

Village of Petersburg
August 2nd, 2022

The Chairman and Village Board of Trustees met for a regular meeting on August 2nd, 2022, in the Village Office at 7:00 p.m. Notices of the meeting were posted at the Village Office, Post Office and Leifeld's on July 20th and published in the Petersburg Press on July 27th, 2022. Board members were given prior notice of the meeting. Chairman Stokes called the meeting to order and stated the Open Meeting Act was posted.

Board members present: Corey Stokes, Tina Henn, Mitch Koch, and Ashley Thieman; absent: Steve Werner. Staff: Nick Prothman and Sundae Provencher. Guests: Helen Baumgartner from Petersburg Press, Danielle Koch, Tori Petsche, Todd Heithoff, Ross Knott, Larry Temme, Tina Stokes, Travis Petsche, and Deputy Hayden Niewohner.

Sales tax receipts from June 2022: \$4,877.21 with \$891.62 motor vehicle sales tax.

Thieman made a motion to approve the minutes from the July meeting, seconded by Koch, votes in favor: Stokes, Henn, Koch and Thieman; absent: Werner; opposed none, motion carried.

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

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

Claims presented for payment:

Wages: 6,585.59

EFTPS, payroll taxes: 1,180.48

Village Regular Account, transfer loan 3029 payment: 1,000.06

Village Regular Account, transfer motor vehicle taxes: 891.62

Boone County Treasurer, zoning: 100.00

Boone County Treasurer, police: 1,375.00

Neil Baumgartner, service: 120.00

Esther Steensnes, service: 198.00

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

Great Plains Communications, service: 503.48

NE Public Health Env. Lab, service: 15.00

Loup Power District, service: 2,657.32

Helena, supplies: 340.00

Bud's Sanitary, service: 2,935.25

Appeara, service: 73.20

One Call Concepts, service: 2.40

JRK Electric, LLC, service: 2,289.31

Elaine Paulson, water deposit return: 100.00

Ted & Crys Sauser, water deposit return: 100.00

Bomgaars, supplies: 58.93

Municipal Supply, Inc., supplies: 1,864.94

Reigle Implement, supplies: 159.86

Island Supply, service: 29.76

Zabka, fuel: 1,108.43

Yosten Law, LLC, service: 91.00

Albion News/Boone County Tribune, advertising: 101.17

NE Department of Revenue, sales tax: 52.22

Black Hills Energy, service: 260.28

1st National Bank of Omaha, 7167, supplies: 7.25

1st National Bank of Omaha, 3527, supplies: 297.36

Charles Schwab, retirement Nick: 265.558

Charles Schwab, retirement Sundae: 140.08

Verizon, cellphone: 73.89

Police reported 64.08 hours of patrol time in July. Still waiting on the forms from Albion News for Vacant property reports.

Boone County Development Agency reported they purchased 28 acres of land by Seda's. Two acres were used to construct a road for access to a cornfield leaving 20 acres north of the road and 6 acres south of it available for sale. Currently working on a purchase agreement for 10 acres with a local farmer to assist in consolidating his current operations. There are interested parties in the other 10 acres with the potential to bring new jobs and services to the county. There is also interest in the remaining 6 acres with the same potential of job creation.

BCDA is still searching for a new director. They created three part time positions as well. Applications have been submitted for these positions and informal interviews should begin soon. Hopeful to get bodies back into the office. BCDA will also approach the board for resigning the current agreement around budget time.

Zoning, nothing to report. Knott asked the board about setbacks in the commercial area on the highways. Knott was recommended to contact the zoning office, but believe the setbacks are 25 feet from the highway and 7 feet from the property line on the sides.

Community Improvement: members from the Splash Pad Committee were present to give the board an update on the project and to get their opinions on the type of system to be used. Fundraising is pretty much complete, the first grant that was applied for was denied. The committee has applied for another grant and should know if they were approved or not by the end of the year. The goal is to have the project complete before the upcoming school year ends. There are two different systems that can be used for the Splash Pad, recirculating or free flow. Recirculating would require a filter and chemicals and possibly a UV system. Free flow would just drain the water into the sewer system. The committee had thought about incorporating a storage tank and sprinkler system into the project to recycle the run-off water for watering in the park. If the splash pad ran continuously for 8 hours a day, it would use approximately 21,000 gallons of water a day. The splash pad will have a button to activate it. Benches and shelters might need to be added later on.

The board feels the free-flowing system, capturing the run-off water for watering would be the best option. It is assumed winterizing this type of system would be easier than the recirculating system. Prothman has some estimates for a basic sprinkler system. Electricity costs are unknown at this time. The board is in favor of the splash pad. ARPA funds will be looked into to see if this project would qualify. The committee asked what the board would need before they sign a contract. The board would like to see more specs and electricity costs if possible.

Village office discussion: Stokes voted to move the office to the Village Campus. Henn stated that residents think the office should move also. Thieman doesn't want to take another business off of main street but then the Village wouldn't have to worry about building a new building or repairing this current one. Financially moving the office to the campus makes the most sense. Board members all in favor of moving the office to the Village Campus.

The floor is prepped for epoxy, should be complete in a few weeks. Painting and cleaning will take place after the flooring. Petersburg Community Foundation has met with the fire marshal. The building will open in two phases, gym will be phase one and the west wing will open in phase two.

Yosten Law will be contacted to establish a lease agreement both groups can review before signing. The Village Board will need to discuss what to do with the current building.

Resolution 2022-3 adopting a hazard mitigation plan was approved with a motion by Stokes, seconded by Henn; roll call votes in favor: Stokes, Henn, Koch and Thieman; absent: Werner; opposed: none; motion carried.

Accountants letter of engagement was reviewed. Martinsen is currently training someone, but he most likely will still do this years budget. Thieman made a motion to sign the letter of engagement with Mueller and Honcik, seconded by Stokes; roll call in favor: Stokes, Henn, Koch and Thieman; absent: Werner; opposed: none; motion carried.

Auditor's letter of engagement was reviewed. Henn made a motion to sign the letter of engagement with AMGL, seconded by Thieman; roll call votes in favor: Stokes, Henn, Koch and Thieman; absent: Werner; opposed: none; motion carried.

1&6 year hearing date set for the regular October meeting. Clerk was asked to publish the notice. Road construction on 140th street should start in a couple of weeks, hopefully it is done before harvest. Temme will inform Stokes when they plan on starting.

Prothman reported that H&L should be here by the end of the week to start armor coating. Bob Henn would like to spray for weeds, boards okay with that. A pump is out at the wastewater treatment plant. It has been cutting out for months. Iowa Pump Works is currently short staffed so there is not an exact date scheduled. The service call costs \$2,500 - \$3,000. There are currently no issues with running only one pump but if we get a heavy rain there could be issues.

An application for the water security grant for sample water testing sites was mailed out today. The grant covers 90% up to \$10,000. The project was quoted at \$18,000-\$20,000 so the Village would still have an \$8,000-\$10,000 out of pocket cost.

Koch asked about the tree pile in the park. There are currently 39 trees that were pulled out. The pile will be burned soon. There are 13 trees waiting in Elgin to be transported here. The tree hauler has been waiting for cooler temperatures. The vacant houses that are on the burn list were discussed. The firemen are waiting on rain, it is currently too dry to burn them.

With nothing further to report, Stokes made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Thieman. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Corey Stokes, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Sundae Provencher, Clerk/Treasurer