

Village of Peoria Heights
Board of Trustees
November 15, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 5:30p.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, Matthew Wigginton, and Brandon Wisenburg. Others present included Mayor Michael Phelan, Village Administrator and Chief of Police Dustin Sutton, Village Clerk Stephanie Turner, and Village Counsel Mark Walton.

Trustee Goett made a motion to approve the minutes from the Board of Trustees meeting on November 1, 2022. Trustee Gauf seconded the motion. The Board approved the minutes 6-0.

Clerk Turner read a thank you letter from Ms. Karlene Casebeer thanking the Village for the helping hand. She also read a thank you letter from the Peoria Humane Society thanking the Village for hosting the "Bark in the Park" event noting there were many compliments from attendees.

Mayor Phelan invited Mr. Dan Callahan forward to present him a proclamation in his honor. Mayor Phelan noted Mr. Callahan was a long time member of the business community, as owner of Gregg's Florist, who had recently retired. Mr. Callahan expressed his appreciation for the kind words noting the multiple generations of customers he'd enjoyed serving as clientele.

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 Khazzam made a motion to approve the site plan application filed by KDB Group, LLC seeking approval of a site plan for the development of office space for the property located at 4615 North Prospect Road, which property is currently zoned B-1. Trustee Wisenburg seconded the motion. Trustee Khazzam noted there had been a lot of discussion at the last meeting, but she was grateful for the deferral because it had allowed additional time for conversations with KDB Group. She stated the conversations had been fruitful, and she's looking forward to the possible sale of the property behind the building. Mayor Phelan thanked Trustee Khazzam and Trustee DeVore for their additional work with KDB Group on the issue. The Board voted 6-0 to approve the site plan.

Trustee DeVore made a motion to approve the amendment to professional services agreement with Good Energy. Trustee Wisenburg seconded the motion. Attorney Walton explained the agreement was for a municipal electrical aggregation contract. He explained local municipalities pool their residents' buying power to negotiate better rates for the residents. Trustee Wisenburg asked if the group had failed to come to an agreement. Chief Sutton stated they had last year, but this was for a new year. Trustee Wigginton asked if the market rate for the contractor was comparable to previous. Chief Sutton stated he believed it had changed, and Attorney Walton agreed noting that a lot of the work had already been done since the aggregation negotiations were new. Trustee Wigginton asked and was informed

there are alternatives and residents may opt out of the program. The Board voted 6-0 to approve the contract.

The Board moved on to miscellaneous business.

Trustee DeVore shared copies of the overlay district requirements, and she noted the Board had previously discussed form based code to streamline development. She recommended the Board consider what it wants in development in order to provide clear instructions to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Trustee Khazzam agreed noting it would be a service, and expensive, that would be hired out to a contractor. Trustee Khazzam agreed it would be helpful. Mayor Phelan suggested Trustee DeVore and Trustee Khazzam seek comments from the Board, work with the Chair of the ZBA, and come back to the Board with recommendations. Trustee Wigginton requested the project be put out to bid. Director Aldrich recommended seeking public comment and putting out an RFP for the project.

Trustee Wigginton commended the Housing Division in the Peoria Heights Police Department, specifically Mr. Shane Murphy, for their work in the community. He noted that the PHPD will be negotiating a new union contract this year. He stated the officers will be participating in No Shave November to benefit the food pantry this month. Trustee Wigginton shared the Peoria Heights Fire Department had been very busy responding to fire calls in the area. Fire Chief Thompson shared the PHFD had responded to three significant fires in the last month. He thanked Public Works for their work the previous night helping to provide water and thanked the PHPD for their investigative work. Trustee DeVore complimented the PHFD for their response and hard work and complimented Fire Chief Thompson for his leadership at the scene.

Trustee DeVore made a motion to approve payment of the bills. Trustee Gauf seconded the motion. There were no questions on the bills. The Board voted 6-0 to approve payment of the bills.

Clerk Turner read the Treasurer's Report. As of the end of October, there was \$7,127,160.26 in the Village controlled accounts and \$1,948,929.49 in the Water controlled accounts. Trustee Goett made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, and Trustee Khazzam seconded. The Treasurer's report was approved 6-0.

Trustee Goett made a motion to adjourn, and Trustee DeVore seconded the motion. The Board of Trustees voted 6-0 to adjourn at 5:50 pm.

Michael Phelan, Mayor

Stephanie Turner, Village Clerk