

Village of Petersburg  
September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023

The Village Chairman and Board of Trustees met for a regular meeting on Tuesday September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Office. Notices of the meeting were posted at the Village Office, Post Office and Leifeld's on August 29<sup>th</sup> and published in the Petersburg Press on August 30<sup>th</sup>. Board members were given prior notice of the meeting.

Board members present: Corey Stokes, Ashley Thieman, Mitch Koch, Tina Henn and Steve Werner. Staff: Nick Prothman and Sundae Provencher. Guests: Clyde Stuhr, Carolyn Beckman, Steve Faust, Officer Buck, Helen Baumgartner, Larry Temme, and three government students.

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

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

Bills presented for payment:

Wages: 5,914.26

EFTPS, payroll taxes: 1,829.10

Village Regular Account, transfer loan payment: 1,000.06

Village Regular Account, transfer motor vehicle taxes: 245.53

Boone County Treasurer, zoning: 100.00

Boone County Treasurer, police protection: 1,375.00

Boone County Treasurer, ½ of 140<sup>th</sup> street pavement payment: 47,637.81

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

Helena, tree injection kit: 3,165.00

Reigle Implement, supplies: 224.90

M&S Computer Service: checks: 231.75

Maguire, ½ interior water tower painting: 25,200.00

Applied Connective, supplies: 25.40

Johnson Service Company, service: 3,300.00

Midwest Labs, lab fees: 151.95

League of NE Municipalities, membership dues: 1,251.00

Great Plains Communications, service: 459.97

NE Public Health, lab fees: 100.00

Verizon, cellphone: 80.73

Glen & Diane Myers, water deposit return: 100.00

Diane Carlin, water deposit return: 10.15

Zabka, fuel: 746.87

Island Supply, supplies: 29.76

Appeara, laundry: 79.43

Leifeld's, supplies: 20.09

Albion News/Boone County Tribune: 91.74

USA Blue Book, supplies: 40.25

CVIA, insurance: 4,492.75

Petersburg Building Supply, supplies: 64.18  
One Call Concept, service: 4.38  
Leifeld's, supplies: 260.51  
Yosten Law, LLC, service: 624.00  
Midwest Labe, lab fees: 385.37  
NE Department of Revenue, sales tax collected: 804.01  
Black Hills Energy, service: 267.09  
1<sup>st</sup> National Bank of Omaha, supplies: 161.05  
1<sup>st</sup> National Bank of Omaha, supplies: 147.25  
Charles Schwab, retirement: 284.20  
Charles Schwab, retirement: 148.50

Stokes made a motion to pay the bills, pay half of the road bill from the county and those not in yet, seconded by Koch, votes in favor: Stokes, Henn, Werner, Koch and Thieman; opposed: none.

Air packs for the fire department were discussed. The board had budgeted to pay for a few. Fire hall will buy them, and the Village will reimburse. Should be done before the end of the month.

Sales tax from June 2023 was \$6,218.98 with \$245.53 motor vehicle sales tax.

Police reported 77 hours of patrol time. The board members asked about doing an unlicensed vehicle check. The police contract was discussed. Hayden Niewohner has intentions on moving but the contract states an officer needs to reside in Petersburg. Response times wouldn't be affected by not having an officer living in the Village. It would also have no effect on insurance due to that being the police's responsibility. The board agreed the contract didn't have to say that an officer needs to reside in Petersburg. Section 4 B states the Village will provide an office and parking spaces for officers. That section could be removed as well. The sheriff's office will be contacted about a new contract. The police intend on raising their rates soon.

Community improvement: Armor coating will be done at the end of September. The Village has the gravel already. The wells will be rebuilt soon. Three years ago, when one of the wells was being serviced, they used a different type of plastic bearings which recently has been failing in other well systems. The bearings will get replaced. Still waiting to hear from the owner of Sea Spray regarding the Splash Pad. The State inspector's recommendations along with the Village Engineer's recommendations have been sent to Sea Spray.

Elaine Beckman was at the meeting to ask the Village if the library could apply for funding opportunities for repairs and new books for the library. They plan on going through the Big Give and the Boone County Foundation. Thieman made a motion to allow the library to use the Village 501c3 status for grants, seconded by Werner, votes in favor: Stokes, Henn, Werner, Thieman and Koch; opposed: none.

Steve Faust attended the meeting to discuss a bill from cleaning out his sewer line. The cap for the line is on the side of a county road, trucks knocked it off and the line filled with gravel. The Village doesn't maintain that road and doesn't pay for service lines to properties from the main. Faust provided a map of the sewer lines near his property. Discussion was held on the sewer line clean out being moved. Werner made a motion to pay half the sewer line bill with the stipulation of the landowner moving the clean out to their yard, seconded by Thieman, votes in favor: Stokes, Henn, Werner and Thieman; opposed: Koch. Faust will pay half and request for an invoice to be sent to the Village.

AJ Jacobson was present to discuss his plan for a storage container at his business. Jacobson has an application for a conditional use permit. He plans on putting tin on the outside of the container, so it complies with town regulations but is still portable. He eventually plans on moving it out and putting in a building. Clyde Stuhr asked the board if they would reconsider allowing shipping containers in business and industrial zoned areas. The board doesn't like the way they look and don't want storage containers all over, it doesn't look very nice. The board doesn't mind reconsidering storage containers in business zoned areas. Werner made a motion for AJ Jacobson to proceed with the building permit as stated in the Ordinance, seconded by Koch; votes in favor: Stokes, Henn, Werner, Koch and Thieman. Jacobson will submit the permit to Zoning.

The drafted Occupational Tax Ordinance was forwarded to the next meeting.

Bud's Sanitary Contract amendment was discussed. There are no other options for smaller containers. Every household will get a 96-gallon tote. Residents can get an additional tote if needed for \$5.00 a month. There will be an increase in trash rates however the UV surcharge was removed so the change will even out. Totes are expected to arrive September 18<sup>th</sup>. Thieman made a motion to accept the amendment to the contract with Bud's Sanitary, seconded by Stokes, votes in favor: Henn, Werner, Koch, Thieman and Stokes.

Ordinance 2023-1 regulating the sales of alcohol was read. Chairman Stokes made a motion to approve the First reading and suspend the statutory rule for three separate readings, seconded by Thieman; votes in favor: Henn, Werner, Koch, Thieman and Stokes; opposed: none. Stokes stated the motion carried; the statutory rule has been suspended. Ordinance 2023-1 was read for the second and third time. Stokes made a motion to pass and adopt Ordinance 2023-1, seconded by Henn; votes in favor: Stokes, Henn, Werner, Koch and Thieman; opposed: none. Chairman Stokes declared Ordinance 2023-1 was passed and adopted.

Ordinance 368 - Great Plains Communications Franchise Ordinance was reviewed. Great Plains Communications will no longer provide cable. Nothing in the Ordinance states they have to provide cable. A tech says that the internet should be fast enough for streaming. However, sales associates have told board members that the speed is not fast enough for streaming. Great Plains Communications will be contacted for a follow-up on internet speeds for streaming purposes.

The board scheduled a budget workshop for September 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 to go over expected expenditures for the upcoming fiscal year. Budget hearing will be scheduled with the accountant.

The auditor's letter of engagement was reviewed. Thieman made a motion to accept the auditor's letter of engagement, seconded by Werner, votes in favor: Henn, Werner, Koch and Thieman; abstained: Stokes.

Stokes made a motion to set the 1&6-year public hearing for the next regular meeting, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, seconded by Koch, votes in favor: Stokes, Henn, Werner, Koch and Thieman; opposed: none.

Thieman made a motion to authorize the clerk to post notice of the 1&6-year hearing, seconded by Henn, votes in favor: Stokes, Thieman, Henn, Koch and Werner; opposed: none.

Prothman reported the well bearing have been seizing up, they need to be changed. The '79 well he would like to do first. The water tower report for the interior painting was given to the board for review. Werner stated we should put a bulletin in the paper about the UV charge being removed from the water bills, the increase on trash and the totes arrival.

Stokes wanted to express his appreciation of the ladies that care for the flowers on main street and thank them for their work over the season.

The voluntary water boil notice that was put out when the water main broke was not a mandatory notice. There were some complaints from residents who never received the voluntary

notice. A suggestion was made to create an email list for future communications. The clerk would need to get email addresses from residents who wish to receive communications via email. It would be possible to put information about the email list on the quarterly water bills. Need to be careful how it is worded as this would not be regular communications just for emergencies.

Thieman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Stokes. Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

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Corey Stokes, Chairman

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