

Village of Peoria Heights
Board of Trustees Meeting
April 21, 2020

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: Diane Mariscal, Jeff Goett, Brandon Wisenburg, and Sarah DeVore. Trustees Carter and Khazzam were absent. Others present included Mayor Michael Phelan, Village Administrator and Chief of Police Dustin Sutton, Village Clerk Stephanie Turner, Village Counsel Attorney Mark Walton, and Fire Chief Greg Walters.

Trustee Khazzam entered at 6:01 pm.

Mayor Phelan thanked the Peoria Heights Police Department and Peoria Heights Fire Department for visiting children on their birthdays.

Mayor Phelan asked for public comment. Hearing none, he moved on to the trustees' reports.

Superintendent of Streets Mr. Michael Casey reported that Public Works has been trimming tree branches in alleys and fixing potholes. Superintendent of Water Mr. David Marfell stated the water quality report had been complete, and a postcard with a link to the report had been mailed to residents. Mr. Marfell said the Village has not had a violation in more than ten years. Trustee Wisenburg asked if the new water rate had been applied and was informed it had been.

Trustee Mariscal had nothing to report.

Trustee Khazzam updated the Board that meetings of the River Coalition had been suspended until June. She also reported she had attended the last Business Development District Advisory Committee meeting, and the BDDAC had recommended approval of the BDD budget. She stated she had recently spoken to the chairman, Mr. Kevin Shields, and the BDDAC was interested in funding programs to help small businesses. Trustee Khazzam noted several local businesses had applied for the Paycheck Protection Program. Mayor Phelan thanked Mr. Chris Setti and the EDC for their help with the PPP grant process. Chief Sutton reported the Village would continue to provide information to the businesses as it's received. Trustee Khazzam noted there were additional grant funds available for specific industries. Trustee Wisenburg asked about surplus funds in the BDD, and Clerk Turner explained money was set aside every year.

Trustee Goett had nothing to report. Chief Sutton asked the Board to carefully review the items on the next Zoning Board of Appeals agenda.

Trustee Wisenburg and Chief Walters had nothing to report.

Trustee DeVore reminded everyone to stay at home and stated the police department was hard at work to ensure residential and business compliance with the governor's orders.

Mayor Phelan asked for old business. Hearing none, he moved on to new business.

Trustee Carter was not present to begin discussion of the temporary ban on open burning. Trustee Wisenburg stated he was not in favor and wanted to discuss the Village's current ordinance. He noted it requires weather conditions be such to dissipate smoke and stated that might address Trustee Carter's concerns. Trustee Goett said he didn't believe the Village needed additional restrictions. Trustee Wisenburg asked Chief Sutton if the language of the current ordinance was sufficient for enforcement. Chief Sutton stated it might not allow for an order to put out smoldering fires, but it was sufficient for the officers to obtain compliance. Trustee DeVore expressed she'd be willing to compromise to permanent limited landscaping burning, but she didn't think a temporarily ban would work. Trustee Wisenburg noted that Chillicothe only allowed burning during select days and times. Trustee Goett expressed he didn't want to change anything. Mayor Phelan stated he'd put the item back on the agenda when approached with the language to amend the ordinance.

Trustee Goett made motion to approve Ordinance 2020-1622: an Ordinance Authorizing Imposition of a Residential Waste Collection and Disposal Fee. Trustee Khazzam seconded the motion. Trustee Goett noted that he had wanted the fees to be reviewed annually, and the ordinance was about to expire. Trustee Wisenburg asked if the ordinance would be for one year and was told yes. Trustee Carter entered 6:24 pm. The Board voted 5-1 to approve Ordinance 2020-1622. Trustee Carter voted nay.

Trustee Goett made a motion to approve 2020-1623: Amending the Village Code for the Village of Peoria Heights, Illinois to Provide for Omnibus Voting, and Trustee Wisenburg seconded. Attorney Walton explained the ordinance would allow the Board to vote for multiple items of routine business in a single vote. The items would be listed together, and the vote must be unanimous to pass. Mayor Phelan noted it was similar to a consent agenda and not for use approving ordinances or resolutions. Trustee Wisenburg shared he'd initially had concerns based the connotations omnibus has at the federal level. Mayor Phelan stated it was different, and individual items could be removed if a trustee had objections. The Board voted 5-1 to approve Ordinance 2020-1623. Trustee Mariscal voted nay.

Trustee Wisenburg made a motion to approve the purchase of fire gear not to exceed \$13,000. Trustee Goett seconded. Trustee Wisenburg noted the current protective gear was purchased 11 years ago, and regulations require it be replaced every 10 years. As such, the PHFD is requesting to replace 5 sets for firefighters who are cleared to enter fires. It was noted the purchase was a budgeted expense. Trustee Goett stated he was in favor of the expenditure. Trustee Mariscal said she had asked other departments if the gear replacement was a law and was told no. She wanted to wait a few months to see where the Village's budget was before approving the expense. Fire Chief Walters explained that the 10 year replacement requirement was set by the National Fire Protection Association. He noted that federal agencies, including OSHA and DOL, are enforcing NFPA's recommendation. He explained municipalities can be fined for not complying but making progress toward compliance has typically meant those agencies will not levy fines. Trustee Mariscal stated again she wanted to wait until the pandemic was over. Chief Walters noted that he was hoping to use the money from this fiscal year. Chief Sutton explained that if the purchase was made before the end of April it would be in the current fiscal year. Trustee Mariscal asked about availability of funds, and Chief Sutton reiterated the expense would come from the current fiscal year. The Board voted 5-1 to approve the purchase of fire gear. Trustee Mariscal voted nay.

Clerk Turner read the Treasurer's Report. There was \$2,730,163.22 in the Village controlled accounts, and \$1,163,208.60 in the Water controlled accounts. Trustee Goett made a motion to approve, and

Trustee DeVore seconded the motion. Mayor Phelan congratulated Administration and staff for their hard work on the budget. The Board voted 6-0 to approve the Treasurer's report.

Trustee Goett made a motion to adjourn, and Trustee Wisenburg seconded the motion. The Board of Trustees voted 6-0 to adjourn at 6:45 pm.

Michael Phelan, Mayor

Stephanie Turner, Village Clerk