

Village of Peoria Heights

Board of Trustees

December 6, 2016

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm.
2. Everyone stood for the Pledge to the Flag.
3. Upon roll call, the following Trustees were present: Harn, Fuller, Carter, Reichert, and Cumming. Trustee Mariscal was absent.
4. Clerk Pro-Tem: Trustee Cumming moved to approve Administrator Fick as Clerk Pro-Tem due to Clerk Musselman's absence. Trustee Reichert seconded the motion, which was approved by a vote of 5-0.
5. Minutes: Trustee Cumming moved to approve the minutes for November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Trustee Carter seconded the motion, which was approved by a vote of 5-0.
6. Correspondence: There was no correspondence
7. Announcements: Mayor Allen thanked Director Smith and the Public Works crew for their fine job plowing Forest Park Hill on Sunday.
8. Trustee Reports:
  - Economic Development/Village Improvements: Trustee Carter announced that Saturday is Chocolate in the Heights.
  - Police: Trustee Fuller announced that Neighborhood Watch will be on January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 6:00pm.
  - Building Maintenance: There was nothing to report.
  - Fire: There was nothing to report.
  - Public Works: Trustee Harn had nothing to report.
  - Administration/Personnel: Trustee Cumming had nothing to report.
9. Comments from the Audience: Shawn Edwards from Peoria Heights Library thanked the residents and Village Board for everyone's support of the library. He explained that the library had a successful summer of events and he also made some comments on next year's budget.
10. Old Business: There was no old business to discuss.

11. New Business: Trustee Cumming moved to approve Ordinance 2016-1490; An Ordinance Abating the Taxes Heretofore Levied for the Year 2016 to Pay Debt Service on Taxable General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2016 of the Village of Peoria Heights, Peoria County, Illinois. Trustee Reichert seconded the motion which was approved 5-0. Trustee Cumming made a motion to approve the cancellation of December Departmental Meeting. Trustee Reichert seconded the motion which was approved 5-0. Trustee Cumming made a motion to approve Ordinance 2016-1491; Adoption of the 2016-2017 Property Tax Levy. He explained that the Village and Library are proposing to levy 5%. Trustee Harn seconded the motion which was approved 5-0. Trustee Harn made a motion to approve Ordinance 2016-1492; Amending the Peoria Heights Water Rates. Trustee Harn explained that there will be a 9% increase the first year, and a 7.5% increase the second two years. The purpose for this increase is to cover repair costs to the water towers and the chemicals that keep the Village water safe. Some of these costs will also go towards repairing existing water mains. Director Smith pointed out that Peoria Heights is still providing a safe product at a reasonable rate compared to other neighboring municipalities. Trustee Fuller commented that over a 3-year time span, Peoria Heights will be raising water rates by 25%. He further explained that he felt this increase surpasses the increase in cost of living and is not fair to pass to the residents. He pointed out that a gradual increase would have been his preference. Director Smith explained that residents will only be paying on average a \$6 increase over 3 years per quarterly bill. Trustee Carter seconded the motion which was approved 4-1, with Trustee Fuller voting nay. Trustee Reichert made a motion to approve Ordinance 2016-1493; An Ordinance Restricting Parking on the West Side of Miller Avenue Between Moneta Avenue and Clayton Avenue in the Village of Peoria Heights. Trustee Carter seconded the motion which was approved 5-0. Trustee Harn made a motion to approve payment to Altorfer in the Amount of \$22,112.31 for generator repairs. Trustee Reichert seconded the motion which was approved 5-0. Trustee Harn moved to approve Resolution 2016-02; Consideration of a Resolution Approving an Agreement for Engineering Services Related to the Control of Storm Water. Trustee Reichert seconded the motion which was approved 5-0. Trustee Harn moved to approve Resolution 2016-03; Consideration of Resolution Approving an Agreement with Aqua Backflow, Inc. for Services Related to the Control of Cross Connections with the Water System Operated by the Village. Trustee Cumming seconded the motion which was approved 5-0. Trustee Reichert moved to approve payment for an I.D. card printer in the amount of \$1,975. Trustee Carter seconded the motion which was approved 5-0. Trustee Harn moved to approve the 2017 MFT resolution and estimate in the amount of \$52,812.80. Trustee Reichert seconded the motion which was approved 5-0.
12. Payment of Bills: Total bills for the Village is \$228,050.75. The total bills for Waterworks is \$120,851.37. Trustee Cumming moved to approve to pay the bills, and Trustee Reichert seconded the motion which was approved 5-0.
13. The Board entered into Executive Session at 7:25 pm re: Personnel with a motion made by Trustee Cumming. Trustee Carter seconded the motion which was approved 5-0.

14. The regular session was adjourned at 8:00 pm upon a motion from Trustee Carter and a second by Trustee Fuller and approved by a vote of 5-0.

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Mark B. Allen, Mayor

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Matt Fick, Pro-Tem Village Clerk