

Village of Petersburg
July 6th, 2023

The Village Chairman and Board of Trustees met for a regular and safety meeting Thursday July 6th, 2023 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 22nd, and published in the Petersburg Press on June 28th. Board members were given prior notice of the meeting.

Board members present: Corey Stokes, Tina Henn, Steve Werner, Ashley Thieman and Mitch Koch Staff: Nick Prothman and Sundae Provencher. Guests: Clyde Stuhr, Helen Baumgartner of Petersburg Press, Hank Thieman, Hayden Neiwohner and Deputy Anderson.

Sales tax from April was \$6,425.68 with \$783.57 motor vehicle sales tax.

Henn made a motion to approve June 6th minutes, seconded by Werner, votes in favor: Stokes, Henn, Werner; opposed: none; absent: Thieman and Koch.

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

Bills presented for payment:

Wages: 6,954.75

EFTPs, payroll taxes: 1,655.58

Village Regular Account, transfer loan payment: 1,000.06

Village Regular Account, transfer motor vehicle taxes: 783.57

Boone County Treasurer, zoning: 100.00

Boone County Treasurer, police protection: 1,375.00

Neil Baumgartner, service fire equipment: 120.00

Esther Steensnes, cleaning: 205.00

Great Plains State Bank, loan: 1,000.06

Bud's Sanitary, service: 2,920.50

Noel Benda, rented his tiller: 75.00

Tinsley Grain, 28.53 tons red rock for camper site: 998.55

Mike's Auto Repair, supplies: 338.00

Boone Central Schools, liquor license fees: 425.00

Nebraska Department of Revenue, state payroll taxes: 738.66

American Legion, flag: 22.00

Pelster Sand & Gravel, hauling red rock: 180.00

Albracht Disposal, clean up days 2023: 354.80

Great Plains Communications: service: 459.91

NE Public Health Env. Lab, lab fees: 15.00

Loup Power District, service: 2,127.23

Bomgaars, supplies: 84.16

Helena, supplies: 225.00

CVIA, life insurance: 2,160.00

Koinzan Enterprises, supplies for Splash Pad: 1793.48

Appear, laundry cost: 77.20
Power Manager, late notice forms: 63.11
Island Supply, supplies: 28.80
One Call Concept, service: 12.00
Petersburg Building Supply, chain-link fencing for ballfield: 3,844.49
Midwest Labs, lab fees: 263.50
Zabka, fuel: 509.11
Albion News/Boone County Tribune, advertising: 36.84
Nebraska Department of Revenue, sales tax collected: 115.57
Black Hills Energy, service: 300.01
1st National Bank of Omaha, supplies: 122.62
1st National Bank of Omaha, supplies: 91.36
Charles Schwab, retirement: 284.20
Charles Schwab, retirement: 148.50
Verizon, cellphone: 79.66

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

Police reported 55.5 hours of patrol time. Neiwohner mentioned to the Board that he plans on moving soon. He requested to add to the agenda for the board to discuss removing the stipulation of a deputy living in town from the contract. The contract with the Sheriff's Department will be discussed in August. Ordinance violations and vacant property walkthroughs will still be taken care of.

Boone County Development Agency provided a monthly update flyer. Someone is in the office now.

Zoning: 3 permits were approved by zoning, a concrete slab, addition to a house and a new house.

Community Improvement: vacant properties were reviewed. Most vacant properties registered have been taken care of. Most vacant houses were removed, others are now occupied. The new properties added to the vacant list still have some time before corrective action can be taken. The board would like to stay on top of this Ordinance to help keep the town clean.

Clyde Stuhr asked the board what the process was for dealing with noise complaints and if there an ordinance outlining a time from for loud noises. Board stated noise complaints start with a complaint to a board member or the clerk and the person in violation will be delivered the Ordinance for disturbing the peace.

The firemen and EMT life insurance list was reviewed by the board. Thieman made a motion to approve the list, seconded by Werner; votes in favor: Stokes, Henn, Werner and Thieman; opposed: none; absent: Koch.

Discussion was held on Ordinance 2018-2 regarding Sunday sales. 386 Tap can serve beer and wine, but they want to be able to serve other alcohol's as well such as Bloody Mary's. Hank Thieman from the Legion stated that Clyde Stuhr is the financial officer for the American Legion. Thieman stated the American Legion is supporters of the businesses in town, they buy supplies from Rae Valley Market

as much as possible. American Legions Sunday business has been struggling for years to make ends meet. The history of the town council has been to protect the American Legion. Lately it is looking like they may need to shut down. The KENO the American Legion does has brought over 300,000, 10% of that gets returned to the Village. The American Legion was grateful for the protection in the past. When the Knotty Pine closed years ago the Legion expanded their license to keep that service available in the Village. Last Sunday's sales totaled \$52.00.

The board asked if they could be open more than Sundays. Thieman stated they couldn't justify being open every day. They are open on Sundays, and during special events. It was discussed that lifestyles have changed, and some people don't go to bars like they used to. Population has also decreased, affecting businesses in the Village. American Legions across the country are currently struggling.

The fish fries during lint and the carnival is mostly what sustains the American Legion. It will continue to get harder to keep going. More members are needed for American Legions all over. Liquor is a small part of the struggle. 386 Tap is a new business, so it's attracted some out-of-towners. It was discussed if the American Legion would get the same patrons as 386 Tap if the Tap was not open on Sundays. The American Legion opens on 3 p.m. on Sunday.

The Golf League donated \$500 to the Village for water use on the golf course. The Golf Committee thanked Nick and his staff for all his work at the golf course. Nick has a big to-do list, and the golf committee is satisfied and thanks Nick for all his hard work.

Bud's Sanitary is going to introduce a new tote system. The totes will be 96 gallons. All trash has to be put in the tote to get picked up by the trash company. They will not pick anything up that is not in the tote. The price will increase to \$17.75 per pick-up with an additional \$5.00 charge for a second tote. An additional cost of living increase of 0.50 will be added yearly after 2025. Bud's will supply the totes, normal wear and tear damage will be replaced by Bud's. The contract is due to be renewed in January. The Village doesn't have a choice this new pricing and program will be implemented regardless. This will be put on the next agenda.

An Engagement letter from Mueller & Honcik for the budget was reviewed. The charge for them to do the budget is \$2,200 - \$2,400. AMGL said they wouldn't charge more than \$3,500 or we could pay hourly if we did the budget and consulted them for calculating the levy. The Village does most of the prep on their own anyway. Mueller and Honcik would have all the history from Rick Martinsen. Stokes will call tomorrow to confirm who will be preparing the budget. A decision will need to be made in August, the Budget is due in September and the fiscal year begins October 1st.

The legal review/editorial report from American Legal Publishing was received to finish the recodification process. The answers and feedback from the report are due back to American Legal on August 18th. A special meeting will be scheduled to review the report and make any changes. Brandi Yosten will be consulted to see what day works for her.

Prothman reported Doug Wright will be re-wiring the generator at the sewer plant. It is not running the correct RPM's. The chain-link fencing was installed at the ballfield. When Prothman was drilling for posts, he hit some wires that went to the outfield lights. Doug Wright fixed it. A light exploded by 3rd base, needs replaced. New bases were put in the ballfield. A window was broken by the summer help string trimming, a quote is being looked into to replace.

The Splash-Pad did not pass the electrical inspection. Not all the features were grounded, they all need to be grounded and connected together. The owner of SeaSpray, the company that installed it wants to drill a hole at each feature and put ground plugs on all of them. He was directed to consult with the inspector to work out a solution. The splash-pad committee will have another meeting with the owner and the inspector.

Provencher reported that Great Plains State Bank is switching to the NE Pooled Collateral program. Public funds will be pooled together for more insurance. Stokes signed the release form. Provencher received a \$100 scholarship from IIMC for online training. The training has to be completed before the end of the year to get reimbursed. Provencher asked if she could take a couple online courses, one being a basic budget course. The board agreed that was okay.

Loup Power needs to be contacted for some branches hanging on power lines after the last storm.

Minors on motorized vehicles were discussed. There have been several complaints of minors on golf carts being reckless. The Village has never passed an Ordinance on golf carts because there is no way to police them. The liability currently resides with the owner of the golf cart.

Armor coating was discussed. TopKote will not get back to Prothman. H&L's quote was received. Stokes will get ahold of TopKote. Werner mentioned a company out of York.

An ordinance for disturbing the peace was delivered to a resident. Thieman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Werner. The meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Corey Stokes, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Sundae Provencher, Clerk

