

Village of Petersburg  
January 2nd, 2024

The Village Chairman and Board of Trustees of the Village of Petersburg met for a regular meeting and safety meeting on Tuesday January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 in the Village Office at 7:00 p.m. Notices of the meeting were posted at the Village Office, Post Office and Leifeld's and was published in the Petersburg Press on December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Board members were given prior notice of the meeting. Chairman Stokes called the meeting to order stating the Open Meetings Act is posted.

Board members present: Corey Stokes, Ashley Thieman, Mitch Koch and Steve Werner. Staff present: Nick Prothman and Sundae Provencher. Guests present: Clyde Stuhr, Ted Thieman, Helen Baumgartner of Petersburg Press and Deputy Dustin Martin.

Sales tax receipts from October: \$8,215.47 with \$579.11 motor vehicle sales tax.

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

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

Bills presented for payment:

Wages: 5,765.13

EFTPs, payroll taxes: 1,543.60

Village Regular Account, transfer loan: 1,000.06

Village Regular Account, transfer MV taxes: 579.11

Boone County Treasurer, zoning: 100.00

Boone County Treasurer, police protection: 1,375.00

Neil Baumgartner, service fire equipment: 120.00

Esther Steensnes, cleaning: 110.25

Great Plains State Bank, loan: 1,000.06

Appear, laundry costs: 74.22

Great Plains Communications, telephone and internet: 462.25

Nebraska Public Health Env. Lab, lab fees: 15.00

Bomgaars, supplies: 96.41

Kayton, bobcat rental: 2,932.00

Community Club, 2 \$100 gift certificates: 200.00

JSM Farms, water deposit return: 100.00

Boone Central Schools, 3 tobacco license: 30.00

Bud's Sanitary Service, trash service: 3,552.25

Nebraska Department of Revenue, state payroll taxes: 744.55

NMC, payload repairs: 2,052.84

Loup Power District, electricity: 1,876.71

Mitch Kubert, water deposit return: 100.00

Island Supply, supplies: 29.76

Kayton, supplies: 57.70

Loup Power District, Christmas lights: 25.00

One Call Concept, service: 1.60

Rae Valley Market, supplies: 53.70

Zabka Service: fuel: 358.09

Midwest Labs, lab fees: 146.25

Applied Connective, supplies: 12.70

Albion News/Boone County Tribune: 280.87

Yosten Law, legal fees: 247.00

Nebraska Department of Revenue, sales tax: 230.70

Yosten Law, legal fees: 372.24

Black Hills Energy, natural gas: 702.96  
First National Bank of Omaha, supplies: 70.05  
First National Bank of Omaha, supplies: 613.71  
Verizon, cellphone: 79.85  
Charles Schwab, retirement: 284.20  
Charles Schwab, retirement: 148.50

Stokes made a motion to pay the bills and those not in yet, seconded by Koch; votes in favor: Thieman, Werner, Stokes, and Koch.

The bobcat lease is lower than last year, we must not have exceeded the hours this year. The invoice doesn't reflect the hours used.

Police reported 80.35 hours of patrol time. The list of unlicensed vehicles was checked, all the cars were current except one west of town. The police are working on contacting the owner.

Boone County Development Agency is hosting an Economic Development social hour with all the town boards and economic development groups in the county. The social hour will be held January 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 at Highway 14 Brewery. Ashley and Corey plan to attend.

Community Improvement: Some tree trimming has been done in the park. There are still some trees in town that need trimmed. There is some really low branches on the street of the Village Campus. The Splash Pad was discussed. Brandi Yosten is drafting a letter to Sea Spray to remedy the issues with the Splash Pad. The letter will be sent to the company, they will sign off on it and repair the Splash Pad. The concrete will get torn up and re-poured properly.

Discussion was held on shipping containers. The topic was forwarded to get all board members chance to speak on it, however that didn't work out. Stokes thinks shipping containers should remain a conditional use. Guest Thieman stated that the board needs to refer to the Comprehensive Plan and follow the objectives of the community. The comprehensive plan mentions safety, appearance and aesthetics and it should be referenced when making zoning decisions. Stuhr doesn't think a conditional use permit should be required and he doesn't understand what the three siding thing is about.

The conditional use permit would allow control over the setting and be able to evaluate the proposal. Giving the current and future boards control to handle shipping containers on a case-by-case basis. Guest Thieman stated that the board needs to pay attention to precedent, once regulations are put in place they need to be followed. Can't be treating people differently, and the verbiage needs to be reviewed and changed to include more than shipping containers such as grain bins.

Stokes stated that he thinks the board agrees that they are good containers but we just don't want a bunch of containers all over the Village. They are trying to regulate "beauty". If the county had something in place for storage containers already the Village would just follow that. Stokes will contact Brandi Yosten to get that verbiage changed to a wider spectrum other than just shipping containers to cover truck boxes and grain bins and require a conditional use permit. Stokes asked Stuhr if he was ready to bring a container in, Stuhr stated he was waiting to see what the board said and will wait until spring. It was asked if containers would get taxed. Moveable structures are not taxed.

There is a new Volunteer Fireman Colton Pelster, Koch made a motion to approve Colton Pelster as a new volunteer fireman, seconded by Thieman; votes in favor: Stokes, Werner, Koch and Thieman; opposed: none.

The Contract with Bud's Sanitary is up for renewal this year. The contract states there will be a 50 cent a year increase starting in 2025. The last paragraph states that they may request a 10% increase at any time. Thieman stated we are not in a position to negotiate; we can't start hauling our own trash. Werner made a motion to approve the contract renewal with Bud's Sanitary, seconded by Koch; votes in favor: Stokes, Werner, Koch and Thieman; opposed: none.

Provencher reported that the desk printer broke in December. A new one was purchased through Albion News/Boone County Tribune, but it was defective. Provencher contacted Canon and they sent a new one which works fine. New ink was also purchased for the printer.

Thieman stated that half of the speed limit radar sign was not working. Prothman said a whole new light panel will need to be replaced. He will work on getting some quotes. There was a low spot on Main Street that was fixed. Main street is getting rough but probably won't get repaired until next summer due to waiting to see how that new product works. Micro-surfacing didn't last. It was mentioned that some towns stopped armor coating and started concreting their streets. The only maintenance concrete needs is crack sealing. We could see how much we currently spend on armor coating and gravel and go from there.

Thieman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Werner. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

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Corey Stokes, Chairman

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Sundae Provencher, Clerk/Treasurer