

Village of Peoria Heights
Board of Trustees
May 16, 2023

The Public Hearing 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, Jeff Goett, Elizabeth Khazzam, Mark Gauf, and Matthew Wigginton. Trustee Brandon Wisenburg 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 Gauf made a motion to approve the minutes from the Board of Trustees meeting on May 2, 2023. Trustee Khazzam seconded the motion. The Board approved the minutes 5-0.

Mayor Phelan opened the meeting to public comment. Hearing no public comment, Mayor Phelan closed the meeting to public comments and moved on to old business. Hearing no old business, the Board moved on to new business.

Trustee Goett made a motion to approve payment to Mid-Illinois Companies in the amount of \$7,650 for painting the water tower woodpecker. Trustee Khazzam seconded the motion. Trustee Goett explained the Village had previously gotten quotes but didn't have funds. With the upcoming anniversary celebration, it's important to have the park look nice. Trustee Khazzam asked when it would be painted. Chief Sutton stated the company hadn't provided a date but he would know more soon. Trustee Khazzam asked about the time to complete it, and Chief Sutton estimated a week. The Board voted 5-0 to approve the painting.

Trustee DeVore made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-1705: an Ordinance Creating Additional Video Gaming Establishment Licenses Within the Corporate Limits of the Village of Peoria Heights. Trustee Khazzam seconded the motion. Trustee DeVore explained the Village had 13 video game licenses available. The ordinance would increase the total to 15, and there are 2 establishments that are interested in gaming licenses. Trustee DeVore noted that any establishment with a gaming license must also have a liquor license. Ordinance 2023-1705 was approved by a vote of 5-0.

Trustee DeVore made a motion to approve use of Tower Park on Saturday, October 14, 2023 for Allergy Awareness Event. Trustee Wigginton seconded the motion. Trustee DeVore noted Mr. Chris Horan was present to explain the event. Mr. Horan explained the group started as a support group for families with children with food allergies. The event will be to spread awareness of the group and the significance of teal pumpkins as a signal of food safe treat alternatives for the Halloween season. Trustee Khazzam thanked Mr. Horan for bringing attention to the issue. The event was approved 5-0.

Trustee DeVore made a motion to approve use of Tower Park and Village Hall on Saturday, November 11, 2023 for St. Jude Runs 5K. Trustee Wigginton seconded the motion. Trustee DeVore noted that Peoria Notre Dame had approached the Village before for the event, and everything had worked out well. The Board approved the event 5-0.

Trustee DeVore made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-06: a Resolution Approving Extension of Agreement with Cardinal Infrastructure for Federal Advisory Services. Trustee Wigginton seconded the motion. Trustee DeVore explained the group had been helpful in securing over \$2 million in federal funds for

the Village, and Administration reported it was a positive partnership. Trustee DeVore noted it was a budgeted expense, and she recommended approving a 6 month extension. Director of Community Development, Mr. Wayne Aldrich, noted the group had been helpful with multiple projects. Cardinal Infrastructure has been helpful in connecting the Village with both congressmen as well as their staff. Additionally, Director Aldrich is coordinating with other local government entities to expand these types of services for the region. The Board approved Resolution 2023-06 by a vote of 5-0.

Trustee Wigginton made a motion to approve the purchase of squad cards for Peoria Heights Police Department from Thomas Dodge Chrysler Jeep in the Amount of \$71,902.00. Trustee Gauf seconded the motion. Trustee Wigginton noted it was a normal purchase to replace two squad cars. The squad cars will be offset by trade ins which are quite old. Trustee Wigginton noted the price was reasonable, and it important to the Police Department. Trustee DeVore asked if there would be an additional invoice for wiring. Chief Sutton noted they would be wired, but there would be additional invoices for equipment. Chief Sutton explained that half of the payment would come from the police safety grant. Trustee DeVore asked when the vehicles would be outfitted. Chief Sutton estimated three weeks. The Board approved the purchase 5-0.

Trustee Wigginton provided an update that the portal to report code enforcement complaints was now live on the Village's website. Complaints will be viewed by the Police Department staff. Trustee Khazzam asked if it was anonymous. Chief Sutton explained it wasn't to the Village staff, but residents wouldn't know who had made the complaint.

Trustee Gauf made a motion to approve the purchase in the amount of \$11,899 for a ride-on debris blower for Public Works Department. Trustee Goett seconded the motion. Trustee Gauf explained that the machine would be used to clean Forest Park Drive and the parks. Superintendent of Public Works, Mr. Chris Chandler, explained the Peoria Country Club had loaned Public Works their leaf blower, and Public Works found it was much faster and safer for cleaning the hill. Trustee Wigginton asked if the expense was budgeted, and Superintendent Chandler stated it was. The expense was approved 5-0.

Trustee Gauf made a motion to approve ice pigging maintenance services by American Pipeline Solutions. Trustee Khazzam seconded the motion. Trustee Gauf explained the Water Department will seek to do a representative portion of town. An ice slush will be pushed through mains to clean sediment from the mains. Trustee Gauf stated the area should be a big enough sample site to give an idea if this is effective addressing brown water complaints. The services would be for 10 business days, or 2 weeks, and will be in an area where the Water Company has received more complaints. Attorney Walton explained he had attended an informational meeting for another Board who was skeptical but now advocates for the process. Trustee Goett expressed support. Trustee Wigginton asked if effected residents would be notified. Trustee Gauf agreed noting staff had discussed sending a general letter then following it up with door tags as the work progressed. Trustee Wigginton stressed the Board is doing this in response to brown water and asked that the notices to the residents be from the Board. Trustee Khazzam agreed noting the Board is unified in trying to rectify the issue. Trustee Gauf noted that it was one of the only immediate responses he's aware of that can possibly address the issue. He noted it was, to him, the most effective and immediate response. Trustee Goett asked how long the process had been around. Trustee Gauf explained poly pigging had been around for a long time but was more invasive and expensive. Ice pigging is relatively new. Superintendent Chandler noted it was around for about a decade. Trustee Khazzam thanked Trustee Gauf and Superintendent Chandler for their work researching the issue and answering questions. Mayor Phelan expressed concern sending a letter from the Board. Trustee Wigginton made an amendment to include the Board's individual names on the notice to the residents. Trustee Khazzam seconded the amendment. The amendment was approved 5-0. The maintenance services were approved, with letters of notification to include the Board's names, by a vote of 5-0.

Trustee Wigginton exited at 5:59 pm.

Superintendent Chandler stated Forest Park Drive will be closed starting June 5, 2023 for repairs. The work will take 3-4 weeks depending on weather.

Mayor Phelan asked for miscellaneous business.

Director Aldrich announced the Together Let's Play Park had been completed and was open. There might be a few items that need a little work, but the park was really nice. People have been enjoying it. Trustee Gauf noted his family had already played on the playground, and it was super. He requested park benches for it, and Superintendent Chandler stated those had been removed for construction and will be reinstalled.

Superintendent Chandler noted the staff had been installing flowers and cleaning up Tower Park for the anniversary events. Trustee Khazzam requested the flowers be left for the anniversary. Clerk Turner noted staff had already discussed the transition from summer to fall landscaping. It'll be dependent on weather, but everything will be beautiful.

Director Aldrich reported he's working to begin the Prospect Road engineering. He's looking into clean water grants for the bluff area and coordinating with the Peoria Park District.

Trustee Khazzam noted the Art Fair had gone well and invited Ms. Julie Bielfeldt to speak about the event. Ms. Bielfeldt deferred noting she'll return with a more thorough report, but it was a successful event.

Trustee Goett made a motion to adjourn, and Trustee Khazzam seconded the motion. The Board of Trustees voted 4-0 to adjourn at 6:05 pm.

Michael Phelan, Mayor

Stephanie Turner, Village Clerk