

Village of Peoria Heights  
Board of Trustees  
March 16, 2021

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: Sherryl Carter, Diane Mariscal, Beth Khazzam, Brandon Wisenburg, and Sarah DeVore. Trustees Carter and Mariscal were present by telephone. Trustee Goett was absent. 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 Wisenburg made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on February 16, 2021 and the motion was seconded by Trustee DeVore. The Board voted to approve the minutes 5-0.

Representatives from the Peoria area labor and union communities, Mr. Clint Drury, Executive Director of the West Central Building Trade, Mr. Jimmy Dillon, Assistant Director of the West Central Building Trade, and Mr. Dennis Higdon, of Better Built, came forward to present the Village of Peoria Heights with the Building a Better Community Award. Mr. Higdon thanked the Village for supporting union contractors and union workers within the Village. Mr. Dillon thanked the Board for their work in making the Peoria regions and the county a better place. He expressed appreciation for a good working relationship with the Village and the community and stated Peoria Heights should be looked on as a beacon for other communities.

Mayor Phelan opened the meeting to public comment. Hearing no public comment, Mayor Phelan closed the meeting to public comment and moved on to the trustees' reports.

Trustee Carter had nothing to report for Public Works.

Trustee Mariscal had nothing to report for building maintenance.

Trustee Khazzam explained Houseal-Lavigne was beginning to wrap up the comprehensive plan and expressed excitement for its completion. She noted that the Village is continuing to field interest in development Chief Sutton added that there had been a lot of interest in War Memorial Drive, and there had been a lot of productive meetings.

In Trustee Goett's absence, Chief Sutton announced that the Village is working on more grant opportunities for the business and stated he hopes to have more to announce in the coming weeks.

Trustee Wisenburg and Fire Chief Thompson had nothing to report for the Fire Department.

Trustee DeVore reminded residents that Prospect would be closed from Seiberling to Marietta for St. Patrick's Day. She noted that traffic would be routed to Columbus, and there would be a lower speed limit. She noted there would be increased staff and enforcement during the event. Chief Sutton emphasized that residents should be conscious of the lower speed limit. He also stated that staff had contacted residents along the route about the closure, and it was well received.

Mayor Phelan asked for old business. Hearing none, he moved on to new business.

Trustee Khazzam made a motion to approve the use of Tower Park for the Peoria Drum Circle events on the second Fridays in April through October. Trustee DeVore seconded. The events were approved 5-0.

Trustee Khazzam made a motion to approve the special use permit for Heights Flower, and Trustee Wisenburg seconded the motion. Trustee Khazzam explained the flower shop was requesting permission to sell flowers outdoors. Chief Sutton explained the permit was an annual renewal which had previously been approved by the ZBA. The Board approved the permit 5-0.

Mayor Phelan asked for miscellaneous business.

Trustee Carter commented there was a rumor that Subway was relocating out of Peoria Heights into Peoria. She asked if the Village would be able to retain the business. Chief Sutton noted that the Village had worked to relocate Subway within the Heights and presented multiple options for it, but they fell through. He stated he was disappointed to see the business move and they would be missed. He stated he hoped that Subway would reconsider and return. Trustee Carter asked how the Village would budget the loss in sales tax revenues. Chief Sutton noted that the Village always budgeted conservatively.

Clerk Turner read the Treasurer's Report. As of the end of January, there was \$4,076,911.37 in the Village controlled accounts and \$1,452,496.05 in the Water controlled accounts. Trustee DeVore made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, and Trustee Wisenburg seconded. Chief Sutton asked about the balance of the drug seizure account. Clerk Turner explained that account's statements were issued quarterly so there hadn't been enough time to reflect recent changes. The Treasurer's report was approved 5-0.

Trustee Wisenburg made a motion to adjourn, and Trustee DeVore seconded. The Board voted 5-0 to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 pm.

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Michael Phelan, Mayor

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Stephanie Turner, Village Clerk