

Village of Peoria Heights  
Departmental Meeting  
April 7, 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: Sherryl Carter, Diane Mariscal, Beth Khazzam, Jeff Goett, Brandon Wisenburg, and Sarah DeVore. Trustees Carter, Mariscal, Khazzam, and DeVore attended by phone. Others present included Mayor Michael Phelan, Village Administrator and Chief of Police Dustin Sutton, and Village Clerk Stephanie Turner.

Mayor Phelan opened the meeting to public comment. Hearing no public comments, Mayor Phelan moved on to the next agenda item. Trustee Goett made a motion to approve the minutes from meetings on April 7, 2020. Trustee Wisenburg seconded the motion. Trustee Carter offered a correction to the minutes of a misspelled name. The minutes passed as amended 6-0.

Trustee Goett made a motion to approve the contract with Kone Elevator Services, and Trustee Wisenburg seconded the motion. Trustee Wisenburg asked if the contract was the only one submitted, and Chief Sutton stated it was. The motion to approve the contract with Kone passed 6-0.

Trustee DeVore deferred to Chief Sutton for details on the police union contract negotiations. Chief Sutton stated the police union had approached him with an offer to delay negotiations during the state of emergency as a sign of good faith. Chief Sutton stated he expected to bring the item back to the Board around the end of the first quarter. He noted the contract would be retroactive to the beginning of the fiscal year. Trustee DeVore had nothing else to report.

Mayor Phelan asked the trustees for miscellaneous business. Trustee Khazzam started to bring up an item but deferred the item upon learning Attorney Walton was not present. Trustee Wisenburg brought up the issue of a zoning variance that required bushes as a barrier between the business and a residential neighborhood. The business has not installed the bushes, and he wanted the Board to take action to ensure the barrier it was constructed. Mayor Phelan asked Chief Sutton to address the issue. Chief Sutton explained that the code enforcement had been handled differently at the time the zoning variance was approved. He requested Trustee Wisenburg put him in contact with all parties involved. Chief Sutton stated he'd would follow up with the residents and the business.

Mayor Phelan announced he was working with local mayors to draft a proposal to the governor to loosen restrictions downstate to stimulate the local economy. He asked the Board to contact him with their opinions. He noted that staff was still working, and he and Chief Sutton are still working on ideas that will help the local economy. He asked Chief Sutton to comment on a stimulus package for the local economy. Chief Sutton stated he was working with Steve Kline on a program for BDD No. 1 and BDD No. 2 for a Lease Payment Grant Program. He stated the program was for \$1,500 grants to pay leases and mortgages with a small application to apply. Chief Sutton stated he would be sending the program to the Board soon for action. He stressed that the Board should contact him with questions.

Trustee Goett made a motion to adjourn, and Trustee Wisenburg seconded. The Board voted 6-0 to adjourn at 6:17 pm.

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Michael Phelan, Mayor

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Stephanie Turner, Village Clerk