the water system, and hiring a new police officer. He noted it was frugal, balanced, but included investments in the community. He asked Chief Sutton for comments. Chief Sutton shared the Board had accomplished a lot over the current fiscal year and would end the year with a surplus. Chief Sutton thanked Clerk Turner and the department heads for their work on the budget. The Board had no questions or comments having previously discussed the budget.

Mayor Phelan opened the meeting to comments from the public. Hearing none, he closed the meeting to public comment.

Trustee Wigginton made a motion to adjourn the public meeting. Trustee Wisenburg seconded the motion to adjourn. The Board voted 4-0 to adjourn the public hearing at 5:43 pm.

Michael Phelan, Mayor

Stephanie Turner, Village Clerk