

Village of Petersburg Minutes  
July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021

The Petersburg Village Board met for a regular meeting, and Public Hearing to annex Koch's III Addition on July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. Notice of the meeting was published, and posted at the Village Office, Leifeld's and Petersburg Post Office. The Board was given prior notice of the meeting. Chairman Stokes called the meeting and Public Hearing to order, stating the Open Meetings Act was posted.

Board present was Corey Stokes, Ashley Thieman, Mitch Koch, and Tina Henn; absent was Steve Werner. Staff present: Nick Prothman and Sundae Provencher. Guests, Helen Baumgartner from Petersburg Press and Doug Wright.

Sales Tax funds from April 2021, \$5,030.69 (Motor Vehicle Sales Tax \$234.64)

Minutes from the June 1<sup>st</sup>, and June 24<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved with a motion by Thieman, seconded by Stokes. Roll Call votes in favor: Stokes, Henn, Koch, and Thieman; opposed: none; Absent: Werner; motion carried.

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

A motion to make a \$5,000.00 payment on the Air Packs from the Lottery fund was made by Thieman, seconded by Stokes. Roll call votes in favor: Stokes, Henn, Koch, Thieman; opposed: none; Absent: Werner; motion carried.

Bills presented for payment:

Wages: 5,789.48

EFTPS, payroll tax: 1,673.60

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

Village Regular Account, Motor Vehicle sales tax: 234.64

Boone County Treasurer, Police Protection: 1,375.00

Boone County Treasurer, Zoning: 100.00

Neil Baumgartner, service fire eq.: 120.00

Tracy Paulson, cleaning: 93.00

Great Plains State Bank, loan #3029 payment: 1,000.06

Great Plains Communication, phone service: 432.86

NE Department of Revenue, state payroll tax: 720.12

Zabka Service, fuel: 552.27

Appera, service: 69.27

Midwest Labs, service: 369.83

Leifeld's, May supplies: 160.47

Black Hills Energy, natural gas: 9.67

1<sup>st</sup> Bankcard, stamps: 55.00

1<sup>st</sup> National Bank of Omaha, supplies & postage: 96.60

One Call Concepts, service: 5.67

Albracht Disposal, roll off's: 524.06

American Legion, flag: 28.90  
Zach Heying, water deposit return taken off last bill: 6.38  
ACES, service: 559.08  
Pelster Sand & Gravel, gravel and matting: 818.05  
Loup Power District, service: 2405.95  
Verizon, service: 78.68  
Applied Connective, IT services: 75.00  
Bud's Sanitary, trash se: 2713.50  
NE Public Health Env. Lab, service: 53.00  
Municipal Automaton & Control, service: 643.83  
Speed Drain, service: 235.00  
PowerTech, LLC, annual service contract: 775.00  
CVIA, insurance 21-22 payment: 4466.00  
Rae Valley Market, June Supplies: 67.99  
Island Supply, service: 28.80  
Appeara, service: 69.27  
Yosten Law, service: 520.00  
Midwest Labs, service: 451.88  
Leifeld's, June supplies: 84.81

Motion to pay the bills except for the one from Koinzan Ent. from 2017, until further information is obtained, was made by Thieman, seconded by Henn. Roll call votes in favor: Stokes, Henn, Koch, Thieman; opposed: none; Absent: Werner; motion carried.

The board discussed the process on trees in the park. They are still working on taking dead ones out and replacing them.

Police reported 61.5 hours of patrol time.

The Planning and Zoning Committee is working on adding Solar Energy to the Zoning Ordinance and Regulations. The board was presented with a packet of proposed regulations for Boone County along with a few other county's regulations. The board was asked to read them over and will discuss concerns, changes or additions at the August meeting. After the Village meeting in August the Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing in August where a member of the board will attend to represent the Village.

Discussion was held on Vacant properties. The board will re-visit after completion of a walk-through, which is presumed to take place in the coming week.

Ordinance 2021-2, Annexing a tract of land known as Koch's III Addition was read in whole by the clerk. A motion to approve the first reading was made by Thieman, seconded by Stokes. Roll call votes in favor: Stokes, Henn, Koch, Thieman; opposed: none; Absent: Werner; motion carried.

Ordinance 2021-3 Motor Vehicle Regulations was read by title by the Clerk. A motion to suspend the statutory rule requiring the Ordinance be read by title on three different days, was made by Henn, seconded by Koch. Roll call: Stokes, aye; Henn, aye; Koch, aye; Thieman, aye; Absent: Werner; opposed, none. Chairman Stokes declares motion carried, and statutory rule was suspended. Ordinance 2021-3 was read by title for the second and third time by the Clerk. A motion was made by Henn and seconded by

Thieman that Ordinance 2021-3 be passed and adopted. Chairman Stokes asked Shall Ordinance 2021-3 be passed and adopted? Roll Call vote was taken Stokes, aye; Henn, aye; Koch, aye; Thieman, aye; opposed: none, Absent, Werner. Chairman Stokes declares Ordinance 2021-3 duly passed and adopted.

Two Daily Liquor Licenses from 3C's Knotty Pine were presented to the board, one for a wedding and one for St. John's bizarre. A motion was made by Henn to approve the SDL's, seconded by Thieman. Roll call votes in favor: Stokes, Henn, Koch, Thieman; opposed: none; Absent: Werner; motion carried.

The board discussed contacting the accountant for a budget workshop in late July, early August. A meeting with the Rural board should be held prior to meeting with the accountant. A motion was made by Thieman to accept and sign the letter of engagement form Schmeits Mueller and Martinsen, CPA, seconded by Henn. Roll call votes in favor: Stokes, Henn, Koch, Thieman; opposed: none; Absent: Werner; motion carried.

Nick presented the board with his cost estimates for a shed for the generator at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The concrete costs would be around \$250-\$300, hardware costs would be \$100, wiring would cost around \$3,000. Bringing the total estimate to \$4250.00. Doug Wright was at the meeting to explain the wiring of the shed. The generator is a well working unit, anyone would be able to operate it if Nick were ever unavailable. Stokes made a motion to proceed with building the shed for the generator, seconded by Koch. Roll call votes in favor: Stokes, Henn, Koch, Thieman; opposed: none; Absent: Werner; motion carried.

Nick mentioned to the board he recently contacted H&L Asphalt and they plan on arriving to do some crack sealing and armor coating by the end of the week. The road should be grated by the county prior to H&L's arrival.

Clerk presented the board with the report recently submitted from the office building's annual inspection performed by History Nebraska, as part of the deed. The report indicated the buildings bricks are bowing out more than her previous visits. The building is not currently on the registered list of historical sites. The Clerk reported the Village would not experience a major revenue loss due to LB26: exempting water consumption from sales tax, as most of the sales tax is turned over the state. The report the clerk ran indicated the Villages 1% tax rate on water consumption last year brought in slightly over \$650.

Stokes reported the road construction on the road by Rae Valley Market would not take place until next spring and the County will allow the Village to make payments on it. The County will also allow the Village to make payments on the new Comprehensive Plan being done. Stokes mentioned the Village should look into getting a quote on a sewer line. The application for the ARPA funds was submitted to the state. Stokes has spoken with the Park Help on the cleaning procedures of the Park Restrooms. Park Restrooms are currently being cleaned every week, while being deep cleaned 1 or 2 times a month. The board felt a reasonable amount of time was being spent cleaning.

Henn reported to the board the recycling bins were recently used for garbage. At first it was thought to be from the Carnival, however trash was discovered in there again this week. The board discussed if there was insignificant signage in place and decided to

get more signs for the recycling area. The signs should state the dumpsters are for paper and cardboard only. An ad will be put in the paper as well reminding residents to only put cardboard and paper in the recycling dumpsters. The recycling bins are in an area where there are surveillance cameras. If the problem persists the board can watch the footage. The Village does not want to lose the opportunity for recycling. The board discussed if the park needed another dumpster due to them being full lately.

Chairman Stokes stated that Petersburg Industrial Development Corporation had been contacted by St. John's Church regarding two residential properties, across from Werner Hall and South of Beckman's on 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Petersburg Industrial Development Corporation is going to purchase these lots to be sold for more housing opportunities. Infrastructure and streets are already in place for these properties. PIDC is requesting \$38,000.00 from the Economic Development portion of the sales tax to acquire these properties. Stokes made a motion to let Petersburg Industrial Development Corp. use the allocated funds to purchase the properties from St. John's Church, seconded by Koch. Roll call votes in favor: Stokes, Henn, Koch, Thieman; opposed: none; Absent: Werner; motion carried.

A motion was made by Stokes to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Thieman. Roll call votes in favor: Stokes, Henn, Koch, Thieman; opposed: none; Absent: Werner; motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 P.M.

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Corey Stokes, Chairman

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ATTEST: Sundae Provencher, Clerk/Treasurer