

Village of Petersburg
July 2nd, 2024

The Village of Petersburg's Chairman and Board of Trustees met for a regular meeting on July 2nd, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Office. Notice of the meeting was published in the Petersburg Press and at the Village Office, Post Office and Leifeld's on June 26th. 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, Tina Henn, Steve Werner, Mitch Koch and Ashley Thieman. Staff: Nick Prothman and Sundae Provencher. Guests: Helen Baumgartner of Petersburg Press, Glen and Diane Myers, Clyde Stuhr and Officer Anderson.

Sales tax from April 2024: \$6,779.83 with \$1,624.48 motor vehicle sales tax.

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

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

Clerk Provencher asked about a bill from Signal 88. The firemen hired extra security for the Cruise Night, they have paid that bill already. Stokes verified the bill from Midwest Service and Sales was for street signs.

Bills presented for payment:

Wages: 7,287.37

EFTPS, payroll taxes: 1,760.88

Village Regular Account, transfer motor vehicle sales tax: 1,624.48

Boone County Treasurer, zoning: 100.00

Boone County Treasurer, police protection: 1,375.00

Neil Baumgartner, service fire equipment: 120.00

Esther Steensnes, cleaning buildings and park restrooms: 210.25

Great Plains Communications, telephone and internet service: 465.84

MacQueen, air packs for fire department: 16,112.14

Midwest Service and Sales, stop signs, no parking fire lane signs, no trucks signs: 537.35

Bomgaars, supplies: 156.69

Loup Power District, electricity: 2,438.30

USA Blue Book, water and sewer marking flags: 57.78

NE Department of Revenue, state payroll taxes: 759.43

Kayton International, supplies: 29.61

Bud's Sanitary, trash service: 3,549.50

Trojan Technologies, UV bulbs for wastewater treatment plant: 525.10

Cedar Valley Insurance Agency, insurance PEP installment: 5,084.00

NE Public Health Environment Lab, lab fees: 15.00

Applied Connective, Microsoft office: 12.70

Iowa Pump Works, repairs: 2,789.75

Appear, laundry costs: 73.91

One Call Concepts, service: 141.18

Midwest Labs, lab fees: 141.18

Leifeld's, supplies: 474.79

Reigle Implement, mower blades: 93.45

Rae Valley Market, supplies: 94.12

Zabka, fuel: 628.47

NE Department of Revenue, sales tax: 237.39
Black Hills Energy, natural gas: 334.66
First National Bank of Omaha, supplies: 47.79
First National Bank of Omaha, supplies: 334.56
Verizon, cellphone: 91.32
Charles Schwab, retirement: 298.41
Charles Schwab, retirement: 156.00
Yosten Law, attorney fees: 1037.20
Rae Valley Market, supplies: 94.12
Zabka Service, fuel: 628.47

Stokes made a motion to pay the bills and those not in yet, except the Signal 88 bill, seconded by Werner; roll call votes in favor: Thieman, Koch, Werner, Henn and Stokes; opposed: none; motion carried.

Police reported 52.88 hours of patrol time with 1 written warning and 1 disturbance. Stokes thanked the police for the cruise night. Jake brakes are still an ongoing issue along with some people speeding through town.

Boone County Development Agency sent their monthly newsletter.

Provencher stated she talked to the new zoning administrator Victoria; she is working on gathering all the building permits that Petersburg hasn't received since the previous administrator resigned.

Community Improvement: Splash Pad was discussed. The Village Attorney started to file a lawsuit on the defective splash pad. Seaspay's lawyer contacted Yosten Law, and an agreement was signed for them to return and replace the pad. The features were removed today. The current concrete will be taken out and there will be a service order change to get new closer spaced rebar. The electrical will be passed this time by an inspector. Prothman agreed to be the go-to person for this project. The agreement states work should be started at least by August 15.

Cole Priester is the new fireman for Petersburg. Koch made a motion to approve Cole Priester as a volunteer fireman, seconded by Thieman; roll call votes in favor: Stokes, Henn, Werner, Koch and Thieman; opposed: none; motion carried.

Glen and Diane Myers were present to ask the board if any permits were necessary to tear down an old shed and get a roll-off dumpster. The board gave them recommendations for roll-offs in the area. Clyde Stuhr a member of the planning and zoning committee was asked if a permit was required for demolishing a shed. Stuhr stated there is a form to fill out with no charge, it is to notify the assessor of the removed property to get it removed from the tax roll.

Stokes stated the board needs to think about what the Village wants to do with the current office and library buildings after moving to the campus. Discussion was held on how long it would take to move everything out of the office. Provencher stated she would like to have time to go through all the stuff in the safe and the backroom to avoid bringing unnecessary things to the new office. A key fob will be needed for the library.

Discussion was held on the internet at the shop. It is currently on an extender from this office building. We can either move the extender or get a hardwired connection at the shop building. The Village will be using the internet through the campus which is Stealth. The cameras will also need to be moved. Stokes stated to bring any ideas on the buildings to the next meeting.

Prothman said the pump at the wastewater treatment plant was removed and taken to Iowa Pump Works for repair. The spare pump is in currently and there have been no issues with it so far. Prothman received a call from Sargent Well Drilling. When they repaired the '00 well last November they never billed us. They repaired the '79 well for free due to faulty parts but we are expecting a bill for the '00 well. The bill will be close to \$16,000.

The French drain in the housing development was discussed. Loup said they can drill a hole in the ditch, and he got the culvert ordered. Nick just needs to get some river rock. It is \$640 for a load, and he doesn't believe he will need a whole load. Stokes stated he thinks he has some river rock left over from a landscaping project; he will look into it.

The fiber internet boring is going well so far. Prothman hasn't gotten an official quote for a grinder for the wastewater treatment plant. Elgin had theirs replaced recently and just for the grinder it was \$20,000, Prothman guesses after labor it could be \$40,000.

Thieman stated we should add that to the budget. Provencher will contact the accountant to schedule a budget workshop. The Village needs to have their budget prep done by September 1st at least so the accountant can put the budget together and we can hold the public hearings by the deadline. The firemen, Prothman and Provencher's wish lists need to be collected.

Stokes wanted to discuss the alley near Kenny Schmitz property. It is not currently an alley, but people have been driving on it. Provencher found an old document where the owners at the time signed to open the alleyway but 3 of the 5 people are no longer at those properties. It was asked if there were any utility lines in that area. They are currently mapped out for the internet so that can be checked.

Mike Prothman was present to ask about an Ordinance violation he received from the sheriff's office regarding an unsafe structure. M. Prothman asked on what grounds is it considered unsafe? He stated that the garage has been there for 60 years, and it is not going to fall down. Not having a garage door doesn't make it unsafe. Then any lean-to or carport would be considered unsafe. Thieman stated there are children that live in that area, there is no door on the garage, loose tin inside, broken windows and worn-out boards. It is not safe. M. Prothman asked if there were any written complaints about it. The board stated there were no written complaints, but the Ordinance could be pulled for reference as to what is wrong with the garage. M. Prothman stated that ordinance didn't mean anything to him, and someone should have spoken to him about it instead of sending letters. The board stated that other properties are getting violation letters as well. The Village is just trying to follow the ordinances and proper protocol.

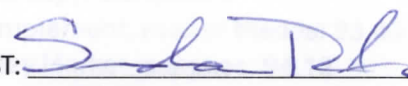
Werner stated this needs to be tabled now and a couple board members can go over the Ordinance and violations with M. Prothman at another time. M. Prothman stated he had plans in the future to bring lots of money to the board. He could bring the Village to City level but not if this is how he is going to be treated. The board stated everyone gets treated the same with ordinance violations. M. Prothman asked if a 4x8 sheet of plywood would solve the problem. A few members of the board will speak to Prothman on another occasion.

Thieman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Henn. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.



Corey Stokes, Chairman



ATTEST: 

Sundae Provencher, Clerk/Treasurer