

Village of Peoria Heights
Departmental Meeting
April 6, 2021

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

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

Upon calling roll, the following Trustees were present: Sherryl Carter, Beth Khazzam, Jeff Goett, Brandon Wisenburg, and Sarah DeVore. Trustee Diane Mariscal was absent. Others present included Mayor Michael Phelan, Village Administrator and Chief of Police Dustin Sutton, and Village Clerk Stephanie Turner.

Trustee Goett made a motion to approve the minutes from March 23, 2021. Trustee DeVore seconded the motion. The Board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes.

Mayor Phelan opened the meeting to public comment.

Ms. Anne Schutt came forward to about their request to use Tower Park for the Hounds in the Heights event in August. She noted the event would include vendors but would also draw visitors to the Heights and benefit businesses. Trustee Khazzam asked about the date, and Ms. Schutt apologized and clarified it would be August 1, 2021. Mayor Phelan thanked Ms. Schutt and noted the item would be discussed later in the meeting.

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

Trustee Khazzam introduced the request to use Tower Park for Hounds in the Heights on Sunday, August 1, 2021. Trustee Khazzam noted that Trustee DeVore was familiar with the organization. Trustee DeVore explained that Bears Bite was a great organization that uses money to help individuals who can't afford vet bills. She offered her support for the event. Trustee Khazzam requested that approval of the event be moved to the Board meeting for approval.

Trustee DeVore made a motion to approve a one-time transfer to the Police Pension Fund in the amount of \$312,275. Trustee Wisenburg seconded the motion. Trustee DeVore reminded the Board that the amount is for both funds which must be transferred annual and an additional contribution to offset the unfunded pension liability. Mayor Phelan noted that Chief Sutton, as an active member of the police pension fund, had refrained from making any recommendation due to potential conflict of interest. The transfer was approved 5-0.

Mayor Phelan introduced Mr. Floyd Wombacher III. Trustee Goett made a motion to appoint Mr. Wombacher to the Peoria Heights Zoning Board of Appeals. Trustee Wisenburg seconded the motion. Mr. Wombacher explained he was interested in serving the community he'd live in for so long. He stated he was excited to help the residents and learn along the way. The Board voted 5-0 to approve the appointment of Mr. Wombacher.

Mayor Phelan asked if there was any miscellaneous business to come before the Board. There was none.

Trustee Goett made a motion to approve payment of the bills. Trustee Khazzam seconded the motion. There were no questions about the bills. The Board voted 5-0 to approve payment of the bills.

Mayor Phelan noted that the Board had had a series of short meetings, but that wasn't indicative that nothing was happening in the Village. He noted that the agenda size was likely to increase in the coming months.

Trustee Goett made a motion to adjourn, and Trustee Wisenburg seconded the motion. The Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 6:08 pm.

Michael Phelan, Mayor

Stephanie Turner, Village Clerk