

Village of Peoria Heights

Departmental Committee Meeting

June 26, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm.

Everyone stood for the Pledge to the Flag.

Upon roll call, the following Trustees were present: Dan Mariscal, Diane Mariscal, and Reichert, and Carter. Trustee Goett arrived at 6:08 and Trustee Harn at 6:17 pm. Others present include: Mayor Phelan, Chief Sutton, and Clerk Gauf.

Trustee Carter made a motion to approve the minutes from June 5, 2018. Trustee Reichert 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion which passed with a voice vote.

Comments from the Audience: The following Peoria Heights business owners made comments concerning the possible ¼% tax hike for restaurant sales and all stated that they did not support the hike: Hugh Higgins (Hearth), Bruce Brown (Paparazzi's), Lisa B. (Bella Grove Designs), Jeff Huebner (Trefzger's Bakery), and Jim Comfort (Jim's Bistro). They also said they would rather pay for garbage pick up than see the tax hike. Shirley Fowler, a resident who lives on Euclid, commented that the extra garbage is very difficult for people on fixed incomes to pay and she was not in favor of it.

Scott Corsaut gave a presentation on the upcoming celebration of the Armed Forces that is scheduled for July 21<sup>st</sup> at Pour Brothers Taproom. This event is planned to raise funds to send veterans to Washington DC on the Honor Guard trip. Scott asked everyone to support the event.

Old Business: No old business was discussed.

Other: Trustee Diane Mariscal opened the budget discussion. Bookkeeper Stephanie Turner presented the current budget numbers in the form of graphs and charts. The board talked about the pros and cons of charging for garbage and discussed other ways to close the budget gap. It was then decided that the board would vote on whether to impose a fee to the residents for garbage collection at the next board meeting on July 17<sup>th</sup>.

New Business:

- Police: Trustee Carter updated the board on the Village Ordinance Violations by Zone.
- Fire: Trustee Reichert gave an update on fire activity and issues in the Fire Department. They put out a few house fires and assisted other departments in the area. Also they have had some mechanical issues with their apparatus.
- Public Works: Trustee Harn made a motion to approve the Sealcoating Program bid in the amount of \$96,918.92 from R.A Cullinan & Sons that was recommended by Hermann &

Associates Project engineer Jessica Smith. Trustee Goett 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion which passed with a 6-0 vote. (Trustee Harn, Goett, Dan Mariscal, Diane Mariscal, Reichert, and Carter voted aye). Trustee Harn made a motion to approve the Spray Patch bid in the amount of \$38,704.50 from Midstate Asphalt Repair that was recommended by Hermann & Associates Project engineer Jessica Smith. Trustee Goett 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion which passed with a 6-0 vote. (Trustee Harn, Goett, Dan Mariscal, Diane Mariscal, Reichert, and Carter voted aye). Dave Marfell (interim Water Superintendent) gave an update on the Annual Drinking Water Quality Report. There were no violations. He also updated the board on the following: 1) GIS (Geographic Information Mapping System) has been up and running for 2 weeks. Mark Gauf spent the last 2 years gathering and entering data into the GIS system so that information is available electronically instead of just paper. 2) Potential Water Main Replacement on Rocket Street can be done for a minimal cost to the Village. This main needs to be replaced as it has constant leaks. 3) The Water Meter Replacement Project is near completion. There are about 50 out of 2700 meters left to replace and these 50 are in vacant houses. Mike Casey has been working on that project for the last couple of years. 4) Work on the water storage tanks is almost 100% complete. 5) There is another Pressure Reducing Valve that needs to be rebuilt. Quotes would have to be acquired. 6) New shoring for trenches to fix water leaks need to be purchased. The quote received is around \$5K. 7) The drinking fountain at Lions Park is ready to be installed and it will cause lane reductions on Glen during the installation. 8) Dave Marfell can set up tours of the water system for the board members if there is interest. Mike Casey (interim Street Dept Superintendent) talked about the Sidewalk Trip Hazard Repair presented pricing options by Safe Step, LLC. Mike Casey recommended Option 2 for an estimated \$5K.

- Other: Trustee Dan Mariscal gave an update on upcoming events in the Heights. Sat. July 7<sup>th</sup> will be another Movie Night at Tower Park. Food Trucks Fridays will continue through the months of June and July. July 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 will be the William Shakespeare play at Tower Park in commemoration of the 200th birthday of the State of Illinois. Trustee Dan Mariscal also made a motion to accept the request by T-N-Ts to close of Sciota Ave on Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup> for the St. Jude Benefit for Memphis to Peoria Run. Trustee Goett 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion which passed with a 6-0 vote (Trustees Harn, Goett, Dan Mariscal, Diane Mariscal, Reichert, and Carter voted aye).
- Other: Trustee Goett gave an update on the Tower Part Camera installation. Chief Sutton verified that they are up and working.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 with a motion by Trustee Goett and a second by Trustee Reichert. The motion was passed with a voice vote.