

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

The Chairman and Board of Trustees met for a regular meeting on March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Office. Notices of the meeting was posted at the Village Office, Post Office and Leifeld's on February 23<sup>rd</sup> and published in the Petersburg Press on March 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, Steve Werner, Mitch Koch and Ashley Thieman. Staff present: Nick Prothman and Sundae Provencher; Guests: Helen Baumgarten from Petersburg Press and Deputy Dustin Martin.

Sales tax from December 2022: \$6,874.26 with \$1,747.92 motor vehicle taxes.

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

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

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

Bills presented for payment:

Wages: 5,471.21

EFTPS, payroll taxes: 1,543.50

Village Regular Account, transfer loan payment: 1,000.06

Village Regular Account, transfer MV taxes: 1,747.92

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 State Bank, UV sewer loan payment: 1,562.96

Great Plains Communications, service: 507.26

Bud's Sanitary Service, trash service: 2,905.75

NE Public Health Env. Lab, lab fees: 22.00

Bomgaars, supplies: 130.78

Loup Power, electricity: 1,989.94

Boone Central Schools, tobacco license fees collected: 30.00

JRK Electric, service: 110.80

Island Supply, supplies: 26.88

Appeara, service: 79.43

One Call Concepts, service: 0.80

Midwest Labs, lab fees: 219.07

Albion News/Boone County Tribune, advertising: 34.56

Yosten Law, LLC, service: 104.00

Zabka, fuel: 292.98

Leifeld's, supplies: 29.23

Applied Connective, supplies: 15.95

CVIA, insurance: 4,487.75

Rae Valley Market, supplies: 5.38  
NE Department of Revenue, sales tax: 855.78  
Black Hills Energy, service: 1,216.58  
1<sup>st</sup> National Bank of Omaha, supplies: 190.42  
1<sup>st</sup> National Bank of Omaha, supplies: 1,046.15  
Verizon, service: 79.75  
Charles Schwab, retirement: 284.20  
Charles Schwab, retirement: 148.50

Police reported 66.28 hours of patrol time.

BCDA: nothing to report.

Zoning: Solar Energy permit was reviewed by the board. Board is okay with the permit. Clerk will find out if the permit is specific to Petersburg or if the whole county's permits are the same.

Community Improvement: More progress has been made at the Village Campus. Paneling, flooring and painting has all been done in the west wing. Christmas lights were taken down and are now stored at the Village Campus.

Board discussed the parade route for the Firemen's fundraiser cruise night. Board has the authority to designate any part of town to be included in the parade route. Trustees would like to extend the route to allow for cars to have more driving area. A Resolution will be made up to designate the parade route area. Signs may need placed around the route. A local celebration sign may be put coming into town on all sides to warn other traffic.

Discussion was held on the upcoming dog vaccination clinic being held March 18<sup>th</sup> at the firehall. Town and Country Vet will be offering rabies vaccines at a discounted price. Residents can come to the firehall to pay the annual dog license fee and get necessary vaccines without leaving town. Werner will be at the firehall to take care of fees and tags. Vaccination clinic might get more popular every year.

Updated service contract from Great Plains Communications was reviewed again. The contract is to upgrade the internet service at the Library and the Firehall. No changes will be made to the Village Office due to moving to the Village Campus soon. The contract is slightly confusing due to the dual lines at the Firehall. The phone number rings at the shop and the Firehall. Werner and Koch will look into this. Could possibly eliminate one of those phone lines. The antennae at the Office will need to be moved when the Village Office moves to keep internet service at the shop building.

Great Plains Communications asked the Village for a Resolution supporting them to apply for a Capital Projects Fund Grant to get fiber internet in Petersburg. The Village sent a letter of support previously due to the deadline being prior to this meeting stating a Resolution will be passed at the next meeting. Koch made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-1, seconded by Werner; votes in favor: Stokes, Henn, Werner, Koch and Thieman; opposed: none.

Prothman reported bids for roll-off dumpsters for the annual clean-up days. Albracht Disposal's price is \$220 per roll-off plus \$60 per ton. A \$20 dollar increase per dumpster and ton from last year. Hilltop was contacted but did not respond with a bid. Albracht has openings all April. A motion was made by Stokes to go with Albracht disposal for Clean-Up Days and to schedule it for April 21-23 or April 14-16, Thieman seconded the motion; votes in favor: Stokes, Henn, Werner, Koch and Thieman; opposed: none.

Discussion was held on food trucks. 386 Tap, LLC has interest in bringing in a food truck on occasion. The only Ordinance currently pertaining to this hasn't been updated since 1971. It

was discussed to have a yearly permit with a \$20 annual occupation tax. Discussion was held on food truck's federal and state regulations. The board would like to see if the permit and fees could be done through the Village website. Legal will be consulted on, forwarded to next meeting.

Prothman reported he will be attending a Conference the 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>. Prothman asked the Board if he could get quotes for painting the interior of the water tower. It is recommended to be done every 15 years. Maguire is booking up fast and Prothman would like to get it scheduled soon. Board agreed it should be scheduled.

Provencher reported she will be attending the Annual Nebraska Municipal Clerk's Institute from March 13 – 17<sup>th</sup>. Provencher updated the board on one of the vacant properties. The yearly building inspection is scheduled for March 16<sup>th</sup>, only the outside will be inspected this year. The draft audit was dispersed to the board, the final copy should be completed prior to the next meeting.

Koch mentioned 1<sup>st</sup> street should be sealed, it is cracking really bad. Stokes stated he is waiting to hear back from the Engineer about a new product for streets. Main Street needs to be resealed again. The other cement streets should be done again also.

Werner mentioned how much snow accumulated at the school bus drop off location by the Village Campus. The parents are all parked between snow piles and it is unsafe. Is it possible to designate another drop off destination such as the park, that way parents can park more safely along the street. The school will be contacted regarding school bus drop off locations.

Stokes has tried contacting Green Fiber about recycling service however they haven't responded. Stokes has offered to pay the gas from Elgin to Petersburg and back and provide dumpsters. Still trying to get recycling to town.

Discussion was held on chickens. Residents ask frequently if chickens are allowed in town. Ordinances were looked through and there doesn't seem to be any in place for fowl. A trustee thought there was an Ordinance stating no livestock were allowed in Village limits. Ordinances will be reviewed farther.

The culvert on the angled road will get replaced in the future. Still waiting on the refurbished sewer pump. Thieman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Koch.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

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Corey Stokes, Chairman

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

