

Village of Petersburg
January 10, 2023

The Chairman and Board of Trustees met for a regular meeting and safety meeting on January 10th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Office. Meeting was postponed from the 3rd due to winter weather. Notice of the meeting were posted at the Village Office, Post Office and Leifeld's January 5th, 2023. Board members were given prior notice of the meeting. Chairman Stokes called the meeting to order stating the Open Meetings Act was posted.

Board member present: Corey Stokes, Steve Werner and Tina Henn; absent: Mitch Koch and Ashley Thieman. Staff: Nick Prothman and Sundae Provencher. Guests: Helen Baumgartner, Petersburg Press, Brady Yosten and Deputy Dustin Martin.

Sales tax from October 2022: \$5,882.89 with \$595.69 motor vehicle taxes.

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

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

Stokes made a motion to use ARPA funds to pay for the recent sewer repairs, seconded by Werner; roll call votes in favor: Stokes, Werner and Henn; opposed: none; absent: Koch and Thieman.

Henn made a motion to pay the bills presented, seconded by Stokes; roll call votes in favor: Stokes, Henn and Werner; opposed: none; absent: Koch and Thieman.

Bills presented for payment:

Wages: 5,471.21

EFTPS, payroll taxes: 1,402.76

Village Regular Account, transfer loan payment: 1,000.06

Village Regular Account, transfer motor vehicle taxes: 598.69

Boone County Treasurer, zoning fee: 100.00

Boone County Treasurer, police protection: 1,375.00

Neil Baumgartner, service fire equipment: 120.00

Esther Steensens, cleaning: 105.00

Great Plains State Bank, loan: 1,000.06

NE Public Health Environment Lab, lab fees: 927.00

NE Municipal Power Pool, annual service agreement: 2,013.00

Loup Power District, electricity: 1,930.33

Bomgaars, supplies: 101.38

Island Supply, supplies: 29.76

Municipal Supply, supplies: 933.22

Leifeld's, November supplies: 351.84

Scott's Backhoe and Well, supplies: 373.71

Bud's Sanitary, trash service: 2,935.25

Iowa Pump Works, supplies: 10,864.62

University of Nebraska Omaha, Clerk's Institute: 268.00

Neil Baumgartner, annual ambulance cell phone usage: 595.56

Zabka Services, fuel: 276.76

Appear, service: 77.05

One Call Concepts, service: 6.40

Midwest Labs Inc., lab fees: 135.34
Yosten Law, LLC, service: 260.00
Leifeld's, December supplies: 237.90
Albion News/Boone County Tribune, advertising: 253.11
Rae Valley Market, supplies: 17.76
Speed Services, service: 450.00
Applied Connective, supplies: 15.95
1st National Bank of Omaha, December supplies: 911.43
1st National Bank of Omaha, December supplies: 88.28
NE Dept. of Revenue, lodging tax: 44.75
NE Dept. of Revenue, November sales tax: 227.74
Black Hills Energy, service: 951.45
1st National Bank of Omaha, November supplies: 21.29
1st National Bank of Omaha, November supplies: 471.98
Boone County Sheriff, paper service delivery: 57.09
Charles Schwab, Nick's retirement: 265.58
Charles Schwab, Sundae's retirement: 140.08
Verizon, cellphone: 80.73
NE Department of Revenue, December sales tax: 34.30

Police reported 56.9 hours of patrol time. Janzen's property was discussed. Police were not able to serve him a nuisance violation for an unregistered car. Police recommended speaking with Village attorney on how to proceed. Werner stated that the vehicle will be removed from the property after some of the snow has melted. Jake Brakes are still an issue in the early mornings. Niewohner stated he will notify other officers and get someone in town earlier in the morning.

Insurance quotes from two companies were reviewed by the board. Werner made a motion to choose EMC as the insurance company, seconded by Stokes; roll call votes in favor: Stokes, Henn and Werner; opposed: none; absent: Koch and Thieman. Werner made a motion to authorize Chairman Stokes to sign insurance agreement, seconded by Henn; roll call votes in favor: Stokes, Henn and Werner; opposed: none; absent: Thieman and Koch.

Community Improvement: New street signs have been received, Prothman will get them installed.

Lease Agreement for the Village Campus was forwarded to February's meeting.

Unregistered vehicle ordinance was forwarded to February's meeting.

Safety meeting: Use extra caution traveling in winter weather. Prothman has been doing a good job with snow removal.

Prothman reported recent issues with the wastewater treatment plant. One pump has been off for eight months. A new one was ordered however it took three months to receive then Iowa Pump Works had a staff shortage. December 20th the one running pump quit working; Prothman tried using a sump-pump, but it couldn't keep up, so he had to purchase a grinder pump from Menard's. Iowa Pump Works arrived with a new pump on the 28th. Both check valves were plugged, Speed Services cleaned the tank out. New check valves were ordered. Old pump was taken back, and a quote was presented to repair it for a backup pump. Werner made a motion to refurbish the old pump for the sewer plant, seconded by Stokes; votes in favor: Stokes, Henn and Werner; opposed: none; absent: Koch and Thieman.

GPM recommended Prothman to get a new sonic flow meter because the current one is not perfectly calibrated. Prothman would like to do more research on it before purchasing a new one. An oxygen censor was discussed, Prothman will bring quotes for one to the February meeting. The board discussed the wastewater treatment plant and possible future need of getting a lagoon. The wastewater treatment plant is older and constant repairs are needed to keep it running efficiently. Provencher was asked to look into possible grants for a lagoon. Land of course would need to be acquired first.

Provencher reported receiving a \$125 scholarship towards the Clerk's Institute.

Board discussed water usage at the Village Campus. They have not been billed for their usage since the board waived their July bill. The Foundation has paid the flat rate just not the usage. Stokes made a motion to waive the usage portion of the Foundation's bill until a new remote reader can be installed, seconded by Werner; votes in favor: Stokes, Henn and Werner; opposed: none; absent: Thieman and Koch.

Discussion was held on the recycling dumpsters in town. The trash company has been picking up the recycling with the normal trash route. Board doesn't want to mislead residents into believing they are recycling if they aren't. Bud's will be contacted, if they are no longer recycling paper and cardboard there is no need to have the recycling dumpsters.

Generator at the wastewater treatment plant is still waiting to be wired.

Werner made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Henn. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Corey Stokes, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Sundae Provencher, Clerk