

Village of Petersburg
October 3rd, 2023

The Village Chairman and Board of Trustees met for a regular meeting and the 1&6-year street improvement hearing on Tuesday October 3rd, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Office. Notice of the meeting was posted at the Village Office, Post Office and Leifeld's on September 22nd and published in the Petersburg Press on September 27th. Board members were given prior notice of the meeting.

Board members present: Corey Stokes, Mitch Koch and Ashley Thieman. Staff: Nick Prothman and Sundae Provencher. Guests: Helen Baumgartner of Petersburg Press, Village Engineer John Zwingman of ACES, Ross Knott, Jill Petsche and Deputy Hayden Neiwohner.

Sales tax receipts from July: \$6,062.07 with \$1,025.80 motor vehicle sales tax.

Minutes from September 5th, 6th, and 20th were approved with a motion by Thieman seconded by Stokes; votes in favor: Stokes, Koch and Thieman; opposed: none; absent: Werner and Henn.

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

Bills presented for payment:

Wages: 6,007.47

EFTPS, payroll taxes: 1,617.08

Village Regular Account, transfer loan payment: 1,000.06

Village Regular Account, transfer motor vehicle taxes: 1,025.80

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 payment: 1,000.06

Bud's Sanitary, trash service: 2,905.75

Bomgaars, supplies: 170.61

Loup Power District, electricity, 2,459.16

NE Public Health Environmental Lab, lab fees: 477.00

Great Plains Communications, service: 459.97

TopKote, armor coating: 20,397.00

Koinzan Enterprises, supplies: 45.55

Pelster Sand & Gravel, load of rock: 90.00

PowerTech, service: 197.23

Rae Valley Market, supplies: 313.31

Mike's Auto Repair, tires for trailer: 155.00

Petersburg Volunteer Fire Department, air packs: 19,094.00

Yosten Law, LLC, service: 273.00

Speed Service, 1/2 Steve Faust clean out: 335.54

Rutjen's, repairs: 12,672.53
Tinsley Grain, white rock: 589.26
GPM, new flow meter: 4,532.75
Municipal Supply, water meters: 1,914.05
Speed Services, repairs: 1,750.00
Bader Highway, final payment on crack sealing: 9,827.00
NE Department of Revenue, state payroll tax: 779.16
Helena, round-up: 112.50
Larry Temme dba Rae Valley Market, TIF reimbursement: 181.43
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Island Supply, supplies: 28.80
One Call Concepts, service: 8.34
Zabka, fuel: 861.73
Leifeld's, supplies: 53.20
Albion News/Boone County Tribune, advertising: 233.70
NE Municipal Clerks Association, dues : 50.00
BCDA, ½ 2023-2024 dues : 2,459.13
Midwest Labs, lab fees : 243.75
Appeara, laundry service : 77.05
Power Manager, annual value support plan: 2,596.77
NE Department of Revenue, sales tax: 325.53
NE Department of Revenue, waste reduction tax: 25.00
One Call Concept, service: 17.86
Yosten Law, service: 364.00
Charles Schwab, retirement: 284.20
Charles Schwab, retirement: 148.50
1st National Bank of Omaha, supplies: 129.85
1st National Bank of Omaha, supplies: 5.01
Verizon, cellphone: 95.83
Black Hills Energy, natural gas: 277.38

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

Payment to the Fire Department for air packs will be back dated to fit in the 2022-2023 fiscal year budget. The Village still owes Boone County half for the concrete on 145th Street, and half of the interior water tower painting.

Police reported 69.32 hours of patrol time with one disturbance. A list of potentially unlicensed vehicles was given to Neiwohner to inspect.

Ross Knott gave an update on Boone County Development Agency. The new director is getting used to things and doing good. A purchase agreement has been signed for the last area of the industrial site south of Albion. It will be a \$27 million dollar investment. BCDA is starting a new three step program for people wanting to start a business in Boone County. The program will reward business owners for

reaching new milestones. Hopefully it will create more jobs opportunities for the community. More housing is still a need.

Community Improvement: Armor coating was finished; the Village did crack sealing as well this summer. The light at the park was taken to get brackets and wiring fixed and find new lenses.

John Zwingman went over the 1&6-year street improvement plan. Costs were updated, the culvert on A street was removed since the project was completed. Stokes asked about results from a new micro-surfacing product another town was intending to try. Zwingman stated that they haven't done that project yet. There is a method that is not micro-surfacing but kin to micro-surfacing, that will fill in holes, but big, long cracks will still come through in time. These roads weren't built for heavy trucks and the roads are old. Petersburg needs to do something in the future. Zwingman mentioned if a surrounding town starts a project Petersburg could tag on to, to save some money. The plan could be amended if needed. Anything under \$20,000 would be viewed as maintenance. Some projects are large. John lumped a bunch of asphalt projects into one.

The board asked John about a drainage issue by Staashelms property. Some grading was done by the school and since then water has been collecting instead of going into the culverts. John said municipal culverts are built to withstand 10-year storm events, it is possible that heavy rainfall could have exceeded those events. He will take a look at the issue.

No public comments on the 1&6-year street improvement plan. Stokes made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Thieman; votes in favor: Koch, Thieman and Stokes; opposed: none.

Stokes made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-5 authorizing the signing of the municipal annual certification of program compliance to the NE Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards, seconded by Koch; votes in favor: Thieman, Koch and Stokes; opposed: none; absent: Werner and Henn.

Ross Knott and Jill Petsche from the Splash Pad committee were at the meeting to communicate the progress of the Splash Pad to the Village Board. Copies of the inspections from the Village Engineer and the State Electrical Inspector and communications between Ross and Rick, the owner of Sea Spray were given to the board. Rick had contacted Ross with some suggestions to fix the grounding issues, Ross wants him to check with the electrical inspector to see if those suggestions would suffice. The drain on the south side of the splash pad is high, a new drain was put in. The electrical inspector said there was no way to tie into the rebar. Nick had cut 4 corners of concrete so they could attempt to properly ground it. Only 4 out of 17 components have been grounded properly. 3/8-inch rebar was used instead of 1/2-inch and the spacing is incorrect.

Knott stated that they tried to do as much homework and background work as possible. Sea Spray is arguing that they built it according to the contract. Sea Spray's latest proposal is to drill down by each component to ground them. Knott said to ask the electrical inspector if he would sign off on that. Rick offered to run a drain along the south side of the splash pad and tie into the existing drain to fix the draining issue. He

offered to pay for those fixes. Sea Spray doesn't want to tear it all out and start over. The splash pad committee prefers it gets taken out and started over. Knott thinks it might be time to get legal consult.

Stokes signed the contract to get the project started but he wasn't aware of any code requirements prior to signing. Sea Spray claims they have built splash pads all over, but as a contractor they should be following the proper requirements. The contract says 3/8-inch rebar will be used. Yosten Law will be sent the contract, inspection reports and communications to review. If the electrical inspector does not sign off on Sea Sprays suggestions of drilling to ground the components, legal will be consulted.

Zwingman stated that someone such as a lawyer or an engineer should have reviewed the contract prior to ensure codes and requirements were covered. Knott stated again that they tried to exhaust everything before turning the issue over to the Village and the Attorney. The splash pad will be put on the November agenda.

386 Tap, LLC is wanting to start KENO. The village receives a percentage of KENO sales, and it can be used for community betterment. Stokes made a motion to approve 386 Tap, LLC to operate KENO, seconded by Koch; votes in favor: Thieman, Koch and Stokes; opposed: none; absent: Werner and Henn.

Ordinance 2023-2 Occupation Tax was read by title. Thieman made a motion to suspend the statutory requirement for three separate readings, seconded by Koch, votes in favor: Stokes, Koch and Thieman; opposed: none. Ordinance 2023-2 was read for the second and third time. Thieman made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-2, seconded by Stokes; votes in favor: Koch, Thieman and Stokes; opposed: none; absent: Werner and Henn.

Stokes made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-6 increasing trash rates, seconded by Thieman; votes in favor: Koch, Thieman and Stokes; opposed: none; absent Werner and Henn.

Ordinance 2023-3 for shipping containers in business zoned areas was reviewed. The Village passed an ordinance for residential. The board doesn't want them in the residential area because they don't like the way they look. Stokes stated that they are good, sturdy containers he just doesn't think they make town look very nice. Koch said he doesn't mind businesses having them but there should be guidelines that are followed. They should be placed on a concrete slab, be flush against the building, and be painted the same way as the business. Thieman said this should be discussed when all board members are here because it's a topic heavily discussed. The board doesn't want to make them cost prohibited but they should have guidelines. This will be put on November's agenda.

Prothman reported that the '79 well is up and running. September 11th the entire well was taken out, the 18th it was put back in with all new bearings. It ran that day but was quivering on top, it was a swag clutch bearing that was out. Got a new one in the 19th, well ran good for a few times the next day to flush out the chlorine. The next day it locked up and started smoking. The 22nd three guys came out and pulled it out again. It was a stuffing box that went out. That got replaced and the well was put back in service

on the 27th. The well will run for a few weeks to make sure there are no other issues before taking the 2000 well out to replace the bearings.

The board budgeted for Nick to get a new air compressor and impact; he can get that now that it is October. Koch asked Nick if he had any repair kits for fire hydrants. He has one but he doesn't know anyone that knows how to do it. Rutjen's will be consulted. Discussion was held on the Fire Departments cylinder rental and oxygen supply.

Thieman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Koch. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Corey Stokes, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Sundae Provencher, Clerk