

Village of Peoria Heights

Board of Trustees

December 1st, 2015

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:37pm.
2. Everyone stood for the Pledge to the Flag.
3. Upon roll call, the following Trustees were present: Harn, Carter, Reichert, Fuller and Cumming. Trustee Mariscal was absent.
4. Minutes: Trustee Cumming moved to approve the minutes for November 17, 2015. Trustee Reichert seconded the motion, which was approved by a vote of 5-0. Trustee Reichert moved to approve the minutes from the executive session on November 17, 2015. Trustee Carter seconded the motion, which was approved by a vote of 5-0. Trustee Cumming moved to approve the informational meeting minutes for November 24, 2015. Trustee Reichert seconded the motion, which was approved by a vote of 5-0.
5. Correspondence: Clerk Musselman read a letter from Hal Lundstrom, Marine Corps, thanking the Village for its assistance with the fundraising campaign.
6. Announcements: Mayor Allen had no announcements.
7. Trustee Reports:
 - Public Works: Trustee Harn had nothing to report.
 - Administration/Personnel: Trustee Cumming had nothing to report.
 - Economic Development/Village Improvements: Trustee Carter stated that the Christmas Walk will be held on December 5, 2015 and Chocolate in the Heights will be held on December 12, 2015.
 - Police: Trustee Fuller stated there will be a Neighborhood Watch meeting on December 28, 2015 at 6:30pm in Village Hall.
 - Building Maintenance: There was nothing to report.
 - Fire: Trustee Reichert has nothing to report.
8. Comments from the Audience: Robbie Matheson, 1615 Terrace View Lane, gave an overview of the Alumni Association's recent fundraiser at TNT's and thanked the Village for its continued support. Everyone worked hard to put on the event, which raised \$1,800. It's a great event and the group works hard to promote the Heights.
9. Old Business: There was no old business to discuss.
10. New Business: Trustee Cumming moved to approve the cancellation of the December Departmental Committee. Trustee Reichert seconded the motion, which was approved by a vote of 5-0. Trustee Cumming moved to approve Ordinance 2015-1455 to adopt the 2015-2016 Property Tax Levy. The

total levy is \$855,123 (\$124,533 General, \$289,967 Police Pension, and \$440,623 Library). Shawn Edwards, Director of the Peoria Heights Public Library, thanked the board for its continued support and gave an overview of how the levy will be used and current programming. Trustee Carter moved to approve Ordinance 2015-1456 which is a redevelopment agreement by and between the Village and Huebldg, LLC. Trustee Fuller stated that he loves Trefzgers and will continue to support the business but will be voting against the proposal due to the debt obligation estimates being based upon sales tax revenues. Administrator Fick stated that debt service on the Village bond issuance comes from businesses located in the building and a special service area which obligates the owners of the building to make up any shortfall. The motion was approved by a vote of 4-1, with Mayor Allen voting yes and Trustee Fuller voting no. Trustee Cumming moved to approve Ordinance 2015-1457 to authorize the placement of an off-premises sign at the intersection of War Memorial Drive and Wisconsin Avenue. Trustee Carter seconded the motion which was approved by a vote of 4-1 with Trustee Harn voting no. Trustee Carter introduced Mr. Matheson who gave an update on the historical walking tour signage. Copies were distributed for review and the new signs should be installed soon. The Village thanked him for his diligence and efforts to get the project going and is looking forward to its expansion. Trustee Cumming moved to approve Resolution 2015-06 to execute a service agreement with Direct Energy for the supply of electricity for residential and small commercial retail customers who do not opt out. Trustee Reichert seconded the motion, which was approved by a vote of 5-0. Director Smith gave an overview of the proposed federal grant application for funding for a trail stop off Duryea next to the bike trail. There is a 20% grant match. This would be the most direct link from the trail to the downtown district, would provide a small playground and gazebo and bathroom facilities for trail users with on-street parking. Trustee Cumming stated that he viewed the location and while he did not support the location at first, after discussing the proposal with Director Smith and reviewing the site he believes it is a great opportunity and fully supports the project in that location. Trustee Fuller stated that he is in support of the idea and would also support a more functional use as well. Mayor Allen stated that he believes this is a great idea and is looking forward to seeing the final plan.

11. Payment of the Bills: Total bills in the Village account is \$473,793.37. The total bills in the Waterworks account is \$191,465.80. Trustee Cumming moved to approve the bills and Trustee Carter seconded the motion, which was approved by a vote of 5-0.
12. Executive Session: The board entered into executive session to discuss personnel at 7:25pm.
13. The regular session was adjourned at 8:04 pm upon a motion from Trustee Cumming and a second by Trustee Fuller.