

Village of Petersburg
February 3rd, 2026

The Village Board of Trustees met for a regular meeting on February 3rd, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Office. Notice of the meeting was published in the Petersburg Press on January 28th, 2026, and posted at the Village Office, Post Office, and Leifeld's on January 22nd, 2026. Board members were given prior notice of the meeting. Chairman Stokes opened the meeting stating the Open Meetings Act was posted.

Board members present: Corey Stokes, Steve Werner, Mitch Koch, Ashley Thieman and Annette Devall. Staff: Nick Prothman and Sundae Provencher. Guests: Nick Schwager, Helen Baumgartner of Petersburg Press and Officers Beekman and Johnson.

Annette Devall read the Oath of Office.

January Minutes were approved with a motion by Thieman, seconded by Koch; votes in favor: Stokes, Werner, Koch and Thieman; none opposed.

Treasurer's report was approved with a motion by Stokes, seconded by Werner, votes in favor: Koch, Thieman, Stokes and Werner; opposed: none.

Bills presented for payment:

Wages: 6,887.57

EFTPs, payroll taxes: 1,944.66

Village Regular Account, transfer motor vehicle sales tax: 715.81

Boone County Treasurer, zoning: 100.00

Boone County Treasurer, police protection: 1,375.00

Neil Baumgartner, service fire equipment: 120.00

Eshter Steensnes, cleaning, 121.54

Petersburg Community Foundation, rent: 350.00

Bud's Sanitary, trash service: 3,782.50

IIMC, membership dues: 195.00

CVIA, insurance installment: 5,093.25

CVIA, insurance – firepak: 10,738.00

DWEE- Operators Certification Program, WWTP operators permit: 150.00

Municipal Supply, Inc., supplies: 1,197.75

Mike's Auto Repair, repairs: 956.00

Great Plains Communications, telephone and internet: 341.94

Loup Power, electricity – Christmas lights: 63.72

Loup Power, electricity – Christmas lights: 93.92

Loup Power, electricity: 2,045.74

Bullseye Fire Sprinkler, repairs: 707.58

NE Public Health Env. Lab, lab fees: 410.00

Appeara, laundry costs: 160.30

Capital Business Systems, copier lease: 113.45

Applied Connective, Microsoft, security cameras: 132.70

Meadow Ridge Properties, sewer extension project: 2,988.50

Zabka, fuel: 248.75

One Call Concepts, service: 1.64

Midwest Labs, lab fees: 306.12

Leifeld's, supplies: 51.80

Charles Schwab, retirement: 295.42
Charles Schwab, retirement: 200.04
Verizon, cellphone, 88.20
NE Dept. of Revenue, sales tax: 74.07
First National Bank of Omaha, supplies: 1,087.00
First National Bank of Omaha, supplies: 211.46
Black Hills Energy, natural gas: 1,197.40
Albion News/Boone County Tribune, advertising: 204.94
NE Dept. of Revenue, lodging tax: 35.79

Thieman made a motion to pay the bills and those not in yet, seconded by Koch; votes in favor: Stokes, Werner, Koch and Thieman; opposed: none.

Police reported 48.55 hours of patrol time.

Sales tax receipts from November 2025 \$5,646.25 with \$715.81 motor vehicle sales tax.

BCDA provided a monthly update flyer. Stokes attended the economic development mixer, it was interesting. There were a couple of guys there discussing business transitioning in smaller communities. There is help in that area if interested. BCDA has great resources to help with business transitioning, and a guy from the state level comes to the BCDA office once a month. It was interesting to hear what other communities are doing.

Zoning: Victoria is currently on maternity leave; Wagner is filling in for her. We are still waiting to have a meeting with Keith Marvin on the Zoning Ordinance. Still waiting on a new zoning map.

Community Improvement: Cunningham's old buildings on Main Street are getting demolished soon. Bygland's will be doing the demolition. They are in bad condition.

The final pay application for the sewer extension project was reviewed. The sewer extension passed the pressure test. Stokes made a motion to pay the final portion of the extension project, seconded by Thieman; votes in favor: Werner, Koch, Stokes and Thieman.

Discussion was held on having another dog licensing day during the Ag appreciation breakfast. Werner stated that in the first year there was only 1 person who attended the second year 3 people came, he asked if it was worth doing again. Nick Schwager asked about the dog ordinance. When he moved to town, he had 3 dogs and the Ordinance only allowed 2 dogs per residence. Schwager asked if it would always be only 2 dogs per residence. The board agreed that ordinance could be revisited. The reason there is a limit on dogs is to avoid breeders and kennels. The board will review the ordinance at the next meeting.

Werner asked if we should cut back the hours on the dog licensing day or even have it at all. It was decided to try it again this year and see if there is more attendance. Low attendance could be due to who people vet with or the timing of when some get their shots. The Ag appreciation breakfast will either be March 14th or 21st. Werner will find out so we have time to advertise the dog licensing day.

Prothman had nothing to report this month. He switched the blade on the snowplow around due to it curving. The brakes on the payload are sufficient for now.

Provencher collected building name suggestions from patrons of the old library building. There were a lot of suggestions, the most suggested name was The Gathering Place. A sign could be ordered from Loves Signs; they are doing the splash pad sign and potentially could install them both at the same time. Werner moved to name the building The Gathering Place, seconded by Thieman; votes in favor: Stokes, Koch, Werner, Thieman and Devall; opposed: none.

Provencher asked what she should do with the old copier machine. Prothman stated it could be thrown out during clean-up days when the roll-offs are on Main Street.

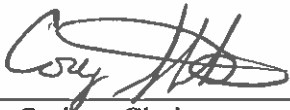
An application for a chicken permit was reviewed. The board is fine with using the application as a permit for chicken owners.

Devall asked about the old office building, Stokes stated we are working with the State Historical Society on the stipulations attached to the deed.

Koch asked about the trailer that was sent a nuisance notice, it moved from the front of the house to the back. Stokes stated he spoke with the owner, and they are planning to start working on the house to rent it out. If nothing happens soon, they will be sent another letter.

Vacant properties were discussed. We need to set up a timeline to start the process of enforcing the vacant property ordinance.

Thieman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Koch. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.



Corey Stokes, Chairman



ATTEST:



Sundae Provencher, Clerk/Treasurer