

Village of Petersburg
February 4, 2025

The Village Chairman and Board of Trustees met for a regular meeting on Tuesday February 4th, 2025, at 7:00 P.M. in the Village Board meeting room. A public hearing to consider, review, and take the necessary action on conditional use permit submitted by Charles Borer to build an accessory building within the required setbacks located on lot #6 of block #7 in Petersburg, NE was held during the meeting. Notice of the public hearing was published in the Petersburg Press on January 19th. Notice of the meeting was published in the Petersburg Press on January 29th and posted at the Village Office, Post Office and Leifeld's on January 22nd. Board members were given prior notice of the meeting and public hearing.

Board members present: Corey Stokes, Ashley Thieman, Steve Werner and Mitch Koch. Staff: Nick Prothman and Sundae Provencher. Guests: Clyde Stuhr, Victoria Olson Boone County Zoning Administrator, Mark Wagner Zoning Commissioner, Chuck and Jane Borer, Helen Baumgartner of Petersburg Press, Officer Anderson and Alan Faust.

Stokes opened the meeting and the public hearing stating the Open Meetings Act was posted.

Minutes were approved with a motion by Thieman, seconded by Werner; votes in favor: Stokes, Koch, Thieman and Werner; absent: Henn; motion carried.

Thieman made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, seconded by Koch; votes in favor: Stokes, Werner, Koch and Thieman; absent: Henn; motion carried.

Bills presented for payment:

Wages: 6,065.37

EFTPs, payroll taxes: 1,693.96

Boone County Treasurer, zoning: 100.00

Boone County Treasurer, police protection: 1,375.00

Neil Baumgartner, service fire equipment: 120.00

Esther Steensnes, cleaning: 115.75

Village Regular Account, transfer motor vehicle taxes: 1,095.27

Bud's Sanitary, service: 3,655.25

Applied Connective, supplies: 1,116.99

Pelster Sand & Gravel, supplies: 412.00

J.P. Cooke, supplies: 87.95

Quality Iron & Medal, supplies: 24.75

Loup Power District, electricity: 131.55

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NE Public Health Env. Lab, lab fees: 181.00

IIMC, membership dues: 195.00

Great Plains Communications, service: 467.19

Petersburg Community Foundation, rent: 350.00

Loup Power District, electricity: 1,998.73

ACES, service: 171.25

Northeast NE Clerks Association, dues: 20.00

Nick Prothman, reimbursement: 14.04

University of Omaha, clerk's institute: 368.00

Appeara, laundry costs: 153.06

Applied Connective, supplies: 12.70
Zabka, fuel: 434.72
Midwest Labs, lab fees: 30.05
NE Department of Revenue, sales tax: 30.26
Black Hills Energy, natural gas: 945.43
First National Bank of Omaha, supplies: 599.00
First National Bank of Omaha, supplies: 827.20
NE Department of Revenue, lodging tax: 38.27
Verizon, cellphone: 90.78
Charles Schwab, retirement: 163.80
Charles Schwab, retirement: 313.33
Cedar Valley Insurance Agency, insurance: 1,000.00

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

Police reported 31.48 hours with 1 disturbance, 2 written warnings and 1 verbal warning. Thieman asked Officer Anderson if the police could watch for the semis speeding into town.

Sales tax from November 2024 was \$6,538.24 with \$1,095.27 motor vehicle sales tax.

A monthly update flyer from Boone County Development Agency was shared with the board members. Thieman and Henn attended the community development meeting put on by BCDA. Thieman stated there were 3 times the number of participants than last year. There were a lot of support groups in attendance, it was a very good meeting. Every community in Boone County was represented.

Werner made a motion to open the public hearing, seconded by Thieman; votes in favor: Stokes, Koch, Werner and Thieman; absent: Henn; motion carried. Victoria stated the Boone County Planning and Zoning board met January 27th and they recommended approval of the conditional use permit submitted by Chuck Borer with a letter of intent be attached to the final permit. This conditional use permit is just for the setbacks, it is not approving the structure. Chairman Stokes asked if there were any comments, questions or concerns from the public. Stokes made a motion to close the public hearing seconded by Thieman; votes in favor: Werner, Koch, Thieman and Stokes; absent: Henn; motion carried, public hearing was closed.

Stokes made a motion to approve the conditional use permit submitted by Chuck Borer, seconded by Koch; votes in favor: Thieman, Werner, Stokes and Koch; absent: Henn; motion carried.

The board asked for an update on the new zoning/comprehensive development book. Wagner stated that it is a work in progress, there is only one company in Nebraska doing comprehensive development plans and they are currently working on 50 counties with only 3 people. The plan is to complete the towns portions of the book before moving onto the county. The Village Board of Trustees also serves as the board of adjustments. The board of adjustments will need to hold a public hearing on Borer's plans, Victoria will post notice when the board decides to hold the public hearing.

Stokes mentions the daycare is planning to open February 10th. There is a community flag down on Highway 32. Clyde Stuhr complimented the pothole patching that was completed on 11th Street.

Thieman made a motion to approve Christian Ketteler as a new volunteer fireman, seconded by Koch; votes in favor: Stokes, Werner, Thieman and Koch; absent: none; motion carried.

Stokes made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-1 setting water/sewer rates, seconded by Koch; votes in favor: Thieman, Werner, Koch and Stokes; absent: Henn; motion carried.

Werner made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-2 setting trash rates, seconded by Stokes; votes in favor: Thieman, Koch, Werner and Stokes; absent: Henn; motion carried.


Discussion was held on a new service order from Great Plains Communications. The library was under contract until 2026 however Great Plains Communications was able to bypass the contract and get the internet at the library disconnected. The new service order is for a phone line at the firehall that also rings at the Village Shop, internet at the Firehall and Village Shop and two phone lines at the Village Campus, Office and Library. Provencher stated the only thing she sees missing on the new service order is the alt phone line for the firehall for \$10.30, Koch will check into this and see if it is needed or not. Thieman made a motion to approve the service order from Great Plains Communications pending review of the fire department, seconded by Stokes; votes in favor: Thieman, Koch, Werner and Stokes; absent: Henn; motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the old Library and Village Office buildings. Stokes stated there is some interest in the old office building. It would be great to leave that building in town, there is a lot of cool things about it. Those buildings are apart of the town's history but the cost for maintaining them is too high for the Village. Thieman stated it would be nice to get some input from residents on what they would like to see done with those properties. Stokes and Prothman went upstairs the office building with Todd Heithoff from Great Plains State Bank to look around. There is a lot of old bank documents left up there, Todd plans to shred a lot of stuff.

Provencher asked if the Village wants to host a dog licensing clinic again this year during the Ag Appreciation Breakfast in March. Werner will contact Town & Country Vet's to see if someone is available to hold the clinic.


Discussion was held on semis speeding into town and how the board can help prevent this. It was mentioned to slow down and watch for vehicles, also keep warm clothes or a blanket in your vehicle during the cold months.

Thieman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Stokes. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 P.M.



Corey Stokes, Chairman



ATTEST: 

Sundae Provencher, Clerk/Treasurer