

Village of Petersburg
June 4th, 2024

The Village of Petersburg met for a regular meeting on Tuesday June 4th, 2024 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 May 23rd, and published in the Petersburg Press May 29th. Board members were given prior notice of the meeting. Chairman Stokes called the meeting to order stating the Open Meetings Act is posted.

Board member present: Steve Werner, Tina Henn and Corey Stokes. Staff: Nick Prothman and Sundae Provencher. Guests: Kevin McGuire of Great Plains Construction/Congruex, Helen Baumgartner of Petersburg Press and Officer Anderson.

Sales tax from March 2024: \$9,715.14 with \$1,086.68 motor vehicle taxes.

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

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

The life insurance policy for EMT's and firemen is up for renewal. Brian of Cedar Valley Insurance Agency said some fire departments have increased the amount of life insurance for first responders as an incentive to get more volunteers. A few figures were shown to the board if they wanted to increase the amount of life insurance offered. The increase could be made at any time.

Bills presented for payment:

Wages: 6,653.43

EFTPS, payroll taxes: 1,619.08

Village Regular Account, transfer motor vehicle taxes: 1,086.68

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

Loup Power, electricity: 1,861.21

NE Public Health Env. Lab, lab fees: 409.00

Bomgaars, supplies: 107.39

Helena, supplies: 240.00

MARC, supplies: 334.80

Schmader Electric, repair ballfield lights: 2,846.77

Applied Connective, Microsoft office: 12.70

Island Supply, cylinder rental: 9.92

Leifeld's, supplies: 312.71

Boone Central Schools, 1 liquor license: 200.00

CVIA, insurance installment: 5,084.00

Albracht Disposal, clean—up days dumpsters, 10 roll-off 24.62 tons: 4,823.40

Nielsen Tree Farms, trees: 1,148.50

Speed Services, repairs: 4,717.63

Applied Connective, IT services: 75.00

Great Plains Communications, service: 465.84

Veseris, mosquito spray: 261.62

Jim Majerus, hauled out tree pile: 700.00

Zabka, fuel: 578.52
Appeara, laundry costs: 74.06
Pelster Sand & Gravel, hauled sand and gravel: 375.00
CVIA, life insurance renewal: 1,900.80
Mike's Auto Repair, pickup repairs: 1,728.00
Sempek, gravel for park: 221.25
Midwest Labs, lab fees: 471.95
One Call Concept, service: 9.94
Yosten Law, attorney fees: 182.00
Albion News/Boone County Tribune, advertising and supplies: 244.71
Bud's Sanitary, trash service: 3,521.75
Black Hills Energy, natural gas: 458.21
Petersburg Community Club, transfer grant: 1,500.00
First National Bank of Omaha, supplies: 769.90
First National Bank of Omaha, supplies: 308.30
NE Department of Revenue, sales tax: 748.40
Verizon, cellphone service: 79.83
Charles Schwab, retirement: 298.41
Charles Schwab, retirement: 156.00

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

Police reported 51.12 hours of patrol time. Officer was notified of upcoming events in Petersburg for June.

BCDA monthly update was dispersed to the board. BCDA has a new board member.

Kevin McGuire of Congruex was present to present a plan for installing fiber internet for Great Plains Communications. Stokes made a motion to write up a Resolution allowing the installation of fiber internet, seconded by Werner; votes in favor: Henn, Stokes and Werner; opposed: none; absent: Koch and Thieman. The installation plan was reviewed by the Village's Engineer and the suggestions the engineer had have been made already. Nebraska Department of Transportation wants the lines to be placed at least 48" from the highway, they may go deeper. The connections will go straight to the homes of active Great Plains Communications customers. It is a quick process, and they would like to get started next week. It will take around 90 days for the project to be complete. There will be a crew of 10 to 20 people all wearing hard hats and safety vests.

It will take around 3 ½ weeks to complete locates. Drop ins to the homes will come after. Prothman expressed worry of them hitting stuff during the installation. There is a lot of old infrastructure that isn't all mapped out. Rutjen's and Speed Services are the local plumbers to call if a water main gets hit. Kevin said he can contact them and inform them of the installation, so they are aware. Kevin stated they have door hangers to put on doors to inform the residents of the installation. Phone and everything will be transferred over to fiber.

The board discussed putting something in the paper to warn residents. If someone wants to get fiber installed, they should do it now while they are installing to avoid connection fees later on.

Henn made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-6 allowing the installation of fiber internet, seconded by Werner; votes in favor: Stokes, Henn and Werner; opposed: none; absent: Koch and Thieman. The bars and grocery store will be informed of the crew coming in.

Resolution 2024-5 establishing trash rates. Stokes made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-5 establishing trash rates, seconded by Henn; votes in favor: Werner, Henn and Stokes; opposed: none; absent: Koch and Thieman.

The lease for renting office space in the Village Campus was approved with a motion by Werner seconded by Henn; votes in favor: Stokes, Werner and Henn; opposed: none; absent: Koch and Thieman.

The board will discuss the current office building and current library building in a future meeting when all members are present.

Prothman asked to purchase a leaf blower. Werner made a motion to purchase a leaf blower around \$300 from Leifeld's, seconded by: Stokes; votes in favor: Henn, Werner and Stokes; opposed: none; absent: Koch and Thieman.

The starter went out on the old mower. Prothman replaced it less than a year ago and since it was under warranty he will be getting a replacement for free. A pump went down at the wastewater treatment plant. It trips a breaker but there are no clogs. Doug Wright looked at it, it is pulling 40 amps. It is most likely a check valve that is clogged. The pump pulls out, but the check valve does not. Prothman needs help so he can get down there and pull it up. Werner will help Prothman on Thursday morning.

The park is ready for BRAN tomorrow.

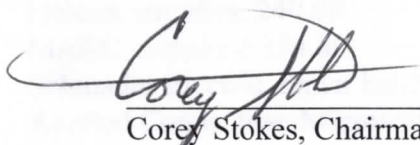
Prothman replaced 3 bulbs in the ballfield and ordered new ones. Loup will be contacted about a ditch with standing water.

The nuisance letter for an unsafe structure was returned to the Village as undeliverable. Provencher said she can resend another letter via certified mail or have an officer hand deliver it. The board decided to try sending another certified letter. A lot more dogs have been registered since the last meeting.

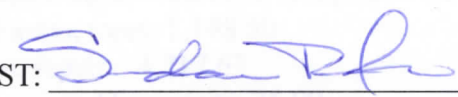
Discussion was held on opening an alley. The homeowners don't mind using it as an alley. Most likely a survey will be required. Yosten Law will be consulted on opening and alley.

Prothman stated he would like to get an updated grinder for the wastewater treatment plant. 5 or 6 years ago he got a quote of 15 to 20 grand. It will be added as a budget item.

With nothing further to discuss Werner made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Henn. Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.


Corey Stokes, Chairman



ATTEST: 
Sundae Provencher, Clerk/Treasurer