

Village of Petersburg Minutes
August 3rd, 2021

The Petersburg Village Board met for a regular meeting, and the second Public Hearing to annex Koch's III addition on August 3rd, 2021 at 7:00 pm. Notice was published in the Petersburg Press, and Albion News/Boone County Tribune. Notice was posted at The Village Office, Petersburg Post Office and Leifeld's on July 12th, 2021. The Board was given prior notice of the meeting. Chairman Stokes called the meeting to order and stated the Open Meetings Act was posted.

Board present: Corey Stokes, Tina Henn, Steve Werner, Mitch Koch and Ashley Thieman. Staff present: Nick Prothman and Sundae Provencher. Guests: Helen Baumgartner from Petersburg Press, Tina Stokes, Officer Neiwohner and Officer Anderson.

Sales tax funds from May 2021: \$1,432.51 (Motor Vehicle Sales Tax \$858.83)

Minutes from July 6th were approved with a motion by Thieman, seconded by Henn. Roll call votes in favor: Stokes, Henn, Werner, Koch, and Thieman; opposed: none; motion carried.

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

Bills presented for payment:

Wages: 5,429.53

EFTPS, payroll tax: 1,578.38

Village Regular Account, transfer funds to pay loan 3029: 1,000.06

Village Regular Account, Motor Vehicle sales tax: 858.83

Boone County Treasurer, Police: 1,375.00

Boone County Treasurer, Zoning: 100.00

Neil Baumgartner, service fire equipment: 120.00

Tracy Paulson, cleaning: 93.00

Great Plains State Bank, loan 3029 payment: 1000.06

Albion News/Boone County Tribune, advertising and supplies: 95.67

Great Plains Communications, phone & internet service : 432.20

Loup Power District, electricity: 2,282.86

Eric & Alyssa Henn, water deposit return: 100.00

NE Public Health Environment Lab, lab fees: 15.00

Reigle Implement, mower blades: 74.73

Hadley Braithwait Co., supplies for park: 132.90

Bomgaars, supplies: 70.64

Verizon, phone service: 78.65
Bud's Sanitary, trash service: 2,740.50
League of NE Municipalities, membership dues: 903.00
Loup Power District, carnival electricity: 109.42
NE Municipal Clerks Association, membership dues: 25.00
Helena, supplies: 202.00
PowerTech LLC, generator repairs: 3,503.00
Island Supply, service: 29.76
One Call Concept, service: 3.45
Leifeld's, July supplies: 81.79
Appeara, service: 69.27
Zabka, fuel: 387.52
Yosten Law, service: 182.00
Rae Valley Market, July supplies: 39.97
1st National Bank of Omaha, postage and supplies: 71.52
First Bankcard, stamps: 55.00
Black Hills, service: 140.00
H&L Asphalt, 25% of armor coating upfront: 5,125.00
H&L Asphalt, remainder of armor coating: 15,735.00

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

Police reported 75.58 hours of patrol time.

Tina Stokes presented the board with a plan to establish a small free book sharing, library structure. With the Village Library currently running zero to limited hours, it would be a good opportunity to make books available to residents in town. Tina Stokes and Danielle Koch will take turns managing the mini library to make sure there isn't an abundance of books dropped off around it. The plan is to have the top shelf for adult books and the bottom for children's books. Danielle Koch's Dad offered to build it. Book sharing structures like this could be registered as an actual library for a fee of \$40.00. The registration would get the library listed on the list of registered libraries and would provide access to discounts for new books if needed. The plan was to have it put up in the main street park, facing South to help prevent any weather damage. Main Street Park is a good, centralized location and parents can read while kids are playing at the park. Tina Stokes will present the mini library to the park board for their approval. Thieman made a motion to proceed with the mini library, seconded by Henn. Roll call votes in favor: Stokes, Henn, Werner, Koch, and Thieman; opposed: none; motion carried.

The board discussed Solar Energy Regulations. Conditional use permits were discussed. The board forwarded this to the September meeting to allow more time to review the regulations regarding permits for personal use vs. commercial use, and the decommissioning requirements. The board feels Solar Energy is good for the environment, but if not done correctly could turn into an eye soar.

Discussion was held on the progress of Ordinance 2020-1, vacant properties. A walk-through of properties currently registered as vacant was completed on July 8th, 2021. Two properties were assessed with a registration fee of \$250.00. If the property remains vacant in 6 months, the owner will be charged with a supplemental registration fee of \$500.00. Fees can continue to be assessed as long as the property remains vacant, however the total supplemental registration fee may not exceed ten times the initial registration fee. Liens can be placed against properties failing to pay the registration fees however one property already has liens against it. Legal Counsel may be necessary to go forward with that property. The board discussed if some properties would fall under the category of condemnation. Overall, the Ordinance has helped clean up a lot of vacant properties around town.

A Special Designated Liquor License from 3C's Knotty pine for an event on September 3rd at Werner Hall was approved with a motion by Werner, seconded by Koch. Roll call votes in favor: Stokes, Henn, Werner, Koch, and Thieman; opposed: none; motion carried.

Ordinance 2021-2, Annexation of Koch's III Addition was read for the second time.

Prothman reported the generator for the Waste-water treatment plant had been repaired. Work on the shed for the generator has been started. Armor coating was completed during July. There were a few soft spots that needed to be gone over several more times than the rest. The armor coating performed by H&L is covered under a warranty, they will come back to go over it again. Six trees were put in the park, five more will be coming. Dave Remmereid will come to pull dead ones out. The tree process in the park is moving along nicely. Henn stated they are still looking for some evergreens in the 10-to-12-foot range.

Prothman informed the board Dave Jundt and Sue Dempsey will be coming August 18th, to perform a sanitary survey. They will check through paperwork from 20 years back to current. They will also inspect both wells to make sure they're clean.

Provencher reported some comments she received over the dumpsters in the park. A resident came in and stated he uses the park dumpsters when he leaves town for a long period of time to avoid his trash blowing away in the wind or animals getting into it. The board discussed they notice several people that use the park dumpsters repeatedly. Park dumpsters are meant for campers and people using the park. Petersburg residents have trash service at their homes. The board feels if

residents had a good can with a lid there would be no reason for using the park dumpsters. The board discussed binging in another dumpster for the park. At this time the board doesn't feel a third dumpster is necessary.

The budget workshop and hearing are approaching. The board would like to meet with the rural board prior to the budget workshop to see what kind of major purchases or expenses to expect in the upcoming fiscal year.

The board discussed ditches due to a resident wanting to fill one in. The board feels filling in any ditches around town is a bad idea, even if a culvert is put in place. The ditches are essential for draining extra water.

The valleys in the road on 10th street and highway 14 are in the process of being repaired. The Nebraska Department of Transportation is in contact with the project manager and contractor of the project to get it repaired.

The board discussed the funds received from the American Rescue Plan Act and the projects it could be used for. The remaining portion of the bill from the generator repairs, and the shed for the generator could possibly be paid with the ARPA funds since they relate to sewer upgrades. The board discussed upgrading the sewer plant chain system and updating UV lights. Another option could be replacing a sewer line that has been bad. Prothman mentioned a high tide dialer. The board decided to get some quotes on some projects and prioritize them based on needs and costs. Due to the ARPA funds, The Village may need to increase insurance at the bank if they don't spend some of the funds in there soon.

Thieman mentioned a bubble in 1st street and asked if it was possible to get it ground down. However, the bubble moves with the weather and the board's uncertain what kind of adverse effects that may have when its cold.

A motion was made by Stokes to adjourn, seconded by Thieman.
Meeting adjourned at 8:29 PM.

Corey Stokes, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Sundae Provencher, Clerk/Treasurer

