

Village of Petersburg
July 5th, 2022

The Chairman and Village Board of Trustees met for a Regular Meeting and Safety Meeting on July 5th, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Office. Notices of the meeting were posted at the Village Office, Post Office and Leifeld's on June 13th and published on June 29th in the Petersburg Press. Board members were given proper notice of the meeting. Chairman Stokes called the meeting to order stating the Open Meetings Act was posted.

Board members present: Corey Stokes, Steve Werner, Mitch Koch and Ashley Thieman; absent: Tina Henn. Staff: Nick Prothman and Sundae Provencher; Guests: Elaine Beckman, Tina Stokes, Helen Baumgartner, Larry Temme and Deputy Hayden Niewohner.

Sales Tax funds from April 2022: \$6,676.89 with \$2,219.25 motor vehicle sales tax.

Minutes from June 7th were approved with a motion by Stokes, seconded by Koch, votes in favor: Stokes, Werner and Koch; absent: Henn and Thieman.

Treasurer's Report was approved with a motion by Stokes seconded by Werner, votes in favor: Stokes, Werner, Koch and Thieman; absent: Henn.

Stokes made a motion to pay all claims and the few not in yet, seconded by Thieman; votes in favor: Stokes, Werner, Koch and Thieman; absent: Henn.

Claims presented for payment:

Wages: 6,560.69

EFTPS, payroll taxes: 1,516.00

Village Regular Account, transfer funds for loan #3029: 1,000.06

Village Regular Account, transfer motor vehicle sales tax: 2,219.25

Neil Baumgartner, service fire equipment: 120.00

Esther Steensnes, cleaning offices and park restrooms: 198.00

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

Great Plains Communications, telephone and internet: 556.67

Bud's Sanitary Service, trash service for June (199): 2,935.25

Cedar Valley Insurance, work comp & PEP: 4,766.50

NE Dept. of Revenue, state payroll taxes: 684.66

Alexa Nelson, water deposit return: 100.00

Bomgaars, supplies: 76.33

American Legion, 1 American flag for main street park: 27.00

Loup Power District, electricity: 2,322.70

Loup Power District, carnival electricity: 25.26

Loup Power District, carnival electricity: 70.30

Zabka Service, fuel: 1,385.05

One Call Concept, service: 5.18

Appeara, laundry service: 73.20

Island Supply, service: 28.80

NE Public Health Env. Lab, water samples: 15.00

Albion News/Boone County Tribune, advertising: 73.20

Petersburg Building & Supply, supplies: 98.32

Rae Valley Market, supplies: 7.45
Midwest Service & Sales, engine brake prohibited sign for hwy. 32: 37.80
Leifeld's, supplies: 466.64
PowerTech, LLC, generator service agreement: 775.00
Yosten Law, LLC, legal fees: 338.00
Petersburg Industrial Development Corporation, requested Ec. Dev. sales tax funds: 5,000.00
Petersburg Volunteer Fire Department, final air pack payment: 3,717.66
Black Hills Energy, service: 330.63
Noel Benda, equipment usage: 75.00
NE Dept. of Revenue, sales tax collected and paid: 212.56
1st National Bank of Omaha, supplies: 61.60
1st National Bank of Omaha, supplies: 414.00
Charles Schwab, Nick's retirement: 265.58
Charles Schwab, Sundae's retirement: 140.08
Verizon, village cell phone: 74.69

Boone County Development Agency reported they are still searching for the next director. There is an interested party in 10 acres of the available 20 acres BCDA owns. They are working on getting infrastructure out there.

Community improvement: the library is starting to be open some more hours which is good for the community.

Police reported 63.5 hours of patrol time. Vacant property walkthrough was completed during the month of June. A few additional properties will be added to the registry after receiving the reports from the police.

Safety meeting was held, currently still a lot of agricultural traffic on the roads it is advised to drive with caution.

Discussion was held on relocating the Village Office to the Village Campus building. Petersburg Community Foundation presented a draft of a lease agreement to the board. The lease would include electricity, gas, internet, garbage, water/sewer, secure building access and core insurance for \$350 a month. The board reviewed the last 4 years of expenses on the current office building. Current Village office costs average around \$250 a month. Insurance would not change if we relocated, however upon getting rid of the current building it would go down about \$40 a month. The current office building needs major maintenance repairs. The repairs needed were quoted at \$110,500.00. A guest asked if the current building had any historical value at all. The building is not registered as a historic building. The village can sell it or demolish it.

No body wants to see main street lose another business. Petersburg Community Foundation is still waiting on their occupancy permit before the building could be occupied. PCF wouldn't have approached the board about the available space if the current building didn't need so many repairs. The Village campus is looking like the best option financially. The board has not heard any negative comments on relocating. A contract or lease will need to be signed if the board decides to move the office into the campus building. PCF is hoping to get a decision from the board after the August meeting.

The building has not been used other than working on repairs so far, waiting on the occupancy permit. Stokes made a motion to forgive the upcoming water bill for the Village Campus, seconded by Werner, votes in favor: Stokes and Werner; abstained: Koch and Thieman.

Ordinance 2022-4 dog regulations, appealing Ord. No. 2019-5 was read by title. Stokes made a motion to suspend the statutory rules, seconded by Thieman, votes in favor: Stokes, Werner, Koch and Thieman. Stokes made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings, seconded by Werner, votes in favor: Stokes, Werner, Koch and Thieman. Ordinance 2022-4 was read by title for the second and third time. Stokes made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-4, Koch seconded the motion, votes in favor: Stokes, Werner, Koch, and Thieman. Ordinance No. 2022-4 is hereby adopted.

It was decided not to do the vaccine clinic with the vet this year due to only having 4 unregistered dogs. The Village will plan to hold a vaccination clinic in March to help get dogs vaccinated and registered on time next year.

An SDL for the Bash in the Burg was approved with a motion by Werner, seconded by Stokes, votes in favor: Stokes, Werner, Koch and Thieman.

Garage sale ordinances from other towns were presented to the board due to a complaint about an ongoing garage sale last month. The garage sale has ended, and the town has never experienced an issue with garage sales in the past. It was decided not to establish regulations regarding garage sales at this time.

Ordinance 2021-3 motor vehicle regulations was reviewed due to a noise complaint from semis parking in residential areas. Discussion was held on the situation, and it was decided to gather more information before acting on it.

Quotes for replacing or repairing the speed radar sign north of town were reviewed. The board agreed the sign was still readable with a few of the light bulbs out, action will not be taken at this time.

A written request from Petersburg Industrial Development Corporation requesting \$5,000 of economic development sales tax funds for insurance and tax costs, survey fees and engineering costs associated with the Village Campus. Werner made a motion to fulfill the request, seconded by Koch, votes in favor: Stokes, Werner, Koch and Thieman.

Temme informed the board the paving of 140th street should start in August.

Prothman reported Maguire Iron will be painting the water tower soon. The generator at the sewer plant is still waiting on the electrician. It would have been useful to have that generator working when the town was out of power one night.

Provencher stated the accountant will get ahold of her in July to schedule a budget workshop sometime in August. Provencher also contacted the Nebraska Library Commission about the grant for free internet at the library, still waiting to hear back.

The annual service agreement from PowerTech LLC was reviewed. Stokes made a motion to continue with PowerTech, seconded by Werner, votes in favor: Stokes, Werner, Koch and Thieman.

The board discussed getting together to go over the community survey results together. There were a few maintenance items in there that could be done while the Village has extra summer help. There was good feedback in the survey, and it should be reviewed.

Petersburg Industrial Development Corporation may also be interested in reviewing the survey. One of the concerns mentioned was the current business owners in town reaching retirement age.

Upcoming workshops for budgeting were discussed. The board needs to meet with the firemen and rural board before budgeting. PIDC and the Village board usually have an annual workshop as well.

Thieman made a motion to pay the remaining balance of \$3,717.66 of the village portion of the air packs with the lottery proceeds, seconded by Stokes, votes in favor: Stokes and Werner, abstained: Koch and Werner.

Cruise night was discussed. This year there was two local officers and state troopers patrolling the town. It was discussed that this might have scared some participants away. Local cops have always been really good patrolling during this event, having the extra cops was a bit overkill.

Thieman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Koch. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Corey Stokes, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Sundae Provencher, Clerk/Treasurer