

Village of Peoria Heights
Board of Trustees
January 17, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 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, Jeff Goett, Elizabeth Khazzam, Mark Gauf, Matthew Wigginton, and Brandon Wisenburg. Others present included Mayor Michael Phelan, Village Administrator and Chief of Police Dustin Sutton, and Village Clerk Stephanie Turner, and Village Counsel Kate Carter.

Trustee Gauf made a motion to approve the minutes from the Board of Trustees meeting on January 3, 2023. Trustee DeVore seconded the motion. The Board approved the minutes 6-0.

Mayor Phelan opened the meeting to public comment. Hearing no public comment, Mayor Phelan closed the meeting to public comments and moved on to old business.

Director of Community Development, Mr. Wayne Aldrich, provided an update on the properties sold to Williams Brothers. Mr. Aldrich explained the company still intends to build on the properties. He suggested the Board consider reviewing the agreement in light of Williams Brother purchasing additional adjacent properties and negotiating a larger development project. Trustee Wisenburg noted the Village didn't originally have a redevelopment agreement but a sale of property. Mr. Aldrich corrected and noted it should be made into a development agreement.

The Board moved on to new business.

Trustee DeVore made a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda. Trustee Wisenburg seconded approval of the consent agenda. The consent agenda included the following: approval of use of Tower Park and Village Hall for St. Jude Walk/Run on Saturday, February 18, 2023, approval of use of Tower Park for Walk MS Peoria on Sunday, April 23, 2023, approval of use of Tower Park for Friday Night Heights on the first Fridays May 5 – October 6, 2023, and approval of use of Tower Park for Cystic Fibrosis Great Strides Walk on Saturday, October 7, 2023. All four events are annual events held in Tower Park. The Board voted 6-0 to approve the consent agenda.

Trustee DeVore made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-1692: an Ordinance Amending Title 4, Chapter 1 of the Village Code of the Village of Peoria Heights for the Purpose of Adding a New Classification of Liquor License for the Sale of Beer Brewed on the Licensed Premises. Trustee Goett seconded the motion. Trustee DeVore explained new development required a liquor license that the Village didn't currently offer. Counsel had suggested adding a new classification. Attorney Carter explained the license will allow the brewing and sale of bottled beer. Mayor Phelan invited the business owners forward. The owners of Busted Brewing came forward to provide detailed information about their backgrounds, their history in the business, and the creation of their business. They noted their excitement to be the first business to brew since Pabst. Trustee Wisenburg asked if the business planned to stay in the Heights as it grew. The owners agreed. Trustee Wigginton asked if there was any requirement for food involved with the license and was told no. Trustee Wigginton asked if there were

any plans to offer food. The owners stated perhaps snacks, but would leave food to the many restaurants available. Ordinance 2022-1692 was approved 6-0.

Trustee Khazzam made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-1693: an Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a First Amendment to the Business Development District No. 1 Redevelopment Agreement by and between the Village of Peoria Heights and Kathleen L. Faletti and Faletti, LLC. Trustee DeVore seconded the motion. Trustee Khazzam explained the funds had already been approved, but the cost sheet wasn't returned within time so it needed to be extended. Mr. Aldrich noted it was a technicality to extend the agreement. The Board noted how nice the area looked now that the work was completed. Trustee Wigginton asked if the ordinance was necessary, and Chief Sutton explained the discrepancy. The Board approved Ordinance 2022-1693 by 6-0.

Trustee Khazzam made a motion to approve the street closure and use of Tower Park for Peoria Heights Fine Art Fair on Saturday, May 13 and Sunday, May 14, 2023. Trustee Goett seconded the motion. Trustee Khazzam invited Ms. Jane Johnson forward. Ms. Jane Johnson, President of the Peoria Heights Arts Collaborative, came forward to explain the group was asking for a two day street closure because artists had asked for an extended event. She noted there was also a request for a \$5,000 donation from the Village. Trustee Gauf asked Ms. Johnson to describe the closure. Ms. Johnson explained Prospect Road would be closed from Kelly Avenue to Glen Avenue. Trustee Gauf asked if the road would be open at night. Ms. Johnson explained it wouldn't, and the event will hire security. Trustee Gauf noted the event was a terrific attraction, but he had concerns that the businesses and restaurants losing vehicle traffic on a Saturday night. Trustee Khazzam clarified that the booths would have products overnight, and Ms. Johnson stated her belief it would attract more people. Trustee Khazzam noted the donation request wasn't included on the agenda, and Mayor Phelan agreed it wasn't for vote. Trustee Wigginton noted he appreciated and admired the ambition of the even but expressed concerns closing the road overnight. Trustee Wisenburg also shared those concerns as well as concerns diverting traffic into residential neighborhoods for two days. Chief Sutton explained the detour routes were very well patrolled during events. He noted, as he discussed with Mayor Phelan, that the Police Department would make the event safe. Ms. Martina, who has been retained by the Arts Collaborative as a consultant, asked about compromising by closing only one line each way. Chief Sutton explained that had been tried previously, and it was a public safety issue. He explained his concerns with property being damaged and visitors walking the downtown district. Trustee DeVore noted she had concerns about parking for a two day event. She asked if the Arts Collaborative had any arrangements for parking. The group hasn't had any conversations about extra parking. Trustee DeVore noted it would be come a problem overnight. Chief Sutton noted he had received calls regarding the event, and, while there was no hostility, there was concern. Fire Chief Thompson asked Superintendent Chandler when the work on Forest Park Drive would be done and if the two would overlap. He expressed concern for the Fire Department to respond to emergencies. There was a discussion of moving the event to Tower Park, including multiple compromise options, before the organizers noted they would settle for one day on Prospect Road. Trustee Wigginton requested the organizers meet with the Village to plan a two day event for future years. Trustee Khazzam made a motion to amend the approval the street closure and use of Tower Park for Peoria Heights Fine Art Fair on Saturday, May 13, 2023. Trustee Gauf seconded the amendment. The amendment passed 6-0. The Board approved the motion as amended by 6-0.

Trustee Wigginton made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-1694: an Ordinance Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement for Participation in the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System. Trustee Goett seconded the motion. Trustee Wigginton noted the Board was familiar with the MABAS system, and the ordinance detailed the agreement for mutual aid. The Board approved Ordinance 2022-1694.

The Board moved on to miscellaneous business.

Superintendent of Public Works, Mr. Chris Chandler, explained the water main on Lake had been installed and was in the final stages of construction. Construction has also begun on the flat roof on Tower Park. Public Works has been working on the sidewalks on Marietta. Trustee Wisenburg asked if there was a date for a report by the water consultant. Director of Community Development, Mr. Wayne Aldrich, noted the project is in the finance stages and should be presented soon. Trustee DeVore requested that dates start being set for the meetings. Mr. Aldrich shared there had been an appropriation of federal funds for \$2,000,000 for Phase I of Prospect Road engineering. He noted there will be a more public announcement at a future date. Mayor Phelan thanked Congressman LaHood for the procurement. Fire Chief Thompson shared the Peoria Heights Fire Department had won a grant for two tablets.

Trustee Goett made a motion to approve payment of the bills. Trustee Gauf seconded the motion. There were no questions on the bills. The Board voted 6-0 to approve payment of the bills.

Clerk Turner read the Treasurer's Report. As of the end of December, there was \$7,269,411.64 in the Village controlled accounts and \$2,053,098.18 in the Water controlled accounts. Trustee Goett made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, and Trustee Gauf seconded. The Treasurer's report was approved 6-0.

Trustee Goett made a motion to adjourn, and Trustee DeVore seconded the motion. The Board of Trustees voted 6-0 to adjourn at 6:13 pm.

Michael Phelan, Mayor

Stephanie Turner, Village Clerk