

Village of Peoria Heights
Departmental Meeting
May 3, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 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, Jeff Goett, Beth Khazzam, Mark Gauf, Matthew Wigginton, and Brandon Wisenburg. Others present included Mayor Michael Phelan, Village Administrator and Chief of Police Dustin Sutton, and Village Clerk Stephanie Turner.

Mayor Phelan announced the Village had been allocated \$250,000 through Senator Dave Koehler's office for crime prevention. Mayor Phelan, Chief Sutton, and Trustee DeVore recently attended a meeting with local enforcement agencies to discuss crime prevention. Trustee DeVore explained Senator Koehler had reserved money for the police departments to strengthen crime prevention. The amount of money allocated to each was based on population size. The meeting was an opportunity for the police chiefs to brain storm together. Chief Sutton explained the funds will be used for mental health programs and training for the police officers. The PHPD will be focusing on training, updated body cameras and upgraded squad car equipment. Chief Sutton noted that the PHPD was fortunate to have cutting edge equipment, but these funds would allow them to upgrade to the next generation of equipment.

Trustee Gauf made a motion to approve the Budget Public Hearing minutes from April 5, 2022 and the departmental minutes from April 26, 2022. Trustee Wisenburg seconded the motion. The Board voted 6-0 to approve both sets of minutes.

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

Chief Sutton thanked G & O Disposal for working with the Village on clean up efforts the previous weekend. Chief Sutton thanked Public Works, Mr. Shane Murphy, and the staff who coordinated and ran the event.

Hearing no additional old business, the Board moved on to new business.

Trustee DeVore made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-03: a Resolution Designating Glen Avenue within the Village of Peoria Heights with the Honorary Street Name of "Roger Bergia Way". Trustee Gauf seconded the motion. Trustee DeVore noted it was a great way to honor Mr. Bergia and thanked Trustee Wisenburg for the idea. Mr. Bailey stated the official event for the signage will be on Tuesday, May 17, 2022. The Board voted 6-0 to approve Resolution 2022-03.

Clerk Turner read correspondence from Mr. Fred Bergia thanking the Village for recognition of the service of his brother, Mr. Roger Bergia.

Clerk Turner read correspondence from Mr. Rusty Weber stating his retirement from the Peoria Heights Fire Department after 27 years service. Mr. Weber stated it had been an honor to serve the community, and he would remain a resident in the Village. He also thanked past and current members of the PHFD.

Trustee Gauf made a motion to approve payment for alley pavement repair from C&G Construction Co. in the amount of \$13,000. Trustee Wisenburg seconded the motion. Trustee Gauf explained the alley had been

there since in the mid to late 1980s and currently was sinking and creating drainage issues. The Board voted 6-0 to approve the repair work.

Trustee Gauf shared Public Work updates. The soft start and motor for Well No. 7 have been installed and are expected to be in service next week. Public Works has a new schedule for regular maintenance and cleaning for Forest Park Drive. On the first Tuesdays of the month, Public Works will close the hill between 9am – 1 pm for maintenance. PIPCO will beginning work on the fountain in Tower Park next week. Superintendent of Public Works, Mr. Chris Chandler, has spoken to Walker Excavating about the work in the Marietta area, and it's expected to be completed in two weeks. Also, Public Works will be transported the whale sculpture for the Peoria Heights Public Library this week. The sculpture will be revealed as a part of the Peoria Heights Art Fair.

Mayor Phelan asked for miscellaneous business.

Trustee Khazzam shared she had joined Director Aldrich in conversations with Farnsworth Group. They have completed the streetscapes for Monroe and Prospect. Trustee Khazzam requested a presentation of the projects be added to a future agenda.

Fire Chief Thompson thanked citizens for their support. The PHFD raised \$4,500 at their recent pass the boot event.

Community Development Director Wayne Aldrich stated the Village will be issuing an RFP for playground equipment for the Together We Play project. The RFPs are due back May 26, 2022. Director Aldrich shared there were several interested parties. The HUD Healthy Homes Program will be starting soon. Director Aldrich has been working with HUD on the details. The primary goal of the program is to complete radon and lead removal from homes as the program is designed to help with projects that will improve residents' health. Director Aldrich noted there will be a Village match for the program. Additionally, the Village continues to seek funding for Prospect Road through various federal programs. Trustee Wisenburg asked if the Village had determined how many homes would be improved through the HUD program. Director Aldrich stated it would be between 15 to 19 homes.

Trustee Goett made a motion to adjourn, and Trustee Wisenburg seconded the motion. The Board voted 6-0 to adjourn at 5:49 pm.

Michael Phelan, Mayor

Stephanie Turner, Village Clerk