

Village of Petersburg  
November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024

The Village Chairman and Board of Trustees met for a regular meeting on Tuesday November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Office. Notice of the meeting was published in the Petersburg Press on October 30<sup>th</sup> and posted at the Village Office, Post Office and Leifeld's on October 24<sup>th</sup>. Board members were given prior notice of the meeting.

Board members present: Corey Stokes, Steve Werner, Ashley Thieman, and Tina Henn. Guests: Clyde Stuhr, Elaine Beckman, Helena Baumgartner of Petersburg Press and Officer Buck. Staff: Nick Prothman and Sundae Provencher.

Stokes opened the meeting stating the Open Meetings Act was posted, pamphlets of the Open Meetings Act were also available. Sale tax receipts from August 2024: \$5,398.87 with \$682.77 motor vehicle sales tax.

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

Treasurer's Report was approved with a motion by Thieman seconded by Stokes; roll call votes in favor: Henn, Werner, Thieman and Stokes; opposed: none; absent: none; motion carried.

Bills presented for payment:

Wages: 5,765.13

EFTPs, payroll taxes: 1,614.54

Boone County Treasurer, zoning: 100.00

Boone County Treasurer, police: 1,375.00

Neil Baumgartner, service fire equipment: 120.00

Esther Steensnes, cleaning: 210.25

Bud's Sanitary, trash service: 3,564.50

Radene Temme DBA Rae Valley Market, TIF reimbursement: 279.41

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Ameritas Investment Corporation, Bond interest: 1,216.25

Ameritas Investment Corporation, Bond principal: 10,000.00

Great Plains State Bank, wiring fees for bond payments: 40.00

Great Plains State Bank, safety deposit box fee: 26.00

NE Public Health Env. Lab, lab fees: 15.00

Great Plains Communications, phone and internet service: 466.59

Loup Power District, electricity: 2,504.70

Power & Packaging Products, idler chain: 587.30

Yosten Law, legal fees: 494.00

Emme Sand & Gravel, gravel for armor coating: 2,637.26

Quality Iron & Metal, angle iron and rebar: 91.50

Mueller & Honcik, P.C., 2024-2025 budget preparation and filing: 2,500.00

American Legal Publishing, online code hosting: 450.00

Helena, supplies: 575.00

Boone Central Schools, 3 class c liquor licenses collected: 900.00

ACES, 1&6 year street improvement plan and lane mile report: 1,000.00

Power Manager, value support plan for utility billing software: 2,978.54

Bruce Staashelm, reimbursement for tree purchase: 216.27

PowerTech, semi annual generator service agreement: 815.00

Applied Connective, reconnecting message sign: 1,136.42  
Applied Connective, Microsoft office: 12.70  
One Call Concept, service: 4.76  
Petersburg Building Supply, supplies: 21.54  
Petersburg Community Foundation, rent: 350.00  
Zabka, fuel: 318.34  
Leifeld's, supplies: 125.85  
Midwest Labs, lab fees: 306.12  
NE Department of Revenue, sales tax collected: 70.43  
Leifeld's, supplies: 343.52  
Yosten Law, legal fees: 52.00  
Rae Valley Market, supplies: 80.21  
Black Hills Energy, natural gas: 275.27  
Albion News/Boone County Tribune, advertising: 333.39  
First National Bank of Omaha, supplies: 54.00  
First National Bank of Omaha, supplies: 330.70  
Verizon, cellphone: 111.95  
Charles Schwab, retirement: 298.41  
Charles Schwab, retirement: 156.00

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

Police reported 51.23 hours of patrol time with 2 citations, 1 written warning, 1 trespassing, 1 paper service and 1 suspicious activity. Stokes asked about an alley west of town. Officer Buck stated Niewohner looked into it and there are no Ordinances that pertain to the current situation. The Village could consult with the Village Attorney on the issue.

A monthly update flyer was distributed to the board. Werner stated the recent job fair put on by BCDA went over well. There were a lot of kids attending showing lots of interest.

Community Improvement: Prothman got in the new ADA accessible picnic table for the splash pad. There is grass growing very well in that area. Priester got the pump installed. Still waiting for some electrical work. Werner asked when the Christmas lights should be put up. The park board is meeting Thursday to discuss what they should do for the Big Give this year. Thieman mentioned some posts around the park are rotting and will continue to do so. Prothman mentioned powder coated steel poles versus the current wooden posts. Prothman plans on getting 3 powder coated blue steel posts for the end of the sidewalk near the splash pad. Millings were laid on the road to the grass and tree pile and it is a lot smoother. That road is busy this time of year.

Ordinance 2024-1 amending zoning regulations for lot coverage percentages and accessory buildings. Ordinance 2024-1 was read by title: ORDINANCE 2024-1

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PETERSBURG ZONING ORDINANCE #326, TO AMEND ARTICLE 2, SECTION 2: DEFINITIONS, ACCESSORY USE OR STRUCTURE AND TO AMEND ARTICLE 3, SECTION 7, SUBSECTION 7.4 AND TO AMEND ARTICLE 3, SECTIONS 8, SUBSECTION 8.4 TO INCREASE THE LOT AREA COVERAGE PERCENTAGES FOR LOT AREA AND ACCESSORY BUILDINGS AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Stokes made a motion to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading and suspend the statutory rule requiring the Ordinance to be read by title on three different days, seconded by Thieman; roll call votes in



favor: Henn, Stokes, and Thieman; abstained: Werner; absent: Koch; motion carried. Ordinance 2024-1 was read by title for the second and third time. Thieman made a motion to pass and adopt Ordinance 2024-1, seconded by Stokes. Chairman Stokes asked shall Ordinance 2024-1 be passed and adopted; roll call votes in favor: Henn, Thieman and Stokes; abstained: Werner; absent: Koch; motion carried. Chairman Stokes declared Ordinance 2024-1 duly passed and adopted.

Ordinance 2024-2 amending improper disposal of waste. Ordinance 2024-2 was read by title: ORDINANCE 2024-2

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF PETERSBURG, NEBRASKA AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2017-5 (§91.01) OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF PETERSBURG, NEBRASKA CONCERNING THE RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING IMPROPER DISPOSAL OF WASTE.

Thieman made a motion to approve the first reading and suspend the statutory rule requiring the Ordinance be read by title on three separate days, seconded by Werner; roll call votes in favor: Henn, Stokes, Thieman and Werner; opposed: none; absent: Koch; motion carried. Ordinance 2024-2 was read by title for the second and third time. Thieman made a motion to pass and adopt Ordinance 2024-2, seconded by Stokes. Chairman Stokes states shall Ordinance 2024-2 be passed and adopted; roll call votes in favor: Henn, Werner, Thieman, and Stokes; opposed: none; absent: Koch. Stokes declared Ordinance 2024-2 duly passed and adopted.

Resolution 2024-9 signing of the year-end certification of city street superintendent. Stokes made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-9, seconded by Henn; roll call votes in favor: Thieman, Werner, Henn, and Stokes; opposed: none; absent: Koch, motion carried.

Vacating alley between 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> and Norman/Pearl was forwarded until next month as the legalities of it are not ready.

Pick-up repairs were discussed. Prothman stated the battery is bad, he had to get jumped once already earlier this year. Estimated cost for the battery was \$200. Tires are worn in the front, estimated \$740 for them to be mounted and balanced. Brakes need work, they have been squeaky, \$810 with labor for rotors and pads, an additional \$500 if calipers are needed. Werner made a motion to get the repairs on the pick-up done, seconded by Thieman; roll call vote in favor: Stokes, Henn, Werner and Thieman; opposed: none; absent: Koch; motion carried.

Getting a laptop for board meetings was discussed. The way the meeting room is set up now the clerk wants a laptop to be able to look stuff up during meetings. It would also be beneficial to take it during training workshops. The Clerk, Provencher will talk to Applied Connective about a laptop to serve the Village's needs and will bring prices to the next meeting.

Elaine Beckman provided the board with an update on the library. There are now enough volunteers for the library to be open 5 days a week, with a sub to fill in if someone can't make it in. They will not be at the library on holidays or snow days. Kids riding the bus could get dropped off at the library after school. Jim and Jen Leifeld might still do Wednesday nights from 7:30 to 9:00. An article with the updated hours was published in the Petersburg Press. The library has received a few donations recently, someone donated a pillow and rug for a reading area, Legos and puzzles are expected also.

Clyde Stuhr asked the board where he can put his grill. The Ordinance doesn't list BBQ grills. Stuhr stated the place in Monroe will take just about everything. He stated he wasn't sure who takes the Village's stuff, but Monroe will take it. Stuhr asked if the Board will be taking bids for the bollards in the park. The board stated that is the Park Boards decision. Prothman stated he could get the steel donated and wants them to be powder coated. Stuhr said he could outsource the powder coating.

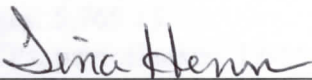
Prothman fixed the railing on the gazebo and asked if the board wanted to replace the Christmas lights on it or remove them. The board decided to replace the Christmas lights on it. The wastewater treatment plant's idler sprocket is in bad shape, Prothman has a new one on the way and should be fixed by Friday.

Provencher informed the board of LB 147. LB 147 allows the county treasurer to notify political subdivisions electronically when a portion of their tax collections will be withheld to pay for a refund to the property owner if the governing body of the political subdivision requests, in writing, electronic notification. The governing body of the political subdivision may waive notification of refunds less than one thousand dollars by notifying the county treasurer in writing. The county sent a form for the clerk to sign and send back to enforce this.

Esther left a list of requested cleaning supplies, Thieman took the list. Provencher reported that there were complaints on low lighting at night when leaving the library. The lights by the door were thought to be automatic but they are manual. Options will be looked at to remedy this issue.

Stokes will reach out to John Zwingman on the drainage issues around 3<sup>rd</sup> street. A few spots on Main Street need to be patched but it should wait until spring.

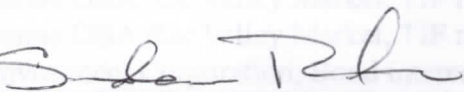
Stokes made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Thieman, meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.



Corey Stokes, Chairman



ATTEST:



Sundae Provencher, Clerk/Treasurer