

Village of Peoria Heights  
Board of Trustees  
January 18, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 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, Beth Khazzam, David Marfell, Matthew Wigginton, Brandon Wisenburg. Trustee DeVore and Trustee Khazzam were present via telephone. Others present included Mayor Michael Phelan, Village Administrator and Chief of Police Dustin Sutton, Village Clerk Stephanie Turner, and Village Counsel Attorney Mark Walton.

Trustee Wigginton made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on December 21, 2021, and the motion was seconded by Trustee Marfell. The Board voted to approve the minutes 6-0.

Mayor Phelan announced it was a slow time of year, and events are listed on the Village's website. Administration is preparing the budget for next fiscal year.

Mayor Phelan opened the meeting to public comment. Hearing no public comment, Mayor Phelan closed the meeting to public comments and asked for the trustees' reports.

Trustee DeVore had nothing to report. Chief Sutton asked the Director of Community Development, Mr. Wayne Aldrich, to come forward. Mr. Aldrich shared the Village had submitted a grant to Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for rebuilding Prospect Road from Kingman Avenue to War Memorial Drive. Mr. Aldrich stated the application was very professional, and he thanked everyone for their help. He noted the grant was for \$2,000,000 in engineering with an additional \$500,000 commitment from the Village. Mr. Aldrich explained he's also working with Beck's Oil Company on obtaining permits from the Illinois Department of Transportation. After that, he'll be working with IDOT on the development of Galena Road and Woodard Curran on the water consultant contract.

Trustee Goett stated the Village would have estimates for roof repair at Fire Station No. 2 by the next Departmental meeting.

Trustee Khazzam thanked the community, local businesses, and other organizations which supported the Village's grant application. Trustee Khazzam noted the area had received word of receiving Healthy Homes grant funding. She shared that more information would be forthcoming. Trustee Khazzam noted the Village had a meeting with St. Thomas regarding the playground initiative. Mayor Phelan thanked state and federal representatives for their work aiding the Village with their applications.

Trustee Wisenburg had nothing to report.

Trustee Marfell stated that Public Works had recently responded a water main break and worked through the evening into the early morning. After the water main was fixed, several employees stayed on past that to salt and plow the roads. Trustee Marfell thanked Public Works and their families for the work and long hours. Trustee Marfell shared that Public Works was lacking a valve exercise program. He will be working with Superintendent of Water, Mr. Chris Chandler, to development a program and

identify funds for purchasing equipment for the program. Mr. Chandler echoed Trustee Marfell's appreciation of the Public Work's hard work, and Trustee Wisenburg agreed.

Trustee Wigginton shared the Peoria Heights Fire Department has been busy and asked Fire Chief Thompson. Fire Chief Thompson shared statics of the PHFD's call responses for 2021 including that the PHFD is the second busiest volunteer department in the county. He noted the difference in geographical size difference between other communities and Peoria Heights . Fire Chief Thompson also reported the PHFD had missed 2 calls in 2021 which were EMS calls, and AMT responded to the calls. The missed calls were in February and March. Trustee Wigginton noted the numbers were a massive improvement and complimented Fire Chief Thompson, Mr. Woo, and everyone at the PHFD for turning the department around. He also thanked the Board for giving the PHFD a chance. Chief Sutton noted Fire Chief Thompson was doing an excellent job at recruitment and morale was greatly improved at the PHFD. He stated Fire Chief Thompson did an outstanding job.

Mayor Phelan asked for old business. Attorney Walton shared that the Village was working with Morton Community Bank to refinance the Trefzger's bonds. There's a significant amount of savings, and it'll be brought before the Board soon. Trustee Wisenburg asked Attorney Walton for an update on the required landscaping of a business along St. Jude Court. Attorney Walton stated he was following up on the situation.

Hearing no other old business, the Board moved on to new business. Trustee Wisenburg asked if there were restrictions on coin operated businesses to prevent them from deceiving their customers. Chief Sutton noted the Police Department had handled the issue by having the Housing Inspector contact the owner regarding the property.

Hearing no additional new business, the Board moved on to miscellaneous business. Trustee Wigginton asked the status of Illinois American Water's construction project along the trail. Chief Sutton noted he'd seen some progress. Mayor Phelan requested Attorney Walton get an update.

Trustee Wisenburg shared he'd had a lot of feedback from residents on the broadband expansion into the Village. He thanked Mayor Phelan and Chief Sutton for supporting the project. Chief Sutton stated that the business had purchased solicitor's permits for a handful of employees.

Hearing no additional miscellaneous business, the Board moved on to the finance reports.

Trustee Goett made a motion to approve payment of the bills. Trustee Wigginton seconded the motion. There were no questions about 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 \$5,815,868.98 in the Village controlled accounts and \$1,731,890.24 in the Water controlled accounts. Trustee Goett made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, and Trustee Wisenburg seconded. The Treasurer's report was approved 6-0.

Trustee Wisenburg made a motion to enter executive session under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)1 to discuss personnel. Trustee Marfell seconded the motion. The motion to enter into executive session passed 6-0, and the Board left open session at 6:28 pm.

Trustee Khazzam left the meeting at 6:55 pm. The Board of Trustee reconvened regular session at 6:55 pm.

Trustee Goett made a motion to adjourn, and Trustee Wisenburg seconded the motion. The Board of Trustees voted 5-0 to adjourn at 6:55 pm.

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Michael Phelan, Mayor

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Stephanie Turner, Village Clerk