

Village of Peoria Heights
Departmental Meeting
March 1, 2022

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: Beth Khazzam, David Marfell, Matthew Wigginton, and Brandon Wisenburg. Trustee Sarah DeVore and Trustee Jeff Goett were absent. Others present included Mayor Michael Phelan, Village Administrator and Chief of Police Dustin Sutton, and Village Clerk Stephanie Turner.

Clerk Turner read correspondence from Ms. Janie Backs who resigned from the Zoning Board of Appeals. Ms. Backs noted she enjoyed serving on the ZBA and would continue to be an active in the community. Trustee Wigginton made a motion to receive and file the resignation letter of Ms. Janie Backs, and Trustee Wisenburg seconded the motion. The Board voted 4-0 to receive and file the letter.

Trustee Wisenburg made a motion to approve the Special Meeting and Departmental Minutes from February 1, 2022 and the minutes from February 22, 2022. Trustee Khazzam seconded the motion. The Board voted 4-0 to approve the minutes.

Mayor Phelan opened the meeting to public comment. Trustee DeVore joined the meeting at 6:03 pm. Hearing no public comment, Mayor Phelan closed the meeting to public comment and moved on to old business.

Trustee Wisenburg asked for the Board to discuss speed limits in the Village noting varying speed limits. Mayor Phelan asked Trustee Wisenburg to work with Trustee Wigginton, Chief Sutton, and Superintendent Chandler to make a recommendation to bring to the Board. Trustee Wisenburg agreed. Hearing no additional old business, the Board moved on to new business.

Trustee DeVore made a motion to approve use of Tower Park on the first Fridays May – October 2022 for the Friday Night Heights events. Trustee Khazzam seconded the motion. Trustee DeVore explained Mr. Sam Heppard, owner of Clink, wanted to hold the events again in 2022. Mr. Heppard explained the events had grown through the last summer, and he hoped to grow the events even more. He noted it's a family-friendly event with food available. The Board approved use of Tower Park for the event 5-0.

Trustee DeVore made a motion to approve use of Tower Park on Saturday, May 21, 2022 for the Lupus Walk/5K Run event. Trustee Wisenburg seconded the motion. Trustee DeVore explained the event is an annual event. The Board approved use of Tower Park for the event 5-0.

Trustee DeVore made a motion to approve use of Tower Park on May 28, 2022 for the Bike MS event. Trustee Khazzam seconded the motion. Trustee DeVore stated the Bike MS was cancelled last year due to COVID, and they want to hold it this year to raise funds for MS. A representative from Bike MS came forward to explain between 300-500 cyclists would be participating. The Board approved use of Tower Park for the event 5-0.

Trustee DeVore made a motion to approve use of Tower Park on October 2, 2022 for the Cystic Fibrosis Great Strides Walk event. Trustee Wisenburg seconded the motion. Trustee DeVore explained the event was an

annual 3 mile walk, and it would their seventeenth year. The Board approved use of Tower Park for the event 5-0.

Trustee DeVore made a motion to approve use of Tower Park on the Third Fridays in June – August 2022 for the River Valley Big Band Concerts events. Trustee Khazzam seconded the motion. Trustee DeVore explained the event requests. Trustee Wigginton asked Trustee DeVore if Discover Peoria could help the Village promote all of the events approved tonight. Trustee DeVore agreed. The Board approved use of Tower Park for the event 5-0.

Trustee DeVore made a motion to approve the annual administrative evaluation bonuses. Trustee Marfell seconded the motion. Trustee DeVore explained the Village had passed ordinances allowing Chief Sutton to recommend up to 2% bonuses for non-union employees based on performance evaluations. Chief Sutton explained the bonuses consisted of 3 administrative positions at Village Hall, the deputy chief at the police department, the fire chief, and the superintendent of Public Works. Chief Sutton noted that Fire Chief Thompson had requested his bonus be transferred to the Fire Department's travel budget. Mayor Phelan praised Fire Chief Thompson for his request. Trustee Wigginton also offered his appreciation to Fire Chief Thompson. Trustee Marfell agreed and praised all the employees under consideration for their work. The Board voted 5-0 to approve the bonuses.

Trustee Marfell made a motion to approve purchase of a street sweeper in the amount of \$231,495. Trustee Wisenburg seconded the motion. Trustee Marfell explained the street sweeper the Village currently owes is a 2008, and the street sweeper under discussion is a replacement. The price includes a trade in value for the old street sweeper. Mr. Chandler praised Public Works Laborer, Mr. TJ Blshoff, for his hard work keeping the old street sweeper running. Chief Sutton explained that the costs of fixing the street sweeper were getting prohibitive. The Board approved the purchase 5-0. Mr. Chandler directed the Board's attention to Tower Park where LED lights had just been installed.

Mayor Phelan announced he was appointing Mr. Bill O'Neill to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mayor Phelan shared Mr. O'Neill's background running a successful trucking logistics business as well as working in construction. Trustee Wigginton made a motion to appoint Mr. O'Neill to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Trustee Khazzam seconded the motion. The Board approved the appointment of Mr. O'Neill to the ZBA 5-0.

Mayor Phelan asked for miscellaneous business. Trustee Wigginton updated the Board he had been gathering memorabilia for preparation of the Village's celebration of its 125th anniversary. He invited residents to contact him with any stories they might have from the Village's past. He expressed his desire to work residents and stakeholders to create a wonderful event. Mayor Phelan thanked Trustee Wigginton for bringing the issue to the Board's attention and noted he was open to creating a committee for the event.

Trustee Wisenburg thanked the residents who attended last night's Neighborhood Watch Meeting. He noted that the meeting in May would be moved a week ahead to May 23, 2022 at 6:00 pm since the regularly scheduled week would fall on Memorial Day.

Trustee Wisenburg made a motion to adjourn, and Trustee Marfell seconded the motion. The Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 6:28 pm.

Michael Phelan, Mayor

Stephanie Turner, Village Clerk