



**: OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS :**

**: OF THE TOWN OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS :**

The Annual Town Meeting of the Town of the City of Peoria, Illinois, was called to order at 6:00 P.M., on April 12, 2022, by Town Clerk Stefanie Tarr, in Room 400, City Hall Building, 419 Fulton Street, Peoria, Illinois, with proper notice having been posted.

Present: Town Clerk Stefanie Tarr, Town Supervisor LaTrina Leary, Town Assessor Max Schlafley, Town Collector Stephen Morris, Dr. Rita Ali, Mr. Andre Allen, Mr. Denis Cyr, Ms. Denise Jackson, Ms. Elizabeth Jensen, Mr. John Kelly, Mr. Zachary Oyler, Mr. Timothy Riggerbach, Mr. Sid Ruckriegel, Town Attorney John Redlingshafer, Deputy Clerk II Courtney Coe, Police Chief Eric Echevarria, Township Electors, and members of the media.

**INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Town Clerk Stefanie Tarr requested a moment of silent prayer or reflection and then she led the pledge of allegiance. She explained to citizens that, if they resided within the Town boundaries and if they were a registered voter, they were electors of the Town and they could assist in making motions or vote on items on the agenda.

**ELECTION OF MODERATOR**

Town Clerk Stefanie Tarr opened the floor for nomination of a Moderator. Mr. Timothy Riggerbach nominated Dr. Rita Ali, to be elected Moderator; seconded by Town Assessor Max Schlafley.

After the third call for nominations, and after determining there were no other nominations, the Town Clerk closed the nominations.

Motion to elect Dr. Rita Ali as Moderator was approved by viva voce vote.

Dr. Rita Ali was sworn in as Moderator by the Town Clerk.

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL AFFAIRS OF THE TOWN OF THE CITY OF PEORIA**

Mr. Timothy Riggerbach moved to approve the Statement of Financial Affairs of the Town of the City of Peoria; seconded by Mr. John Kelly.

Motion to approve the Statement of Financial Affairs of the Town of the City of Peoria was approved by viva voce vote.

**SHALL THE FOLLOWING ADVISORY QUESTION OF PUBLIC POLICY BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT FOR SUBMISSION TO THE VOTERS FOR THE NOVEMBER 8, 2022, ELECTION:**

***SHOULD THE STATE OF ILLINOIS ADOPT AN INDEPENDENT CITIZENS COMMISSION FOR THE FEDERAL AND STATE REDISTRICTING PROCESS, THAT WOULD BE GUIDED BY PRINCIPLES ESTABLISHED IN FAIR MAPS INITIATIVES***

Town Citizen Sheldon Schafer said, pursuant to Section 205 of the Peoria Township Code, he submitted a question to be placed on the Election Ballot for Peoria Township citizens to consider on November 8, 2022. He said it was an initiative to send a message to legislators to proceed with changes to the redistricting process.

At the conclusion of his comments, Town Citizen Sheldon Schafer moved to allow the following advisory question of public policy be placed on the ballot for submission to the voters for the November 8, 2022, election: *Should the State of Illinois adopt an independent citizens commission for the Federal and State redistricting process, that would be guided by principles established in fair maps initiatives*; seconded by Township citizen Luan Railsback.

Motion to allow the following advisory question of public policy be placed on the ballot for submission to the voters for the November 8, 2022, election: *Should the State of Illinois adopt an independent citizens commission for the Federal and State redistricting process, that would be guided by principles established in fair maps initiatives* was approved by 28 Yeas; 0 Nays.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD ON APRIL 13, 2021**

Mr. Timothy Riggenbach moved to approve the minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on April 13, 2021; seconded by Mr. Sid Ruckriegel.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on April 13, 2021, was approved by viva voce vote.

**CITIZENS' OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE ELECTORS**

Moderator Ali stated they welcomed any general comments, however, pursuant to Public Act 095-0761, "Any matter or proposal not set forth in the published agenda shall not be considered at the Annual Town Meeting other than advising that the matter may be considered at a Special Meeting of the Electors at a later date. She said any fifteen (15) or more registered voters residing in Peoria Township may request an agenda item for consideration by submitting a request in writing to the Town Clerk signed by fifteen (15) Town Electors." She said anyone was welcome to address the group, however, no action could be taken on any item at this meeting.

Hearing no objection, Moderator Ali granted privilege of the floor to those who wished to address the Electors.

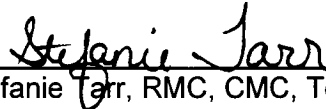
Janet Roth, Greater Peoria League of Women Voters (LWV) Study Issue Committee Chair, discussed the study of Peoria Township Government, the role of the Greater Peoria LWV in the community, and her experience regarding studies of Township Governments to determine transparency and efficient delivery of services.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Zachary Oyler moved to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting; seconded by Ms. Denise Jackson.

Motion to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting was approved by viva voce vote.

The Annual Town Meeting was adjourned at 6:17 P.M.



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Stefanie Tarr, RMC, CMC, Town Clerk  
Town of the City of Peoria, Illinois

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