

Village of Peoria Heights

Departmental Committee Meeting

June 5, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

Everyone stood for the Pledge to the Flag.

Upon roll call, the following Trustees were present: Harn, Goett, Dan Mariscal, Diane Mariscal, and Carter (Reichert was absent). Others present include: Mayor Phelan, Director Smith, Clerk Gauf, Chief Sutton, and Council Walton.

Trustee Goett made a motion to approve the minutes from May 22, 2018. Trustee Dan Mariscal 2nd the motion which passed with a voice vote.

Comments from the Audience: 1) Mary Bair, a resident who lives on Clarendon, had questions about the proposed garbage fee. She wanted to know if this was a \$10/fee per quarter, whether it will go on the property tax bill in the future, and if empty lots would be charged. She expressed concerns about residents on fixed income not being able to afford the \$120/year expense. 2) Jim Becker, a resident who resides on Grandview Terrace, also had concerns about the hardship that the extra charge would cause Peoria Heights residents. He mentioned the cumulative effects that such fees bring as they would be passed on to customers (residents) from businesses. He asked that the board come up with other ideas to make money to cover the cost of garbage pick-up instead of passing it on to the residents. 3) Shirley Fowler, a Peoria Heights resident for 50 years, also expressed her concerned for money strapped individuals and said one of the main reasons she chose to live in the Heights was the “free” garbage pick-up.

Old Business: No old business was discussed.

New Business:

- Administration: Trustee Diane Mariscal made a motion to send the bid for demolition of 618 E. Sciota to the next board meeting to be voted on. Trustee Harn 2nd the motion which passed with a 5-0 vote (Trustee Harn, Goett, Dan Mariscal, Diane Mariscal, and Carter voted aye. Trustee Reichert was absent). Trustee Diane Mariscal made a motion to discuss the proposed Waste Collection Disposal Fee. Trustee Dan Mariscal 2nd the motion. After discussion of cost, whether empty lots would also be charged, lesser fees for fixed income residents, etc., it was determined that the board needed more time to look at other options. Trustee Diane Mariscal withdrew her motion and Trustee Dan Mariscal withdrew his 2nd. Trustee Diane Mariscal made a motion to cancel the Administrative Departmental Meeting scheduled for July 3rd, 2018. Trustee Harn 2nd the motion which passed with a 5-0 vote (Trustee Harn, Goett, Dan Mariscal, Diane Mariscal, and Carter voted aye. Trustee Reichert was absent).

- Economic Development:** Trustee Dan Mariscal made a motion to table the request for Use of Tower Park on June 7th by the American Cancer Society. Trustee Harn 2nd the motion which passed with a 5-0 vote (Trustee Harn, Goett, Dan Mariscal, Diane Mariscal, and Carter voted aye. Trustee Reichert was absent). Trustee Dan Mariscal made a motion to discuss and go to full board approval, an Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Redevelopment Agreement with LSH Investments, Ltd. Trustee Goett 2nd the motion. Steve Klein explained the Redevelopment Agreement changes which include a request to increase the dollar cap from 1 million to \$1,127,600.00 because of additional expenses incurred, and a reimbursement of \$15K for TIF costs paid by LSH Investments. This passed with a 5-0 vote (Trustee Harn, Goett, Dan Mariscal, Diane Mariscal, and Carter voted aye. Trustee Reichert was absent). Steve Klein explained that the lien on the 4500 N. Prospect Mortgage needed to be released with a signature from the Mayor. The release was voted on Dec. 19th and just the signature was required to finalize this process. Trustee Dan Mariscal deferred the discussion of the SSA (Special Service Area) Refund to Trefzger's to Steve Klein for explanation. Mr. Klein reminded the board that the SSA tax was levied on Trefzger's as a bond reserve fund. Trefzger's sales were sufficient to cover tax costs and the reserve was not needed. Therefore the \$37,500.00 needed to be refunded to Trefzger's. Trustee Dan Mariscal made a motion to include the Refund on the next board meeting agenda. Trustee Goett 2nd the motion which passed with a 5-0 vote (Trustee Harn, Goett, Dan Mariscal, Diane Mariscal, and Carter voted aye. Trustee Reichert was absent). Trustee Dan Mariscal asked Steve Klein to explain the Ordinance to Adopt Business Development District Grant Application. Mr. Klein explained that an amount of \$50k would be set aside out of the BDD fund to reimburse business owners up to \$10K for exterior beautification and renovations. Trustee Dan Mariscal made a motion to include this ordinance on the next board meeting agenda. Trustee Carter 2nd the motion which passed with a 5-0 vote (Trustee Harn, Goett, Dan Mariscal, Diane Mariscal, and Carter voted aye. Trustee Reichert was absent).
- Building & Maintenance:** Trustee Goett had nothing to discuss.
- Other:** Trustee Carter asked Chief Sutton to explain the Intergovernmental agreement between the Village of Peoria Heights and Peoria Heights School District #325 relating to the SRO Officer. Chief Sutton said the School District will agree to pay the amount of \$50K per year for the SRO officer as he would be at the school full time for 9 months of the year. The officer would still work for the Police Dept. during school vacation. This agreement would begin at the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year. Trustee Carter made a motion to include and Ordinance Amending Title 7, Chapter 1 of the Village Code on the next board meeting agenda. Trustee Goett 2nd the motion which passed with a 5-0 vote (Trustee Harn, Goett, Dan Mariscal, Diane Mariscal, and Carter voted aye. Trustee Reichert was absent). Chief Sutton explained that this amendment would make it easier for tickets to be written. Trustee Carter made a motion to include the purchase of a new Police and Administrative vehicle to be included on the agenda of the next board meeting. Trustee Harn 2nd the motion which passed with a 5-0 vote (Trustee Harn, Goett, Dan Mariscal, Diane Mariscal, and Carter voted aye. Trustee Reichert was absent).

The use and need of the vehicle was explained by Chief Sutton and he answered various questions by board members on the subject. Trustee Carter deferred the discussion of the Landlord Registration Program to Chief Sutton. Trustee Carter then made a motion to send it to the next board meeting to be voted on. Trustee Harn 2nd the motion and it passed with a 5-0 vote (Trustee Harn, Goett, Dan Mariscal, Diane Mariscal, and Carter voted aye. Trustee Reichert was absent).

- Other: Trustee Harn made a motion to approve the MFT Resolution in the amount of \$172,575.32 for Standard Maintenance Operations, Spray Patching, and Sealcoating. Trustee Goett 2nd the motion which passed with a 5-0 vote (Trustee Harn, Goett, Dan Mariscal, Diane Mariscal, and Carter voted aye. Trustee Reichert was absent).

Payment of Bills: Trustee Diane Mariscal made a motion to approve the payment of bills as presented. Trustee Goett 2nd the motion and it passed with a 5-0 vote (Trustee Harn, Goett, Dan Mariscal, Diane Mariscal, and Carter voted aye. Trustee Reichert was absent).

Trustee Harn made a motion for the board to go into Executive Session at 8:02pm. Trustee Diane Mariscal 2nd the motion which passed with a 5-0 vote (Trustee Harn, Goett, Dan Mariscal, Diane Mariscal, and Carter voted aye. Trustee Reichert was absent).

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 with a motion by Trustee Goett and a second by Trustee Dan Mariscal. The motion was passed with a voice vote.

Michael E Phelan, Mayor

Margaret Gauf, Village Clerk