

Village of Peoria Heights  
Departmental Meeting - Public Safety  
May 28, 2019

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, Diane Mariscal, Jeffrey Goett, Brandon Wisenburg, and Sarah DeVore. Trustee Elizabeth Khazzam was absent. Others present included Mayor Michael Phelan, Administrator and Chief of Police Dustin Sutton, and Clerk Stephanie Turner. Mr. Michael Casey, Superintendent of Streets, Ms. Alicia Hermann, the Village Engineer from Hermann & Associates, Mr. David Marfell, Superintendent of Water, and Mr. Shane Murphy, Housing Inspector were also present.

Trustee Carter made a motion to approve the minutes from the Departmental Meeting held on May 6, 2019, and the motion was seconded by Trustee DeVore. Motion passed 5-0.

Public comments were opened to the audience, and there were no comments from the audience.

There was no old business for the Board of Trustees.

Trustee DeVore presented the code enforcement updates that were broken down by zone.

Trustee DeVore asked Housing Inspector Mr. Shane Murphy to give the Board of Trustees an update on the Landlord Registration Program. Mr. Murphy explained that 32 of 35 properties inspected in May passed their initial inspection. He continued his report to note that only 2 passed without any violations. Mr. Murphy shared that he had done 1 reinspection, and the property showed great improvement. Trustee Mariscal asked about the responsibility of residents versus landlords for correcting problems. Mr. Murphy agreed that some of the problems needed to be corrected by the renter. He then shared the story of an elderly resident who had fallen who had additional handrails installed by her landlord after Mr. Murphy's inspection. Chief Sutton asked Mr. Murphy to address the reception he's receiving. Chief Sutton noted that he's getting calls thanking him for the program. Mr. Murphy explained he had been well received and was able to point out issues to both the landlords and tenants. He stated that his inspections had been welcomed on both sides. When asked by Trustee Carter if he inspected exteriors as well as interiors, Mr. Murphy responded he did both, and he tried to be as thorough as possible. Trustee Wisenburg questioned the inclusion of pictures of cluttered bedrooms with one of the reports. Mr. Murphy explained that the picture in question was included because the resident was living in only a very small area due to clutter. Chief Sutton pointed out that it could create a fire hazard, but it wasn't an ordinance violation nor would it trigger a reinspection of the property. Trustee Wisenburg expressed concern over the amount of private information he could glean from the photos attached to the reports. Chief Sutton agreed that the photos held a lot of information but emphasized that the Landlord Registration Program had been put in place to address quality of life issues for the residents. Chief Sutton expressed his support for the program and that he would continue to support the program until directed otherwise by the Board of Trustees. Trustee DeVore questioned Mr. Murphy about the total number of properties in the program who stated there were over 900 properties which would be inspected on a 3 year cycle. Trustee Mariscal asked if the pictures from the reports would be public explaining that she agreed with Trustee Wisenburg that the pictures shouldn't be made public. Trustee Mariscal suggested that there shouldn't be pictures taken of issues which were not ordinance

violations. Mr. Murphy stated that he would keep the Board's concerns in mind in the future and that only the landlord received a copy of the report. Trustee Wisenburg asked if the pictures and information were subject to an FIOA request. Chief Sutton stated that the information would be. Trustee Wisenburg restated his concerns regarding privacy to which Chief Sutton stressed his duty as Chief of Police to protect residents' quality of life.

Trustee DeVore stated that Trustee Wisenburg had brought concerns about traffic on Glen Elm and Glen. Trustee Wisenburg explained that he'd received complaints about people driving too fast down the street and heard from parents who were worried about their children walking down Glen when school let out. Chief Sutton offered a history of the situation and stated that squad cars and the speed trailer had been placed in the area, but the speeding resumed when enforcement left the area. Chief Sutton noted there were multiple areas in the Village that experienced similar issues, and the police lacked the manpower to dedicate a traffic car to each area. Chief Sutton said that traffic calming measures had been discussed previously, but he was concerned about the cost and setting a precedence which would necessitate installing traffic calming elsewhere. Trustee Mariscal and Trustee DeVore asked about various means of traffic calming, and Chief Sutton agreed to look into pricing and establish a policy for installation of such traffic calming devices. He also noted that most types of traffic calming devices tend to become less effective over time. The Village Engineer Ms. Alicia Hermann noted that rumble strips, one discussed option, would cause issues for snow plows. Various methods of traffic calming and their effects on the snow plows were discussed. The conversation concluded when Chief Sutton stated he would research options and prices and bring the issue back to the Board of Trustees.

Trustee DeVore asked Chief Sutton to update the Board of Trustees on an arrest made last weekend. Chief Sutton explained that an officer recognized a suspect who was part of handful of garage burglaries and arrested the individual to find some of the stolen property on that suspect. The arrest led to the location of more of the stolen merchandise and solved several crimes from the tricounty area.

Trustee Carter explained that there was a problem with traffic and sightlines along the curve in front of the Centennial building at 1201 Kingman and the proposal under discussion was to prohibit parking. Chief Sutton explained that the intersection was dangerous. Trustee Mariscal asked if residents were parking in the area. Chief Sutton answered affirmatively and noted that the issue was complaint driven. Trustee Mariscal asked if there were other areas to park, and Chief Sutton and Mr. Marfell explained there was parking farther down the street as well as parking in the alley. Chief Sutton recommended that both sides of Euclid Ave from Kingman Ave to Park Place have no parking allowed. Trustee DeVore questioned if restricting parking would set precedence for other small, tight streets to request similar considerations. Mr. Marfell noted, as a resident who lived on Euclid, he felt that the intersection was dangerous enough to warrant restricted parking on both sides of the street. Mr. Casey noted that plowing and street maintenance were an issue.

Trustee Carter made a motion to approve the sealcoating bid from RA Cullinan & Son in the amount of \$269,858.07 for the 2019 MFT Sealcoating Program which was seconded by Trustee Goett. Trustee Carter noted the Board of Trustees should accept the bid entirely and then amend the program to remove the pavement marking. Ms. Hermann approached the Board to explain the engineers' concerns over the cost of the pavement markings which were included as a subcontracted portion of the bid. She explained that the bid for the subcontractor portion for pavement marking was significantly higher than expected. Having spoken to IDOT about the situation, Ms. Hermann recommended that the Board of Trustees accept the bid from RA Cullinan & Son's in the amount of \$269,858.07 then make an amendment to the contract to separate out the pavement marking. As the Engineer's recommendation differed from the motion on the floor, Mayor Phelan asked for an amendment to the motion. Trustee

Carter made a motion to amend the approval of RA Cullinan & Son's bid in the amount of \$269,858.07. Trustee Carter offered the following amendment to the Board of Trustees: approval of RA Cullinan & Son's bid in the amount of \$269,858.07 with a rejection of the pavement marking portion of the contract and an instruction to the staff to proceed with a change of plans through IDOT to separate the pavement marking portion so that it could be sent out to bid separately. Trustee Goett seconded the amendment. The amendment to the motion passed 5-0. The Board of Trustees then voted on the amended motion which passed 5-0. Having already voted on the MFT 2019 Sealcoating Program in the amended motion, the Board of Trustees moved on to the next item of business.

Trustee Carter invited Mr. Marfell and Mr. Casey to approach the Board of Trustees if they had any updates. Mr. Marfell explained there was a water main break on Beach over the weekend and the road was down to one lane. He expected the road to be reopened later in the week. He also noted that the groundskeeper had started that day, and the summer help for Public Works would begin soon as well. Mr. Marfell noted there were more than 35 properties to be mowed by the summer help and more would be added throughout the season. He thanked the Board for allowing Public Works to hire additional employees during the summer which is their busiest season.

Trustee Mariscal made a motion to approve purchasing the HD cameras in the Surveillance quote for Tower Park cameras and Trustee Wisenburg seconded. Trustee Mariscal explained the quote was to replace 6 cameras around Village Hall with HD cameras. The motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Phelan asked Kathleen Copeland to come forward to explain the request for approval of the OSF Walk on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019. Trustee Goett made a motion to approve the event, and Trustee DeVore seconded the motion. Ms. Copeland explained the event, which is to be held on National Survivors' Day, would celebrate cancer survivors and their families. She wanted to celebrate the individuals, their families, and their caretakers and hoped to take the attendees up the Observation Tower. The motion passed 5-0.

Trustee Goett made a motion to approve the Boo Bear Walk on October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and Trustee Mariscal seconded the motion. Ms. Alexandria Lavin of the Yellow Bear Foundation approached the Board of Trustees to explain that the Boo Bear Walk had been held in Peoria Heights in 2017 and would be a Halloween themed event. Trustee Wisenburg asked about the number of attendants, and Ms. Lavin explained attendance had been steady around 200 people. Motion passed 5-0.

Trustee Carter made a motion to approve the Peoria Heights Congregational Church Concert on August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and Trustee Mariscal seconded the motion. Mr. Rick Picl explained the concert would be having its 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary. He estimated the event drew crowds from 600-1,200 people. He noted that the event welcomed Peoria Heights businesses to set up booths for free. Trustee Mariscal asked which group would perform. Mr. Picl answered that Citizen Way would be performing. The motion passed 5-0.

Trustee Goett made a motion to approve the Peoria Heights High School annual Homecoming parade on September 28, 2019. Trustee DeVore seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Chief Sutton explained to the Board of Trustees that the BDD Façade Grant Program would be presented to the Board of Trustees with some revisions soon. Chief Sutton noted that the changes affect the dates of the grant program and added the option to install permanent landscaping as part of the grant program. Trustee DeVore asked what qualified as permanent

landscaping, and Chief Sutton provided the example of installing a fountain. Chief Sutton noted that the permanent was to differentiate from flower purchases which occur annually.

Mayor Phelan asked if any of the Board of Trustees had any miscellaneous business to discuss. Chief Sutton provided an update on the requests the Village had submitted to Senator Koehler's office for the capital bill being discussed by the State legislature. Chief Sutton noted that Senator Koehler's office had requested additional information on the project. Discussion of the capital bill commenced with Mayor Phelan concluding it was difficult to speculate about the details of a bill that hadn't been finalized.

After a request for any other business, Mayor Phelan asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Goett moved to adjourn the meeting and Trustee Wisenburg seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

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Michael Phelan, Mayor

Stephanie Turner, Village Clerk