

Village of Peoria Heights
Board of Trustees
January 21, 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: Diane Mariscal, Sarah DeVore, and Brandon Wisenburg. Others present included Mayor Michael Phelan, Village Administrator and Chief of Police Dustin Sutton, Deputy Clerk Sarah Witbracht, and Village Counsel Mark Walton. Trustees Goett, Khazzam, and Carter were absent.

Attorney Walton explained to everyone that Mayor Phelan will be voting tonight in order to satisfy the quorum.

Trustee DeVore made a motion to approve the minutes from the Board of Trustees Meeting held on December 17th, 2019, and the motion was seconded by Trustee Wisenburg. Motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Phelan announced that the Village Board attended a tour last week hosted by the Building Trades Council and thanked everyone that attended. He also gave an update on the Houseal Lavigne Comprehensive Plan and invited anyone on the village board to be a part of it and to let him know if they would like to sit on the advisory committee. He also welcomed anyone to give any recommendations and that there will also be a business focus group.

Public comments were opened to the audience.

Amerie Gardner from SOILL Restaurant Systems (Dotty's) explained that the state has changed their requirements to allow for six (6) video gaming machines and she is requesting the board to consider amending our ordinance.

Dave Grebner from Heart of Illinois Sierra Club inquired if the trash pick-up on Forest Park Hill was included on the agenda. Administrator Sutton explained that they are working with the organization as they are working out some of the details amongst themselves. Administrator Sutton explained that cleanup while having the hill open was a safety hazard.

Mayor Phelan moved on to reports from the Trustees.

Dave Marfell updated that the question and answer session pertaining to the water quality is now up on the website.

Michael Casey gave an update on the last winter storm and reminded everyone to move cars off the street to allow for plowing for the next upcoming winter storm.

Trustee Mariscal had nothing to report.

Mayor Phelan explained that there was a leak in the building during the storm and thanked Tom Smith Plumbing for their quick service.

Administrator Sutton explained that the 2020-2021 budget worksheets will go out next month.

Trustee Wisenburg stated that they are still working on the IT infrastructure bid.

Trustee DeVore reported that on Christmas Day, our officers delivered meals to 66 Peoria Heights families alongside the Southside Mission. Chief Sutton explained that there has been an increase in soliciting and encouraged residents to contact the police department immediately.

There was no old business for the Board of Trustees.

Trustee DeVore made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-1617: an Ordinance Imposing Responsible Bidder Requirements for Public Works Projects. Trustee Mariscal seconded the motion. Attorney Walton explained that this ordinance will impose requirements that contractors' employees have had the proper training through the Department of Labor. The motion passed 4-0. Trustee Mariscal made a motion to approve the Run for St. Jude on February 15, 2020. Trustee DeVore seconded the motion. Mike Plunkett, the organizer of the event, came forward to explain this request in further detail. The motion passed 4-0. Trustee DeVore made a motion to approve the 2020 Peoria Heights Fine Art Fair. Trustee Mariscal seconded the motion. Theresa McDade and Barb Milaccio (Co-Chairs of the committee) explained that they would like both lanes closed on Prospect this year, and that they would additionally like the Village to provide the entertainment in Tower Park this year as well as sanitation needs. They are also requesting security for the event. Administrator Sutton would like to see some quotes for the entertainment and agrees with Prospect being closed in its entirety for safety reasons. They will bring back quotes to approve at another meeting, and Administrator Sutton would like to vote on the street closure tonight. Trustee Wisenburg feels that we are shifting the safety issue to the side streets. Administrator Sutton explained that this will be thoroughly policed including parking restrictions and that it was a huge success last year. Trustee Wisenburg stated that he feels the increase in traffic is a definite safety hazard from his perspective. He would like the Board to consider the side streets and how it will impact them. Trustee Mariscal reminded everyone that the Art Fair is done in conjunction with Susan G Komen weekend. Chief Sutton explained that the safety issues last year involved pedestrians being too close to moving traffic since one lane of traffic was open on Prospect. Trustee DeVore suggested re-routing traffic and not allowing cross-through traffic past Columbus. The parking ban on Columbus restricts parking on the southbound lane. Mayor Phelan would like to just approve the concept of the Art Fair and bring the lane closure back. Trustee DeVore would like to stick with policy and vote on the lane closure tonight. Administrator Sutton re-stated his recommendation of closing both lanes and that there have been no incidents in the past. The motion failed 3-1 with Trustee Wisenburg voting nay. Mayor Phelan called the meeting to order after some discussions and disagreements of safety issues. Trustee Wisenburg made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-1618: an Ordinance Abating the General Obligation Taxes Levied for Year 2018 to Pay Debt Service on Taxable General Obligation Bonds Series 2016. Trustee DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0. Trustee DeVore made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020—1619: an Ordinance Abating Special Service Area No. 1 Taxes for the Year 2019 to Pay Debt Service on Taxable General Obligation Bonds, Series 2016. Trustee Wisenburg seconded the motion which passed 4-0.

Deputy Clerk Witbracht read the Treasurer's Report. As of the end of December, there was \$2,581,928.31 in the Village controlled accounts and \$1,042,277.88 in the Water controlled accounts.

Trustee Wisenburg made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, and Trustee DeVore seconded the motion. The Board voted 4-0 to accept the report.

Trustee DeVore made a motion to adjourn and Trustee Wisenburg seconded. The meeting adjourned at 6:39p.m.

Michael Phelan, Mayor

Sarah Witbracht, Village Clerk