

Village of Petersburg
June 7th, 2022

The Chairman and Village Board of Trustees met for a Public Hearing and a Regular Meeting on June 7th, 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 May 23rd, 2022. Public Hearing notice was published in the Petersburg Press May 25th, Regular meeting notice was published June 1st, 2022. Board members were given prior 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, Ashley Thieman, and Tina Henn arrived at 7:15 p.m. Staff: Nick Prothman and Sundae Provencher; Guests: Helen Baumgartner from Petersburg Press, Tina Stokes from Petersburg Community Foundation, Deputy Hayden Niewohner, and Jen Leifeld from the Library board arrived later.

Sales Tax funds from March 2022: \$3,387.81 with \$840.95 motor vehicle sales tax.

Minutes from May 3rd, 2022 were approved with a motion by Thieman seconded by Werner; roll call votes in favor: Stokes, Werner, Koch and Thieman; absent: Henn; opposed none.

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Werner, seconded by Koch; roll call votes in favor: Stokes, Werner, Koch and Thieman; absent: Henn; opposed: none.

Bills presented for payment:

Wages: 5,486.38

EFTPS, payroll taxes: 1,461.56

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

Village Regular Account, transfer motor vehicle sales tax: 840.95

Boone County Treasurer, police protection: 1,375.00

Boone County Treasurer, zoning: 100.00

Neil Baumgartner, service fire equipment: 120.00

Esther Steensnes, cleaning: 98.00

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

Great Plains Communications, phone & internet service : 416.53

Loup Power District, electricity: 1,961.79

Bud's Sanitary, trash service: 2,950.00

Petersburg Volunteer Fire Department, air-pack payment: 4,000.00

Joe Pelster, water deposit return: 100.00

Boone Central Schools, class DK liquor license fee: 200.00

Great Plains State Bank, UV sewer loan # 84400 payment: 1,562.96

Emme Sand & Gravel, armor coat gravel: 1,814.51

Bullseye Fire Sprinkler, Inc., sprinkler inspection: 390.00

Bomgaard's, supplies: 97.79

Albracht Disposal, roll off dumpsters, clean-up day: 1,333.96

NE Public Health Env. Lab, lab fees: 252.00

Helena, supplies: 435.30

Veseris, mosquito fogger: 83.50

Zabka Service, fuel: 465.17

One Call Concept, service: 12.34

Rae Valley Market, May supplies: 45.96
Cedar Valley Insurance, firemen's life insurance: 2,073.60
Island Supply, service: 29.76
Appear, laundry costs: 73.20
Yosten Law, LLC, legal fees: 377.00
Albion News/Boone County Tribune, advertising: 31.75
Midwest Labs, lab fees: 183.45
Mike's Auto Repair, supplies: 26.00
Love Signs, office sign repair: 217.50
Petersburg Building & Supply, supplies: 286.27
Leifeld's, supplies: 187.12
NE Department of Revenue, sales tax collected and paid: 903.80
Rae Valley Market, April supplies: 61.93
Black Hills Energy, natural gas: 479.75
Charles Schwabb, Nick's retirement: 265.58
Charles Schwabb, Sundae's retirement: 140.08
1st National Bank of Omaha, credit card: 316.62
1st National Bank of Omaha, credit card: 429.95

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

Police reported 67.67 hours of patrol time. Discussion was held on Firemen's Dance this upcoming weekend. Niewohner stated there would be two officers patrolling town that day.

Boone County Development Agency, Tina Stokes reported that they are still working on filling Michelle Olson's position. Olson will stay on to train the new administrator and will serve on the board for a while after that. BCDA is working on their second year of the Emerging Leader's Academy, which is going very well.

Four permits were approved by Zoning.

Ordinance No. 2022-3 Solar Energy Regulations. Werner attended the Planning and Zoning meeting for these regulations. The Planning and Zoning Commission voted to approve the Ordinance updating Petersburg Zoning Ordinance to include Solar Energy Regulations. Werner made a motion to accept the Boone County's Ordinance as Petersburg's; Koch seconded; roll call votes in favor: Stokes, Henn, Werner, Koch, and Thieman; opposed none; motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2022-3 was read by title. Stokes made a motion to suspend the statutory rules, Henn seconded; roll call votes in favor: Stokes, Henn, Werner, Koch and Thieman; opposed none; motion carried. Stokes made a motion to suspend the three separate readings, Werner seconded; roll call votes in favor: Stokes, Henn, Werner, Koch and Thieman; opposed: none; motion carried. Ordinance No. 2022-3 was read by title for the second and third time. Thieman made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-3, seconded by Stokes; voting aye: Stokes, Henn, Werner, Koch and Thieman; nay: none; motion carried. Chairman Stokes declared Ordinance No. 2022-3 duly passed and adopted.

Discussion was held on a vacant property walkthrough. The Health Board will do a walkthrough of the vacant properties in town this month. The board discussed newly vacated homes since the last walkthrough was done in July of 2021. Two of the registered vacant properties are scheduled to be burned soon.

Petersburg Community Foundation gave an update on the Village Campus renovation. Internet was hooked up in the building, the doors will now be operated by key fobs or pin pad entry. Epoxy flooring bids will be gone over soon. Toilets have been replaced in the restrooms. The community survey results indicated a need for a childcare center, so that will be pursued. They plan to partner with someone who already has a license to help with getting it started. Wellness was another prime interest within the community.

Petersburg Community Foundation would like to continue the conversation of whether or not the Village Office will relocate to the Village Campus. They will outline a partnership with the Village Office including a tentative rent amount. The only other bill the Village will have is a landline, the Village Campus currently has no need for a landline. The foundation would like a decision to be made by August. The Village Board will hold a community meeting during the July meeting to get resident's feedback. The foundation will present their tentative rent agreement to the board by July to help with the decision.

Discussion was held on getting a person to clean the park restrooms during the season. The board will ask the current building cleaning person if she would be interested in also cleaning the park restrooms twice a month. If she is not interested an ad will be put in the paper seeking an individual to clean the park restrooms.

Ordinance 2019-5 was discussed. A board member requested a word change in Section 7, the phrase "disposed of" should be amended to read "transported to the county facility, the owner will be responsible for any incurred expenses". Discussion was held on dog registration. Town and Country would provide a day for a community vet clinic where residents can come get their dogs vaccinated at half the price while registering their dog at the same time. One could be held in June at the Firehall and annually after that in March so people can get their dogs registered by the April 30th deadline.

Jen Leifeld came to the meeting requesting to reconnect the library's internet. She stated Great Plains would be willing to supply internet to the library for free, but the paperwork involved was too extensive and she hit a roadblock. The paperwork came from the Nebraska Library Commission. The clerk will look into the paperwork and see if it can be completed. The board informed Leifeld they disconnected the library's internet due to the library not being open. The board asked how often the library would be open if they reconnected internet service. Leifeld stated it's hard to recruit volunteers to keep it open but it's currently open Wednesday nights. She recently did a survey for the library and people in town would like the library to be open more often. The community would like to have a story hour and summer reading program. The board said they can assist trying to recruit volunteers by putting an ad in the paper and keeping a sign-up sheet in the Village office, people can come in and put the days and times they could volunteer. The board agreed to reconnect the library's internet for a few months and see if it is getting used.

The fire department recently purchased a power washer for their trucks and are requesting the Village help pay for it. The board discussed meeting with the fire board again soon, they agreed to meet once annually to go over upcoming expenses to assist the Village in budgeting. The board still owes over \$7,000 on their portion of the air-packs. The board decided to pay \$4,000 toward air-packs right now and after more income comes in they can discuss helping with the power washer. A motion was made by Thieman to pay \$4,000.00 on the air-

packs seconded by Stokes; votes in favor: Stokes, Henn and Thieman; abstained: Werner and Koch; motion carried.

The board discussed setting up a meeting with the accountant for a budget workshop in August.

Prothman reported the new highway banners have arrived; he will install them soon. The firemen moved the generator to the treatment plant and cleaned up the trees over there. It looks really nice. Prothman asked the board if he could get two new gas-powered string trimmers. Werner made a motion to purchase two new string trimmers, seconded by Thieman; roll call votes in favor: Stokes, Henn, Werner, Koch and Thieman; opposed: none; motion carried.

The new Cedar Rapids State Bank had a concrete culvert installed which caused a drainage issue that will need to be addressed. Chairman Stokes will get ahold of Zwingman the Engineer regarding this matter.

Prothman got the speed radar sign south of town working again but noticed that a lot of the LED lights are out on it. The LED lights are all one panel so the whole thing may need to get replaced. Midwest Service and Sales should be contacted for prices on a new LED panel. The walking bridge has been repaired.

Provencher reported she approved an SDL for Cleveland's for a wedding reception June 18th. A warning letter was sent to owners of dog's that have not been registered yet this year, saying a citation will be issued to those not in compliance with the Ordinance.

Discussion was held on the ball field fence. There are a lot of variables involved with finding a permanent fence structure.

A resident made a complaint regarding another resident having a permanent garage sale in their yard. Ordinances should be looked into; and the attorney will be contacted regarding this matter.

Stokes made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Thieman, all voted aye.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Corey Stokes, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Sundae Provencher, Clerk/Treasurer

