

Village of Petersburg
April 7th, 2026

The Chairman and Village Board of Trustees met for a regular meeting and a safety meeting on April 7th, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Office. Notice of the meeting was published in the Petersburg Press April 1st and posted at the Village Office, Post Office and Leifeld's on March 23rd. 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, Steve Werner, Mitch Koch, Annette Devall and Ashley Thieman. Staff: Nick Prothman and Sundae Provencher. Guests: Travis Arnold of AMGL, Helen Baumgartner of Petersburg Press, Nick Schwager and Officer Beekman.

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

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

Bills presented for payment:

EFTPs payroll taxes: 1,944.62

Village Regular Account, transfer motor vehicle taxes: 921.11

Boone County Treasurer, zoning: 100.00

Boone County Treasurer, police protection: 1,3750.00

Neil Baumgartner, service fire equipment: 120.00

Esther Steensnes, cleaning: 221.54

Bud's Sanitary, trash service: 3,801.25

Albion News/Boone County Tribune: advertising, annual subscription: 133.17

NE Department of Revenue, state payroll taxes: 823.29

Bomgaars, supplies: 79.47

Great Plains Communication, telephone & internet: 353.75

Loup Power District, electricity: 1,999.49

Bygland, load of dirt: 130.00

NE Public Health Env. Lab, lab fees: 31.00

AMGL, audit, W2's & 1099's: 6,060.00

Capital Business Systems, copier lease: 113.45

Boone County Development Agency, membership dues: 2,837.00

Applied Connective, supplies: 132.70

Zabka, fuel: 189.85

Midwest Labs, lab fees: 152.25

One Call Concept, service: 5.31

Appeara, laundry service: 80.32

Veseris, supplies: 496.24

Yosten Law, attorney fees: 312.00

Leifeld's, supplies: 33.10

Charles Schwab, retirement: 295.42

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Black Hills Energy, natural gas: 976.99

Leifeld's, supplies: 14.53

NE Department of revenue, sales tax: 300.15

Wegener Equipment & Trailer, supplies: 1,050.00

Verizon, cellphone: 128.20

First National Bank of Omaha, supplies: 170.40

Stokes moved to pay the bills, seconded by Koch; votes in favor: Thieman, Devall, Werner, Stokes and Koch; opposed: none.

Provencher canceled the library phone, it was under contract so there will be a cancellation fee on the next bill. The cancellation fee is around \$600.

Police reported 49.45 hours of patrol time. Niewohner is working on a list of unregistered vehicles.

Zoning: Victoria is back from maternity leave and is working on catching up.

BCDA provided a monthly update flyer.

Community Improvement: The security cameras on main street have electricity now. The Community Club is going to get new banners for the town. The easter egg hunt had a good turnout. A clean up day was held the Monday prior.

Travis Arnold presented the audit for fiscal year ending September 2025. Arnold explained how the governmental and proprietary funds are doing compared to last year. Stokes questioned why the general fund is so low, Travis explained it is not uncommon for the general fund to take a loss, it pretty much buffers all the other funds. When budgeting, ensure you're accounting for big expenses and purchases. Travis will provide a benchmarking report. The report compares the Village's accounts with towns of a similar population to see where we are standing. The Village is doing well. The TIF account needs to be checked, the balance is currently higher than the debt.

386 Tap is amending their liquor license. She is amending the license to cover the entire building. A diagram was presented to the board. Thieman made a motion to approve the amendment on 386 Tap's liquor license, seconded by Koch; votes in favor: Stokes, Werner, Devall, Koch and Thieman; opposed: none.

The drafted floodplain ordinance was reviewed again. NDWEE had suggested some changes, most changes were mis-numbering mistakes. The one major change was they recommend the Zoning Administrator be the floodplain administrator as they are the ones approving building permits. The board questioned if Victoria was aware and willing to take on that role. Provencher stated she was aware of the floodplain ordinance but unsure if she wants the role of floodplain administrator. Thieman moved to approve the drafted floodplain ordinance pending Victoria the Zoning Administrator's response to taking on the role of floodplain administrator, seconded by Stokes; votes in favor: Werner, Koch, Devall, Thieman and Stokes; opposed: none.

Ordinance 2026-5, amending ordinance 2022-4 dog regulations, allowing three dogs per parcel was read by title. Stokes made a motion to suspend the statutory rule requiring three separate readings, seconded by Thieman; votes in favor: Devall, Koch, Werner, Stokes and Thieman; opposed: none. Ordinance 2026-5 was read by title two more times. Stokes moved to pass and adopt Ordinance 2026-5, seconded by Thieman; votes in favor: Devall, Koch, Werner, Stokes and Thieman. Chairman Stokes declared Ordinance 2026-5 as duly passed and adopted.

Parade route for the firemen's cruise was discussed. A resolution with the same route and times as last year will be on the agenda in May.

The annual TIF report was given to the board of trustees. Discussion was held on the TIF account. Provencher received a letter from the County Clerk asking if the 2011 TIF project was complete. Provencher has tried to contact Mick Bacon regarding this but never heard back. The amortization schedules will be reviewed.

Prothman stated a summer helper from last year will work again this summer. Advertisements for summer help will be published in the paper again. Discussion was held on selling the oldest mower. It was decided to just put a for sale sign on it with a firm price of \$2,000. Thieman made a motion to list the Dixon mower for sale for \$2,000, seconded by Stokes, votes in favor: Werner, Koch, Devall, Thieman and Stokes; opposed: none.

Clean-up days have been scheduled for April 24 – 26. The landfill closes at noon on Saturday so Albright will come up that morning to empty and bring three dumpsters to sit Saturday and Sunday.

Chairman Stokes stated armor coating was skipped last year for some repairs on Main Street. Stokes stated he doesn't want to skip armor coating again but there are still major repairs needed on Main Street. Zwingman was in town recently and recommended the entire intersection gets repaired versus just patching it. It could be done in sections. Thieman asked if there were grants available for this type of project. BCDA may have information on loans available for this, we will ask them if we may qualify for any. Gardner Street is rough, if we could get some millings we could use them on that street.

Prothman reported on the Lead & Copper rule. In December of 2024 he had to make a service line inventory to identify the service lines in town. That was completed and the deadline was met. Now by November 1, 2027, he must submit a baseline survey and replacement plan. We can no longer have any unknown service lines. NDWEE is okay with Prothman checking service lines. Prothman requested to amend the water ordinance to clearly define what the Village is responsible for and what the homeowner is responsible for. He would like it to be very clear, so homeowners know exactly what they are responsible for. The board is okay with amending the ordinance to include that specific language. All lead lines must be replaced by 2037.

Stokes asked about the PowerTech bill from the service call. Prothman stated it was removed from the account.

Provencher reported the vacant property ordinance can be amended to allow for higher assessment fees. Having higher assessment fees will speed up the process, allowing us to file liens on properties quicker. This may assist with the remaining vacant properties. The board questioned the amount of time between declaring a house as vacant, the registration form and assessing fees. Provencher thought it was a year before fees could be assessed but will verify with the village attorney.

Thieman reported that a resident said the lights in the park haven't been working. Loup will be contacted to see if they have any to replace them. Koch stated it might be time to get rid of some trees in the little park. They are not in good shape; we should remove them and start over. We could hire someone to remove them.

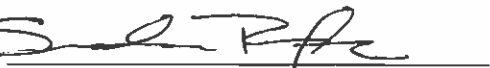
Armor coating gravel is usually around \$2-3,000. Armor coating is typically around \$15,000. We will do the same amount as usual. Thieman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Koch. Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.



~~Corey Stokes, Chairman~~

Steve Werner, Assistant Chair

ATTEST:


Sundae Provencher, Clerk/Treasurer

