

Village of Petersburg
February 6th, 2024

The Village Chairman and Board of Trustees of the Village of Petersburg met for a regular meeting on Tuesday February 6th, 2024, in the Village Office at 7:00 p.m. Notice of the meeting was published in the Petersburg Press on January 31, 2024, and posted at the Village Office, Post Office and Leifeld's on January 24th, 2024. 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: Ashley Thieman, Mitch Koch, Corey Stokes, Tina Henn and Steve Werner. Staff: Nick Prothman and Sundae Provencher. Guests: Clyde Stuhr, Rick Pelster, Helen Baumgartner of Petersburg Press, Glen & Diane Myers and Deputy Anderson.

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

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

Bills presented for payment:

Wages: 5,765.13

EFTPs, payroll taxes: 1,612.64

Village Regular Account, transfer motor vehicle taxes: 219.71

Boone County Treasurer, police protection: 1,375.00

Boone County Treasurer, zoning: 100.00

Neil Baumgartner, service fire equipment: 120.00

Esther Steensnes, cleaning: 110.25

Great Plains Communications, telephone & internet service: 462.25

B&S Concrete, LLC, street repairs: 550.00

Central District Health, lab fees: 56.00

Power & Packaging Products, supplies: 349.90

NE Dept. of Environment & Energy, WWTP Certification : 150.00

Loup Power, electricity : 2,003.25

Neil Baumgartner, annual cellphone for ambulance: 595.56

J.D. Cooke Co., dog licenses: 64.69

Midwest Service & Sales, supplies: 600.00

Loup Power, electricity: 73.55

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Helena, supplies: 12.88

Mueller & Honcik, service: 65.00

CVIA, firepak insurance renewal: 8,901.00

Utilities Section LONM, snowball conference 135.00

Bud's Sanitary, trash service: 3,516.75

Island Supply, supplies: 29.76

One Call Concept, service: 0.80

Appeara, laundry costs: 74.06
Mike's Auto, supplies: 183.00
Rae Valley Repair, supplies: 15.28
Zabka, fuel: 581.39
Leifeld's, supplies: 170.88
Nick Prothman, meal reimbursement for snowball conference: 24.27
Albion News/Boone County Tribune, advertising: 80.03
NE Dept. of Revenue, sales tax: 28.57
FNBO, supplies: 556.03
FNBO, supplies: 82.22
Leifeld's, supplies: 153.99
Black Hills Energy, natural gas: 881.02
NE Dept. of Revenue, lodging tax: 27.27
Charles Schwab, retirement: 298.41
Charles Schwab, retirement: 156.00
Verizon, cellphone: 86.86

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

Sales Tax receipts from November 2023: \$6,352.83 with \$219.71 motor vehicle sales tax.

Police reported 55.25 hours of patrol time with no activity.

BCDA held an economic development session on January 24th at the Hwy. 14 Brewery in Albion. Corey Stokes and Ashley Thieman were in attendance. The session had people from different counties come together to discuss economic development efforts. Board members stated it was a great event to attend. The BCDA newsletter was distributed to the board members, the newsletter shows the 2023 highlights.

An administrator has been hired for the zoning office.

Community improvement: Nick pulled the LED panels out of the speed radar signs and sent them in to get repaired. Fiber internet will be coming to Petersburg soon. Prothman received a call from the company Great Plains Communications has hired to install the fiber internet. He calling to open up lines of communication to get the project started.

The Community Club is working on updating the restrooms in the highway 14 park before BRAN arrives this June. They are looking for baby changing tables. Neither Petersburg Building Supply nor Leifeld's can get baby changing table. Thieman stated the Village Campus got theirs from the Boone County Hospital. They also plan to epoxy the floor and paint the walls as well.

Rick Pelster was present at the meeting requesting to vacate the alley by his property. He plans to build a garage at the end of the alley. The only issue is there is a manhole in the area. If the alley gets vacated the manhole will still be accessible from the north. Prothman stated it would still be accessible and Porter's could still reach it if an issue were to occur. The alley currently is not being used as it ends in a ditch. The only

issue with vacating the alley is keeping the utilities accessible. Prothman mentioned Pelster could do an 811 on the area to see what utilities are there. Discussion was held. An 811 will be conducted and legal will be consulted prior to moving forward.

In December Petersburg requested membership to the Northeast NE Solid Waste Coalition. This was a requirement for Bud's Sanitary to continue taking Petersburg's Trash to their dump. Resolution 2024-1 approving the Third Amended Interlocal Solid Waste Management Agreement, and authorizing Chairman Stokes to sign the Interlocal Agreement was reviewed. Stokes made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-1, seconded by Thieman; roll call votes in favor: Koch, Werner, Henn, Stokes and Thieman; opposed: none.

Resolution 2024-2 appointing two representatives for the NNSWC was discussed. Stokes and Thieman volunteered to be representatives for the Coalition. Koch made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-2 appointing Stokes as the representative and Thieman as the alternate representatives for the NNSWC, seconded by Werner; votes in favor: Henn, Stokes, Thieman, Koch and Werner; opposed: none.

Discussion was held on dog licensing day. Last year Petersburg held a dog licensing day during the Ag Brunch at the Firehall. Resident's can get their dogs vaccinated at half price and register their dog at the same time. Last year we only had two people, however the vet said the more we do it, the more popular it will become. The Ag Brunch is on March 16th this year. Town and Country will be contacted to see if that day is available for them.

The last printed ariel photos of Petersburg were from the 60's and 70's. Someone took new photos of Petersburg in 2023. Discussion was held on getting one printed for the office. Some options were presented to the board. The board decided to stick with the wood style as the previous pictures. A wood framed photo will be ordered.

Discussion was held on relocating the library to the Village Campus. Stokes and Thieman attended a meeting with the library board. The library board is all on board with moving the library to the Village Campus. A picture of the layout was given to them showing the space, the boardroom and library will cohabitate together. Stokes doesn't think the price for rent at the campus will increase because we would still be using the same space as originally planned. The Village is currently paying for utilities and insurance for the library so relocating would save costs in the long run. If the library relocates it will automatically become more accessible. They plan to hold more after-school programs. If someone is employed for more hours at the library, it opens up more grant opportunities. They are currently trying to become an accredited library which also opens up more grant opportunities. The Fire Marshall will be consulted to see if there is an occupancy max for the library space. The west wing of the Village Campus is still waiting for their final Fire Marshall inspection to get the occupancy permit.

Prothman informed the board of the lead and copper inventory that is due August 16th. It is a nationwide inventory; they expect 100 percent inventory of lead and copper pipes. Prothman has 108 done and has 105 more left to do. A pamphlet put out by the NE Dept. of Environment and Energy is available for distribution so homeowners can see what their pipes are and return it to Prothman for his inventory. Prothman asked if he

could get copies made by Albion News and mail them to the remaining property owners. A notice will be put in the paper notifying residents of the pamphlet and asking residents to return the pamphlet.

Prothman reported he found a leak at the 2000 well. Sargent was contacted and someone should be on site to repair the leak tomorrow. They will replace the pipe with stainless steel. Prothman got another tire for the payloader.

The online ordinances were discussed. The search capabilities are very useful, you can type one word and find every ordinance with that word present.

Stokes asked the board to read over an Ordinance that was drafted regarding storage containers in the business zone. A settlement agreement between the Village and Seaspray the company that installed the splash pad was dispersed. The board was asked to read over and give any opinions so that can get sent to Seaspray. The settlement agreement would be a better option rather than a lawsuit. Lawsuits can drag out. The settlement agreement states the Village will tear out the old concrete prior to May 15th. If any of the fixtures are damaged during the concrete removal it will be Seaspray's responsibility to replace them. Unfortunately, the splash pad is unusable. Board members were asked to give feedback on the settlement agreement so it can get sent to Seaspry.

ARPA funds were discussed. The Village needs to use them or lose them. Discussion was held on possible uses for the remaining funds. There is 18,000 remaining. The Village still owes half of the water tower interior painting from August 2023. That would use all the remaining funds. Stokes made a motion to pay for the rest of the water towers interior painting with the remaining ARPA funds, seconded by Werner; votes in favor: Thieman, Koch, Werner, Henn and Stokes; opposed: none.

LED Lights was a subject mentioned at the economic development session hosted by BCDA. Electricity is cheaper with LED lights but that allows for more growth. More efficient lights opens up capacity. There were no issues with the water or sewer during the cold snap. Stokes made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Thieman. The meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Corey Stokes, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Sundae Provencher, Clerk

