

Village of Petersburg Minutes
September 7, 2021

The Village Board met on September 7, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Office for a regular meeting and the final Public Hearing to annex Koch's III Addition. Notice was published in the Petersburg Press on September 1st, 2021, and posted at the Village Office, Post Office and Leifeld's on August 26th. 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, and Ashley Thieman; absent: Mitch Koch. Staff: Nick Prothman and Sundae Provencher. Guests: Helen Baumgartner, Petersburg Press and Officer Buck.

Sales tax funds from June 2021: \$4,948.47 (Motor Vehicle Sales Tax: \$1,322.80)

Minutes from August 3rd, August 26th and August 31st were approved with two corrections for August 3rd's minutes with a motion by Thieman, seconded by Werner. Roll call vote taken, votes in favor: Henn, Werner, Thieman; abstained: Stokes from August 26th minutes; opposed: none; absent: Koch; motion carried.

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

Bills presented for payment:

Wages: 5,453.41

EFTPS, payroll taxes: 1,540.32

Village Regular Acct., transfer funds to pay loan: 1,000.06

Village Reg. Acct., transfer Motor Vehicle funds to street fund: 1,322.80

Boone County Treasurer, Police: 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 payment: 1000.06

Great Plains State Bank, loan payment: 1,562.96

Loup Power Dist., electricity: 2,735.96

Zabka, fuel: 529.65

City of St. Edward, kennel fee: 175.00

Laurene Veik, Joan Egger water deposit return: 100.00

Dave Remmereid, removing trees: 575.00

Great Plains Communications: 432.20

NE Municipal Power Pool, disconnect notice: 27.51

Dave Remmereid, backhoe work: 750.00

Bomgaars, supplies: 95.74
NE Public Health Env. Lab, lab fees: 15.00
Verizon, service: 80.67
Larry Temme, ad valorem: 63.70
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Power & Packaging, supplies: 2,448.35
NE Rural Water Association, membership dues: 125.00
Bud's Sanitary, service: 2,740.50
Meis & Son's, trees: 1,350.00
Helena, supplies: 75.00
Schroeter Trees, transporting trees: 3,212.40
J.P. Cooke, dog tags for 2022: 67.50
One Call Concept, service: 11.92
Island Supply, service: 29.76
Appeara, service: 69.55
Leifeld's, supplies: 45.77
Yosten Law, service: 182.00
Timeless Floral, supplies: 42.00
Midwest Labs, service: 213.83
CVIA, insurance: 1,371.60
Albion News/Boone County Tribune, advertising: 52.15
Midwest Labs, service: 361.33
NE Dept. of Revenue, sales tax: 1,742.39
Black Hills, natural gas: 215.39
Charles Schwab, Nick retirement: 250.77
Charles Schwab, Sundae retirement: 132.28
NE Dept. of Revenue, waste reduction tax: 25.00

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

Police reported 65.75 hours of patrol time. Officer Buck reminded the board that Dustin Martin moved, and Hayden Niewohner will be taking over the Villages Ordinances.

A motion was made by Werner to pay the bill for the Vacuum Blower from Power & Packaging as it was not put on the list of bills to be paid, seconded by Thieman. Roll call votes in favor: Stokes, Henn, Werner, Thieman; opposed: none; absent: Koch; motion carried.

Zoning: One permit was approved by Zoning for a storage shed. Solar Energy Regulations will be reviewed at another meeting in the future.

Community Improvement: The Splash Pad committee is applying for a Grant for the Splash Pad. Chairman Stokes and the Clerk signed the form to proceed with the application. Petersburg won two awards from Keep Nebraska Beautiful. The CEO from Keep Nebraska Beautiful came to Petersburg September 6th to present the awards and take a picture of the Board with Bernie and Harry Cunningham. The board appreciates all the time and effort the Cunningham's spend on the Keep Nebraska Beautiful program. It is evident how much work they put into this community from all the awards they have entered and won for Petersburg. The board discussed showing their appreciation to the Cunningham's in the form of a card, or gift basket.

Ordinance 2021-2, annexing Koch's III addition was read for the third and final time. A motion was made by Stokes to approve and adopt Ordinance 2021-2, seconded by Henn. Roll call votes in favor: Stokes, Henn, Werner, and Thieman; opposed: none; absent: Koch; motion carried. Ordinance 2021-2 is hereby adopted.

The 1 & 6-year street plan hearing is scheduled for October 5th, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Thieman to approve to exceed the lid by 1%, seconded by Werner. Roll call votes in favor: Stokes, Henn, Werner, and Thieman; opposed: none; absent: Koch; motion carried.

Werner made a motion to adopt the budget as advertised, seconded by Stokes. Roll call votes in favor: Stokes, Henn, Werner, and Thieman; opposed: none; absent: Koch. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Thieman to approve Resolution 2021-3, setting the Property Tax Request at \$83,075.00 and the General All-Purpose levy at .349533, seconded by Werner. Roll call votes in favor: Stokes, Henn, Werner, and Thieman; opposed: none; absent: Koch. Motion carried.

Prothman explained the quote he received for the chain repair at the wastewater treatment plant. The quote includes labor. Johnson service will have to be hired prior to the chain getting repaired to suck out the sludge to provide access to the chain. After ordering the chain it will take around nine weeks to arrive. A motion was made by Werner to order the chain and coordinate with Johnson Service in time to get the chain replaced, seconded by Stokes. Roll call votes in favor: Stokes, Henn, Werner, Thieman; opposed: none; absent: Koch; motion carried.

Discussion was held on ditches and if the Village has an Ordinance on ditches. The board gets asked frequently about filling ditches in. Discussion was held on how ditches are important for excess water drainage, and how excess water has the potential to damage roads. Culverts could be put in however, they become difficult to clean out over time. The board discussed a certain ditch and how the water is draining near it, decided it would be best for a professional to come in, examine it and give a professional opinion. Ordinances will be reviewed to see if they say

anything pertaining to ditches. Upon discussion of the ditches, it was mentioned that Hartington has cement flues that run from culverts to street culverts helping water drain properly. They are decorative and look nice. It was thought to be a good investment for the Village in the future.

Henn mentioned providing new homeowners with certain Ordinances to help new residents become familiar with the Villages rules. New homeowners should start receiving a packet of Ordinances such as: fence regulations, tree, dog, vehicle, and storage container Ordinances. Board members will help pick out the best ones to provide new residents.

A short discussion was held on the progress of the dip on Hwy. 14. It is in the process of getting repaired. With nothing further to discuss a motion was made by Stokes to adjourn at 8:10 p.m., seconded by Henn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Corey Stokes, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Sundae Provencher, Clerk