

Village of Peoria Heights
Departmental Committee Meeting
October 27, 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: Sarah DeVore, Brandon Wisenburg, Jeff Goett, Elizabeth Khazzam, and Sherryl Carter. Others present included Mayor Michael Phelan, Village Administrator and Chief of Police Dustin Sutton, and Deputy Clerk Sarah Witbracht. Trustee Mariscal was absent.

Trustee Goett made a motion to approve the minutes from the Departmental Committee Meeting held on October 6, 2020, and the motion was seconded by Trustee Khazzam. Motion passed 5-0.

Public comments were opened to the audience. There were no comments.

There was no old business for the Board of Trustees.

Trustee DeVore made a motion and Trustee Khazzam seconded the discussion on an electrical proposal in the amount of \$5,300 for village hall generator circuits. Chief Sutton explained that it was time to update our equipment and made an administrative request to have a backup. The vote passed 5-0 to send to the next full board meeting.

Trustee Khazzam made a motion to approve the extension of the MK Enterprises Beautification Grant for an additional four months. Trustee Goett seconded the motion which approved 5-0.

Trustee Khazzam made a motion to support the Peoria Heights Trailhead Grant Project. Trustee Khazzam explained that this is a non-binding vote showing that the Village of Peoria Heights will support this project if the grant is awarded. Bruce Brown of Paparazzi came forward to enthusiastically show his support. Trustee Wisenburg seconded the motion which approved 5-0.

Trustee Goett made a motion to approve the IVS Resolution Run on January 1, 2021. Mr. Roland Homer came up to the podium to explain his request in further detail stating that their first annual event in the Heights was a success. He reviewed the course with the board. The event will be handled with precautions and abide by COVID-19 guidelines. Trustee Carter seconded the motion which approved 5-0.

Trustee Wisenburg opened discussions of a Peoria Heights Fire Department Cadet Program. He explained this program will strengthen and foster our Peoria Heights Fire Department. Chief Walters passed out an overview on the program. He would like the board to review the program and give any feedback. The program would feature training and supervision. The next steps would be to present this to our local public and private schools. Mayor Phelan thanked him for all his hard work and asked for comments from the board. Trustee Wisenburg inquired as to if Peoria had a similar program, and Chief Walters explained that they did not. Trustee Wisenburg explained that this will teach young students in getting involved with and having pride in your community. Trustee Goett asked about how the program will be

advertised, and Chief Walters explained that he will be doing a community survey. Trustee Carter inquired about the liability of this program to the Village. Administration will have to research this a bit more. Mayor inquired about the budget for this program. Chief Walters explained that it shouldn't be much and that they have everything they need. The board gave consensus that they support the program and next steps will be legal review. Chief Walters also explained that they will be passing out candy for Halloween and hours of operation are to be determined.

Mayor Phelan asked if any of the Trustees had any miscellaneous business. Trustee Carter wanted to remind everyone to not blow leaves in the street. Trustee Wisenburg inquired about Well #12 and Dave explained that they started work today. Dave will have a full report at the next meeting.

Trustee Goett made a motion to adjourn and Trustee Wisenburg seconded. The meeting adjourned at 6:26pm.

Michael Phelan, Mayor

Sarah Witbracht, Deputy Village Clerk