

Village of Petersburg
December 5th, 2023

The Village Chairman and Board of Trustees of the Village of Petersburg met for a regular meeting, with the Reorganization meeting to follow on December 5th, at 7:00 in the Village Office. Notices of the meeting were published on November 29th in the Petersburg Press and posted at the Village Office, Post Office and Leifeld's on November 27th. 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 and Ashely Thieman. Staff: Nick Prothman and Sundae Provencher. Guests: Clyde Stuhr, Helen Baumgartner of Petersburg Press and Deputy Dustin Martin.

Sales tax receipts from September: \$9,496.46 with \$214.70 motor vehicle sales tax.

Minutes were approved with a motion by Stokes, seconded by Werner, votes in favor: Stokes, Werner, and Koch, opposed: none.

Thieman made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, Koch seconded; votes in favor: Stokes, Werner, Koch and Thieman, opposed: none.

Bills presented for payment:

Wages: 5,471.25

EFTPS, payroll taxes: 1,543.68

Village Regular Account, transfer loan payment: 1,000.06

Village Regular Account, transfer motor vehicle taxes: 214.70

Boone County Treasurer, zoning fee: 100.00

Boone County Treasurer, police protection: 1,375.00

Neil Baumgartner, service fire equipment: 120.00

Esther Steensnes, cleaning: 105.00

Great Plains State Bank, loan payment: 1,000.06

Great Plains Communications, internet and phone service: 462.25

NE Public Health Environmental Lab, lab fees: 83.00

American Legal Publishing, online code hosting: 450.00

Mike's Auto Repair, parts: 108.00

Bomgaars, supplies: 192.09

Loup Power District, electricity: 79.63

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Loup Power District, electricity: 1,791.68

Timeless Floral, funeral arrangement Larry Temme: 97.00

CVIA, insurance - added generator: 32.00

Bud's Sanitary Service, trash service: 3,529.50

Jeff's Farm Tire Service, payload repairs: 1,344.50

Rae Valley Market, supplies: 9.81

Travelers, firemen insurance: 1,459.00

Applied Connective, Microsoft office: 12.70

One Call Concept, service: 3.20

Island Supply, supplies: 28.80

Appeara, laundry: 79.72

Bomgaars, supplies: 192.09

Midwest Labs, lab fees: 139.20

Leifeld's, supplies: 39.55
Albion News/Boone County Tribune, advertising: 74.66
Zabka Service, fuel: 648.34
Municipal Supply, supplies: 480.59
Municipal Supply, supplies: 378.93
1st National Bank of Omaha, supplies: 18.06
1st National Bank of Omaha, supplies: 1,419.04
Black Hills Energy, natural gas: 426.51
Albion News/Boone County Tribune, advertising: 149.64
Rae Valley Market, supplies: 38.60
Nebraska Department of Revenue, sales tax: 883.20
Charles Schwab, retirement: 284.20
Charles Schwab, retirement: 148.50
Verizon, cellphone: 79.75

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

Payloader repairs were discussed. One tire was replaced, discussion was held on whether or not to replace the other tire.

Police reported 52.97 hours of patrol time. Board asked if they followed up on the unlicensed vehicles. Martin was uncertain but would check into it.

Boone County Development Agency provided monthly update flyers for November and December.

Community Improvement: Vacant properties were addressed. One property was issued a letter to register a vacant house on the boulevard last December, that property was not registered. They are due to be assessed a fine for that house. The Board directed the clerk to issue that fine.

Ordinance 2023-3 enacting a code of ordinances was read by title. Stokes made a motion to approve the first reading, seconded by Thieman; votes in favor: Werner, Koch, Stokes and Thieman; opposed: none. Stokes made a motion to suspend the statutory rule for three separate readings, seconded by Werner; votes in favor: Thieman, Werner, Koch and Stokes; opposed: none. Ordinance 2023-3 was read by title for the second and third time. Stokes made a motion to pass and adopt Ordinance 2023-3, seconded by Thieman; votes in favor: Thieman, Koch, Werner and Stokes; opposed: none. Ordinance 2023-3 was passed and adopted.

Splash pad was discussed. Brandi Yosten sent a certified letter to SeaSpray's Managing Member and Registered Agent. The letters were delivered but no response was received yet. Brandi Yosten will have to take further action to remedy the inoperable splash pad.

Dwayne Kuhlman took some pictures of Petersburg from Tony Levander's airplane. Stokes asked the boards opinion on how to reimburse them for their time. Thieman made a motion to give them both a \$100 community club gift certificate, Koch seconded the motion; votes in favor: Stokes, Werner, Koch and Thieman; opposed none.

Discussion was held on shipping containers in the business zoned areas. Some trustees thought they should require shipping containers to have three sides and be placed on concrete to keep the town looking nice. Others thought that if it was just painted like the surrounding building it would be fine. Requiring them to be sided and on concrete is costly and negates the shipping container, might as well build a building with those requirements. Stuhr commented that he would like to get a crate for his business but doesn't want all the extra costs of having it

be covered and on concrete. The board discussed if there should be a quantity restriction on the containers.

If the shipping containers remain as a conditional use permit it will allow the board flexibility and wouldn't have to put any specifications on them. Surrounding towns will be contacted on how they deal with shipping containers. This will be addressed in January when all trustees are present to state their opinions.

Prothman updated the board on payloader issues. The breaks are currently getting repaired and it will cost more than quoted due to being a bigger issue. Werner made a motion to replace the payloaders back left tire, seconded by Thieman; votes in favor: Stokes, Werner, Thieman and Koch; opposed: none.

Both wells are back up and running and water samples are good. Prothman moved the park dumpsters due to Bud's Sanitary Service complaining of illegal dumping. The dumpster is now behind the shop building until spring.

Provencher reported that a SDL for the Community Club's Christmas Dinner was approved. The audit was completed on November 17th. Provencher stated that she mentioned paying off the Bond to avoid the excess interest fees to the auditors. The auditors stated that the Village could pay off the bond if they chose to. Upon looking into the TIF, they recommended talking with the TIF attorney to make sure we didn't over collect TIF funds. Provencher will look into it. The Village is collecting TIF on three different projects.

Koch stated that the firehall doesn't need the fax line and it could get removed from the bill. Stokes mentioned the poor condition main street is in. Need to do something to repair it, not sure how long it can wait. A walkthrough of the wastewater treatment plant was done prior to the meeting. Thieman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Koch. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

A reorganization meeting was held after the regular meeting. Chairman Stokes introduced Resolution 2023-8, seconded by Thieman. Resolution was approved with a motion by Koch, seconded by Thieman. Koch made a motion to adjourn the reorganization meeting, seconded by Thieman. Reorganization meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Corey Stokes, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Sundae Provencher, Clerk/Treasurer