

Village of Peoria Heights
Board of Trustees
February 20, 2024

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, Elizabeth Khazzam, Matthew Wigginton, and Brandon Wisenburg. Trustees Jeff Goett and Jennifer Reichert were absent. Others present included Mayor Michael Phelan, Deputy Chief Chris Ahart, Village Clerk Stephanie Turner, and Village Counsel Attorney Mark Walton.

Trustee Wisenburg made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 6, 2024 meeting. Trustee DeVore seconded the motion. The minutes were approved 4-0.

Mayor Phelan opened the meeting to public comment on agenda items. Hearing no public comment, the Board moved on to old business.

Superintendent of Public Works, Mr. Chris Chandler, updated the Board that the new cross connection to the Illinois American Water System had been installed today. There will be testing before it can be used, but it will be available for emergencies shortly.

Hearing no old business, the Board moved on to new business.

Trustee DeVore made a motion to approve use of Tower park for “Sticks in the Park” on Saturday, May 4, 2024. Trustee Khazzam seconded the motion. Mr. Bart Cumming, organizer of the event, came forward to explain he owned the cigar lounge on Prospect Road. He shared it’ll be an outdoor event with boutique cigar vendors from around the country. It’ll include music, alcohol, and food as well. Trustee DeVore asked Mr. Cumming about the adoption side of the event. Mr. Cumming shared his family were animal lovers, and they wanted to include an adoption event and vendors for pets. He noted the event would be from 11:00 am – 5:00 pm. Mr. Cumming stated he had previous experience organizing events including Duryea Days. Trustee Wigginton asked if vendors will be IDing attendees. Mr. Cumming stated he’d organize a central tent. The event was approved 4-0. Mr. Cumming updated the Board that his business will be getting its tobacco license and contributing to sales tax soon. Mr. Cumming also expressed appreciation for Clerk Turner in her role as staff aiding him as Village Treasurer.

Trustee DeVore made a motion to approve use of Tower Park for Peoria Heights Community Band Concerts on Thursdays, June 27, August 1, and August 29, 2024. Trustee Khazzam seconded the motion. Trustee DeVore noted the band had requested three dates, the event was an annual one, and didn’t have any new requests. The Board voted 4-0 to approve the event.

Trustee DeVore made a motion to approve the street closure for St. Patrick’s Day event on March 17, 2024. Trustee Khazzam seconded the motion. The road closure is the same as has been approved in past years. Trustee DeVore explained a timeline was included in the packet. Trustee Wigginton asked Deputy Chief Ahart if there were issues last year. Deputy Chief Ahart noted there might have been a few sent home, but there were no significant events. Sullivans always hires two off-duty officers, and the event is well patrolled by on-duty officers. Trustee Wigginton asked if there were concerns about

the timing of the closure. Deputy Chief Ahart stated there were not noting it had been done numerous times in the past, and the PHPD would help Public Works with the closure. Superintendent Chandler praised Sullivan's noting they did well cleaning the street and were easy to work with. The Board voted 4-0 to approve the road closure.

Trustee Wisenburg made a motion to approve an MFT Resolution in the amount of \$202,179.58 for Road Salt, Sealcoating, Spray Patching, and Engineering. Trustee DeVore seconded the motion. Superintendent Chandler explained that it was an annual expenditure, and the Village must submit the MFT projects to IDOT to move forward. Trustee Wigginton asked what projects were included, and Superintendent Chandler explained the normal projects including sealcoating, spray patching, and salt.

Mayor Phelan asked for miscellaneous business.

Director of Community Development, Mr. Wayne Aldrich, updated the Board that Tri-County Regional Planning was selecting services for the transportation plan. The proposals for zoning revisions are due in the next week, and Director Aldrich expects to receive some soon. The selection committee for Prospect Road is also underway. Director Aldrich is coordinating with Tri-County Regional Planning and Department of Transportation for the project. He also explained that construction at Beck's is wrapping up, and it should be open soon, but he hasn't heard an official announcement.

Trustee Wigginton shared he had been contacted by the Peoria Heights Volunteer Fire Association for two Pass the Boot events. Mayor Phelan requested Trustee Wigginton submit the request to Administration.

Trustee Wisenburg asked if commercial buildings were required to meet ADA requirements during significant remodeling. Attorney Walton noted it was very difficult to answer in abstract, and it was generally true, but there were numerous exemptions based on specifics. Trustee Wisenburg noted he had received concerns about Prospect Mall not having wheelchair ramps. Trustee Wisenburg will forward the concerns to Administration and Village Counsel for review.

Mayor Phelan opened the meeting to public comment on general items.

Mr. Ray Lockheart noted he was having difficulty hearing. Another resident confirmed stating it was easy to hear so long as the Board uses mics. Mr. Lockheart confirmed concerns about ADA compliance. The Board discussed construction concerns at the property including fencing blocking sidewalks.

Ms. Bonnie Wiseberg asked the next steps for the pumphouse. Mayor Phelan noted that would be on the agenda after the Board has evaluated the proposals. The Board will take action soon either the next meeting or the following.

Hearing no additional comments, Mayor Phelan closed the meeting to public comment. The Board moved on to the finance reports.

Trustee Wisenburg made a motion to approve payment of the bills. Trustee Wigginton seconded the motion. There were no questions on the bills. The Board voted 4-0 to approve payment of the bills.

Clerk Turner read the Treasurer's Report. At the end of January, there was \$8,459,636.40 in the Village controlled accounts and \$2,305,293.28 in the Water controlled accounts. Trustee DeVore made a

motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, and Trustee Khazzam seconded. Trustee Wigginton asked if there could be something done to increase interest, and Clerk Turner agreed to review the bank accounts with the Village Administrator. The motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Phelan noted there was no reason for an executive session.

Trustee Wisenburg made a motion to adjourn, and Trustee DeVore seconded the motion. The Board of Trustees voted 4-0 to adjourn at 5:59 pm.

Michael Phelan, Mayor

Stephanie Turner, Village Clerk