

Village of Petersburg  
February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023

The Chairman and Board of Trustees met for a regular meeting on February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Office. Notice of the meeting was posted at the Village Office, Post Office and Leifeld's on January 25<sup>th</sup> and published in the Petersburg Press on February 1<sup>st</sup>. 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, Tina Henn, Mitch Koch and Ashley Thieman; absent: Steve Werner. Staff present: Nick Prothman and Sundae Provencher; guests: Helen Baumgartner from Petersburg Press and Deputy Dustin Martin.

Sales tax from November 2022: \$6,217.43 with \$1,435.11 motor vehicle taxes.

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

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

Stokes made a motion to pay the bills presented for payment and the gas bill that has not been received yet, seconded by Henn, roll call votes in favor: Stokes, Henn, Koch, and Thieman; absent: Werner; opposed: none.

Bills presented for payment:

Wages: 5,471.26

EFTPS, payroll taxes: 1,543.68

Village Regular Account, transfer loan payment: 1,000.06

Village Regular Account, transfer MV taxes: 1,435.11

Boone County Treasurer, Zoning: 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, service: 505.70

Midwest Service and Sales, supplies: 750.00

Northeast NE Clerks Association, annual dues: 20.00

Mueller & Honcik, P.C., 1099's: 60.00

CVIA, PVFD insurance: 7,312.00

IIMC, annual dues: 185.00

J.P. Cooke Co., dog tags, 79.75

Loup Power District, service: 2,084.18

NE Public Health Env. Lab, service: 163.00

CVIA, final payment 2022-2023 insurance: 2,844.50

Iowa Pump Works, repairs: 6,162.04

Kayton International, bobcat lease: 4,084.00

Nick Prothman, meal reimbursement: 9.94

Loup Power District, service, Christmas lights: 69.24

Loup Power District, service, Christmas lights: 119.40

Utilities Section LONM, snowball conference: 115.00

Zabka, fuel: 1,105.85

Bud's Sanitary, trash (197): 2,905.75  
NE Rural Water Association, annual conference: 395.00  
Island Supply, supplies: 29.76  
Appear, service: 77.05  
Rae Valley Market, supplies: 33.65  
Midwest Labs, service: 184.92  
Albion News/Boone Co. Tribune, advertising: 29.08  
Leifeld's, supplies: 43.32  
Boone Co. Clerk, election costs: 200.00  
Maguire Iron, ROV inspection: 1500.75  
Hubel Iron, supplies: 1,778.60  
Applied Connective, service: 15.95  
Speed Service, service: 702.50  
CVIA, insurance 2023-2024: 4,487.75  
St. Ed., service: 87.50  
Verizon, cellphone: 79.75  
Charles Schwab, retirement: 284.20  
Charles Schwab, retirement: 148.50

Police reported 52.58 hours of patrol time.

BCDA: nothing to report.

Zoning: The Zoning Director sent over a sample of the tentative Solar Energy Application to be reviewed by the Board. Board will review the application.

Community Improvement: The sewer repairs have all been completed. The gym is being used a lot recently, lots of people walking, working out and using the gym. Vacant properties were discussed. The properties recently added to the Vacant Property Register have 180 days to return the plan for said properties. Board would like to stay on top of this.

Lease between the Village and Petersburg Community Foundation was reviewed. All changes were made however a term date needs to be set. The board agreed to increase the term to three years instead of one, however the start date can't be determined until the West wing in the Campus gets opened. Term will be set, and lease will be signed after building is opened.

Ordinance 339 was discussed. Abatement processes from other towns were looked into. The current ordinance has a good abatement process already in place. Ordinance will not be amended however needs to be enforced more.

Dog Vaccination Clinic was discussed. Werner was working with the Vet in Albion to get this set up. Clinic should be held in March as Annual Dog Licenses are due April 1<sup>st</sup>. Due to Werner's absence discussion will be forwarded.

A Proclamation declaring March as problem gambling awareness month was discussed. Petersburg will not sign the Proclamation due to a lack of gambling opportunities in the community.

An updated service proposal from Great Plains Communications was reviewed. Great Plains reached out to the Clerk with a higher speed internet for a cheaper price. The Clerk expressed that the Village will be relocating the office soon, therefore the Village Office was not included in the proposal. The internet at the shop was discussed as it bounces off the Office's internet and the Office was not included on the proposal. Great Plains Communications will be contacted for further information to make sure all the services would remain except the Village Office location.

Prothman reported that the check valves at the wastewater treatment plant have been installed. The new pump has been installed and the old pump is currently being refurbished for back up.

Recycling was discussed. Bud's is no longer offering recycling services due to the increase in fuel prices. Green Fiber was contacted to see if they could provide recycling for Petersburg, we are too far out of their jurisdiction. Stokes contacted Green Fiber and offered to pay for fuel from Elgin to Petersburg and back expressing that Petersburg didn't want any kickback from recycling. As of now, Green Fiber has not responded. Provencher contacted a few other recycling companies in Norfolk all of which only service Norfolk. Petersburg will continue to look for recycling options, hopefully we can get that option back soon.

Koch reported some volunteer trees growing behind the Fire Hall and asked if that could be added to the Summer Help's to-do list.

Henn made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Thieman. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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Corey Stokes, Chairman

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sundae Provencher, Clerk/Treasurer