

Village of Petersburg Minutes
January 5th, 2021

The Petersburg Village Board met on January 5th, 2021 at 7:00pm in the Village Office. The meeting was previously advertised and posted. 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: Stokes, Henn, Werner, and Koch; absent: Thieman. Staff: Stokes, Prothman, and Provencher. Guests: Deputy Martin, Helen Baumgartner from Petersburg Press, and Michelle Olson from BCDA.

Minutes of the December meeting were approved with a motion made by Henn, second by Koch, all present voted aye, motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was accepted with a motion made by Henn, second by Werner, all present voted aye, motion carried.

The Reorganization minutes from December reorganization meeting were approved with a motion made by Stokes, second by Werner, all present voted aye.

Bills presented for payment:

Wages: 7180.83

EFTPS, payroll tax: 1469.94

NE Dept. of Revenue, state payroll tax: 614.64

Village Reg. Acct., Motor Vehicle sales tax: 561.28

Village Reg. Acct., sales tax transfer for loan payment: 1000.06

Boone Co. Treasurer, Police: 1375.00

Boone Co. Zoning, fee: 100.00

Neil Baumgartner, se: 120.00

Tracy Paulson, se: 93.00

Great Plains State Bank, Loan pymt.: 1000.06

Charles Schwab, Nick's retirement: 238.83

Continental General, Jeanne's retirement: 202.13

NE Dept. of Revenue, sales tax: 561.82

Island Supply, su.: 28.80

Midwest Labs, se.: 122.55

First Bank Card, certified mail: 3.55

1st National Bank of Omaha, su: 218.62

Midwest Service & Sales, su.: 232.00

Black Hills Energy: 543.92

Yosten Law, se.: 325.00

Verizon: 78.56

Bud's Sanitary: 2592.00

Albion News, se.: 155.94
Great Plains Communications: 517.17
NE Public Health Environmental lab: 83.00
Appeara, se.: 64.02
Island Supply, su.: 29.76
Leifeld's, su.: 270.40
Rae Valley Market, su.: 32.87
MC2, su.: 903.71
Loup Power: 1891.85
Neil Baumgartner, annual ambulance cell phone: 595.56
One Call Concept: 4.22
Zabka Svc., fuel: 315.34

A motion to pay the bills was made by Werner, second by Koch, all present voted aye, motion carried.

Police Report: 76.25 hours of patrol time.

Zoning: Nothing to report.

Michelle Olson came from BCDA to inform the Village of a new training program starting, Boone County Emerging Leaders Academy. It's a four-month course, one day a month for four months, accompanied by an online assessment assisting participants to better understand and use your skills. The purpose of this academy is to help young professionals build their working skills and find balance between work and home. The community needs more well-rounded individuals willing to volunteer to keep community events going.

Vacant Property: Property east of Arends, previously been notified of ordinance and is working on burning property.

School update: A final decision will possibly be made at their February meeting. Currently they are considering and taking bids on demolition. As of now the school's construction timeline is right on track. The majority of people are thinking of demolishing the entire building and using the land for housing lots. The Village cannot afford to maintain the building. Any opinions on the matter can be brought forward before the meeting in February, ultimately the school board will make the final decision.

Community Improvement: Prothman and Werner went around town checking the status of trees. There were a significant number of properties with over-hanging trees that need trimmed to avoid obstruction of streets and alleys. Discussion was held on how to go about distributing tree ordinance to owners. A decision was made to post a summary of the ordinance in the paper twice a week for the next couple of months, while also posting notices around town. The Village will start trimming their trees around March and hopefully start a chain reaction throughout the town.

Ordinance 2021-1 was suspended and adopted. Motion made by Stokes second by Henn, Roll Call: Werner, Koch, Stokes, Henn. Absent: Thieman.

Oath of office read by Koch.

A motion was made to approve changes made in Personnel Policy by Stokes, second by Werner. Roll call: Werner, Koch, Henn, Stokes; absent: Thieman.

Nick reported he will start getting bids for roll off containers for April's Village cleaning days.

Werner introduced Resolution 2021-1 Surplus Property, for old mowers and soda cooler. Motion made by Stokes, second by Koch, all present voted aye. An ad will be put in the paper, and on Facebook for sealed bids to be opened at March meeting.

Prothman reported he ordered a new mower and will arrive in February. Hustler mower, side discharge, 66inch. All our mowers should now be up to date. Shop computer got malware and went to the shop for repairs. Will need to get virus protection and an external hard drive to help avoid future issues. Prothman will start getting bids on Armor coating. Library internet has been put on vacation status for 6 months.

Streets and Alleys: There is one alley with a fence too close making it difficult for Prothman's snow removal. Throughout the town it is important to keep streets and alleys accessible at all times.

Lights, Water and Sewer: nothing to report.

Safety Meeting: Keep salting and removing snow to stay safe.

A motion was made by Werner to adjourn meeting, second by Henn, all present voted aye.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26pm.

Corey Stokes, Chairman

ATTEST: Sundae Provencher, Clerk-Treasurer