



**TOWN OF THE CITY OF PEORIA
ANNUAL TOWN BOARD MINUTES
April 9, 2024**

A Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of the City of Peoria was held on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at 8:03 P.M., at City Hall, 419 Fulton Street, Room 400, Peoria, Illinois

ROLL CALL

Town Board members present: Trustee Allen, Trustee Cyr, Trustee Gordon-Young, Trustee Grayeb, Trustee Jackson, Trustee Kelly, Trustee Oyler, Trustee Riggerbach, Trustee Velpula, Trustee Vespa, and Chairwoman Ali.

Others present: Township Supervisor LaTrina Leary, Township Assessor Max Schlafley, Township Attorney John Redlingshafer, Township Clerk Stefanie Tarr, Township Assistant Ian Munk.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ali requested a moment of silent prayer or reflection and then she led the pledge of allegiance.

(24-084) Public Hearing Regarding the 2024-2025 Budget for the Town of the City of Peoria.

Trustee Kelly moved to open the Public Hearing regarding the 2023-2024 Budget for the Town of the City of Peoria; seconded by Trustee Jackson.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Allen, Cyr, Gordon-Young, Grayeb, Jackson, Kelly, Oyler, Riggerbach, Velpula, Vespa, Chairwoman Ali – 11;

Nays: None.

Chairwoman Ali opened the Public Hearing at 8:05 P.M.

Following a third call for comments, Chairwoman Ali determined there were no citizens who wished to speak, and she requested the Public Hearing be closed.

Trustee Cyr moved to close the Public Hearing regarding the 2024-2025 Budget for the Town of the City of Peoria; seconded by Trustee Oyler.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Allen, Cyr, Gordon-Young, Grayeb, Jackson, Kelly, Oyler, Riggerbach, Velpula, Vespa, Chairwoman Ali – 11;

Nays: None.

Chairwoman Ali closed the Public Hearing at 8:05 P.M.

(24-085) Request from Town Officials to Approve the March 2024 Actual Expenditures and to Approve the April 2024 Anticipated Expenditures for the Town of the City of Peoria.

Trustee Grayeb moved to approve the March 2024 actual expenditures and to approve the April 2024 anticipated expenditures for the Town of the City of Peoria; seconded by Trustee Jackson.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-085 was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Allen, Cyr, Gordon-Young, Grayeb, Jackson, Kelly, Oyler, Riggenschach, Velpula, Vespa, Chairwoman Ali – 11;

Nays: None.

(24-086) Resolution Consenting to the Employment of Mescher, Rinehart & Redlingshafer, P.C. as Town Attorneys with Request to Approve.

Chairwoman Ali invited Township Attorney Redlingshafer to comment on the item. Township Attorney Redlingshafer stated that he increased his per hour fee by ten dollars, and he was available to take any questions.

There being no questions, Trustee Oyler moved to approve the Resolution consenting to the employment of Mescher, Rinehart & Redlingshafer, P.C. as Town Attorneys; seconded by Trustee Allen.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-086 was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Allen, Cyr, Gordon-Young, Grayeb, Jackson, Kelly, Oyler, Riggenschach, Velpula, Vespa, Chairwoman Ali – 11;

Nays: None.

(24-087) Resolution for the Town of the City of Peoria Authorizing Township Officials to Continue a Loss Control Policy with TOIRMA and to Enter into a Contract of Insurance with Request to Approve.

Trustee Grayeb moved to approve the Resolution authorizing Township Officials to continue a Loss Control Policy with TOIRMA and to enter into a Contract of Insurance; seconded by Trustee Kelly.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-087 was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Allen, Cyr, Gordon-Young, Grayeb, Jackson, Kelly, Oyler, Riggenschach, Velpula, Vespa, Chairwoman Ali – 11;

Nays: None.

(24-088) Resolution Authorizing the Town of the City of Peoria to Enter into a Payroll Services Agreement with ADP LLC with Request to Approve.

Trustee Allen moved to approve the Resolution authorizing the Town of the City of Peoria to enter into a payroll services agreement with ADP LLC; seconded by Trustee Gordon-Young.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-088 was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Allen, Cyr, Gordon-Young, Grayeb, Jackson, Kelly, Oyler, Riggenschach, Velpula, Vespa, Chairwoman Ali – 11;

Nays: None.

(24-089) Resolution Authorizing the Town of the City of Peoria to Enter into an Agreement with Heartland Clinic with Request to Approve and to Receive and File the Letter Included with the Resolution.

Trustee Kelly moved to approve the Resolution authorizing the Town of the City of Peoria to enter into an agreement with Heartland Clinic and receive and file the letter included with the Resolution; seconded by Trustee Grayeb.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-089 was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Allen, Cyr, Gordon-Young, Grayeb, Jackson, Kelly, Oyler, Riggerbach, Velpula, Vespa, Chairwoman Ali – 11;

Nays: None.

(24-090) Resolution Authorizing the Town of the City of Peoria to Make a Donation to the Center of Prevention of Abuse with Request to Approve and to Receive and File the Letter Included with the Resolution.

Trustee Grayeb moved to approve the Resolution authorizing the Town of the City of Peoria to make a donation to the Center of Prevention of Abuse and to receive and file the letter included with the Resolution; seconded by Trustee Jackson.

Trustee Velpula asked Township Supervisor Leary what process determined which organizations received Township donations. Township Supervisor Leary stated she used the issues of housing, medical, and food insecurity the Township Office received and determined which organizations would best be able to meet those needs. She spoke of the medical services provided by Heartland Clinic, the housing provided by The Center for Prevention of Abuse for victims of abuse, and the food pantry of the Friendship House of Christian Service. She also spoke of the services provided by Peoria Grown such as fresh food, seasonal food, ethnic food, food education and food preparation classes.

Trustee Velpula state he would be abstaining due to his position on the Center of Prevention of Abuse's Board.

Trustee Gordon-Young stated she was pleased with the choice of organizations, especially given her social work background.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-090 authorizing the Town of the City of Peoria to make a donation to the Center of Prevention of Abuse and to receive and file the letter included with the resolution was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Allen, Cyr, Gordon-Young, Grayeb, Jackson, Kelly, Oyler, Riggerbach, Vespa, Chairwoman Ali – 10;

Nays: None;

Abstention: Velpula – 1.

(24-091) Resolution Authorizing the Town of the City of Peoria to Make a Donation to Friendship House of Christian Service with Request to Approve and to Receive and File the Letter.

Trustee Allen moved to approve the Resolution authorizing the Town of the City of Peoria to make a donation to Friendship House of Christian Service with request to approve and Receive and File the letter; seconded by Trustee Cyr.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-091 was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Allen, Cyr, Gordon-Young, Grayeb, Jackson, Kelly, Oyler, Riggerbach, Velpula, Vespa, Chairwoman Ali – 11;

Nays: None.

(24-092) Resolution Authorizing the Town of the City of Peoria to Make a Donation to Peoria Grown with Request to Approve.

Trustee Cyr moved to approve the Resolution authorizing the Town of the City of Peoria to make a donation to Peoria Grown. Seconded by Trustee Jackson.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-092 was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Allen, Cyr, Gordon-Young, Grayeb, Jackson, Kelly, Oyler, Riggerbach, Velpula, Vespa, Chairwoman Ali – 11;

Nays: None.

(24-093) Letter from the Tri-County Urban League with Request to Receive and File.

Trustee Gordon-Young moved to receive and file the letter from the Tri-County Urban League; seconded by Trustee Velpula.

Trustee Kelly requested all the letters being received and filed for the last few items be sent to him as he did not see them in his electronic agenda packet.

Request to receive and file was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Allen, Cyr, Gordon-Young, Grayeb, Jackson, Kelly, Oyler, Riggerbach, Velpula, Vespa, Chairwoman Ali – 11;

Nays: None.

(24-094) Annual Town Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for 2024-2025 with Request to Adopt.

Trustee Velpula moved to adopt the Annual Town Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for 2024-2025; seconded by Trustee Grayeb.

ORDINANCE NO. TO-24-01 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Allen, Cyr, Gordon-Young, Grayeb, Jackson, Kelly, Oyler, Riggerbach, Velpula, Vespa, Chairwoman Ali – 11;

Nays: None.

(24-095) Resolution Consenting to the Employment of CliftonLarsonAllan LLP as Outside Independent Auditors with Request to Approve.

Trustee Allen moved to approve the Resolution consenting to the employment of CliftonLarsonAllan LLP as outside independent auditors; seconded by Trustee Oyler.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-095 consenting to the employment of CliftonLarsonAllan LLP as outside independent auditors was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Allen, Cyr, Gordon-Young, Grayeb, Jackson, Kelly, Oyler, Riggerbach, Velpula, Vespa, Chairwoman Ali – 11;

Nays: None.

(24-096) Resolution Designating Individuals to Prepare the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 with Request to Approve.

Trustee Velpula moved to approve the Resolution designating individuals to prepare the budget and appropriation ordinance for Fiscal Year 2025-2026; seconded by Trustee Jackson.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-096 was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Allen, Cyr, Gordon-Young, Grayeb, Jackson, Kelly, Oyler, Riggerbach, Velpula, Vespa, Chairwoman Ali – 11;

Nays: None.

(24-097) Resolution Designating Time, Place, and Date of the 2025 Annual Town Meeting with Request to Approve.

Trustee Allen moved to approve the Resolution designating time, place, and date of the 2025 Annual Town Meeting; seconded by Trustee Cyr.

Trustee Grayeb questioned the date of the next Annual Town Meeting. Town Attorney Redlingshafer said the Annual Town Meetings were set by State Statute and nearly always fell on the second Tuesday of April, unless there was a qualifying holiday that would cause a reschedule. Town Clerk Tarr said the Annual Town Meeting for next year would be April 8, 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-097 was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Allen, Cyr, Gordon-Young, Grayeb, Jackson, Kelly, Oyler, Riggerbach, Velpula, Vespa, Chairwoman Ali – 11;

Nays: None.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Gordon-Young acknowledged Supervisor Leary for her work renovating the Township Office and the collaboration she had with the organization It Takes A Village for their prom dress giveaway.

Trustee Allen thanked the Town Clerk's staff and Township Supervisor's staff for their work on the Town Meetings. He also commended the Township citizens for having engaged in the Annual Town Meeting.

CITIZENS OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE TOWN BOARD

It was determined that there were no citizens who wished to address the Town Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was determined that there was no need for an Executive Session at that time.

ADJOURNMENT

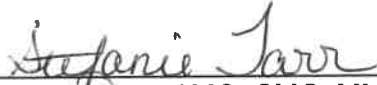
Trustee Allen moved to adjourn the April 9, 2024 Annual Town Board Meeting; seconded by Trustee Gordon-Young.

Motion to adjourn the April 9, 2024 Annual Town Board Meeting was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Allen, Cyr, Gordon-Young, Grayeb, Jackson, Kelly, Oyler, Riggerbach, Velpula, Vespa, Chairwoman Ali – 11;

Nays: None.

The Annual Town Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:26 P.M.



Stefanie Tarr, RMC, CMC, MMC
Town Clerk

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