

Village of Petersburg
August 4th, 2026

The Chairman and Village Board of Trustees met for a regular meeting on Tuesday August 4th, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Office. Notice of the meeting was published in the Petersburg Press on July 29th and posted at the Village Office, Post Office and Leifeld's on July 24th. 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, Ashley Thieman and Annette Devall; absent: Mitch Koch. Staff: Nick Prothman and Sundae Provencher. Guests: Helen Baumgartner of Petersburg Press, Mike Prothman and Officer Hayden Niewohner.

Werner made a motion to approve July's minutes, seconded by Stokes; votes in favor: Devall, Thieman, Stokes and Werner, opposed: none.

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

Bills presented for payment:

Wages: 8,683.85

EFTPS, payroll taxes: 2,182.64

Village Regular Account, transfer motor vehicle sales tax: 1,725.19

Boone County Treasurer, zoning: 100.00

Boone County Treasurer, police protection: 1,375.00

Petersburg Community Foundation, rent: 350.00

Neil Baumgartner, service fire equipment: 120.00

Esther Steensnes, cleaning: 221.54

Loup Power District, electricity: 2,876.38

Loup Power District, carnival electricity: 178.19

Great Plains Communications, telephone and internet: 301.01

Bomgaars, supplied: 89.90

Albion News/Boone County Tribune, supplies and advertising: 201.47

Quality Iron & Metal, supplied: 45.88

Mike's Auto, tire patch: 5.00

Zabka, gas: 67.00

Conrad Arenda, water deposit return: 100.00

Clayton Meadows, water deposit return: 100.00

Koinzan, supplies: 143.46

NE Public Health Env. Labs, lab fees: 531.00

Uline, supplies: 52.50

Bud's Sanitary, trash service: 3945.50

League of NE Municipalities, membership dues: 1,619.00

Applied Connective, Microsoft & antivirus: 78.22

Applied Connective, security camera hosting: 85.00

Appeara, laundry costs: 80.15

Capital Business Systems, copier lease: 113.45

Emme Sand & Gravel, gravel for armor coating: 4,019.14

Mike's Auto, ambulance repairs: 1,371.00

One Call Concept, service: 2.46

Team Labs, weed killer: 264.00
Midwest Labs, lab fees: 398.87
Leifeld's, supplies: 527.68
NE Department of Revenue, sales tax: 52.85
Black Hills Energy, natural gas: 366.96
First National Bank of Omaha, gas & supplies: 921.69
First National Bank of Omaha, postage & QB's monthly payroll: 246.49
Leifeld's, supplies: 246.49
Verizon, cellphone: 88.19
Charles Schwab, retirement: 295.42
Charles Schwab, retirement: 200.04

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

Sales tax from May: \$5,540.49 with \$1,725.19 motor vehicle sales tax.

Police reported 62.93 hours of patrol time. The board asked Officer Niewohner about electric scooters and if there were any towns doing anything about them. Kids have been riding them on the street a lot lately. Niewohner will check with St. Ed.. Niewohner stated they could be treated like ATV's and golf carts where they are required to have a drivers license and insurance, he would like to see them off the streets altogether. Kids can get distracted easily and they should be wearing helmets. Parents should be having safety talks with their kids before sending them out on these, they can go up to 30 MPH.

A list of unlicensed vehicles was reviewed. Werner questioned if we should call the owners first before sending them the letter as was requested by a resident at the last meeting. Call them and wait a week or two to see if they comply before sending the letter from the Sheriff's office. Werner will call the vehicles owners.

BCDA provided their monthly update flyer. Nothing to report on zoning.

Community improvement: Prothman put rock down on the recently opened alley for a one-time base layer, it looks good. The Village normally doesn't maintain alleyway. The splash pad will be turned off sometime in September; Prothman doesn't have a set date but will watch the weather.

The auditor's letter of engagement was reviewed. Provencher stated we have already exceeded the \$500,000 expenditure threshold and are required to get an audit. The audit will not exceed \$10,000 this year, last year's total audit cost was \$9,900. Werner moved to continue with AMGL for the annual audit, seconded by Devall; votes in favor: Thieman, Werner, Devall and Stokes; opposed: none.

Resolution 2026-5 authorizing the Chairman to sign the annual certification of program compliance with the NE Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards was approved with a motion by Devall, seconded by Werner, votes in favor: Thieman, Stokes, Werner and Devall; opposed: none. Chairman Stokes signed the annual certification.

Mike Prothman was present to discuss the repairs done and still needed on the backup ambulance. The fire department was going to get Albion's old ambulance, but it had a lot of miles on it, so they decided to stick with the old ambulance. It has roughly 107,000 miles on it. The ambulance has gone several years without proper maintenance. They are now required to keep records of maintenance and that requires new tires every 5 years. Prothman changed fluids, replaced filters and changed the battery. The current tires are 16 years old. Prothman got quotes

for tires, one quote was out of a company in Grand Island, that provided tires for Grand Island's ambulance. For 6 tires it would be \$980 mounted, balanced and put on.

Prothman reported that the armor coating got delayed, it is now expected to be done the second week of August. They do have a milling device to grind down the spot on A Street, but they can't bring it down during armor coating. It will have to be brought separately for a separate charge.

Provencher reported she has been in contact with Mike Bacon the TIF attorney. He went over one of the current four TIF projects and thinks we have collected \$38,939.48 excess taxes. He suggested informing the county to stop splitting the ad valorem taxes and pay that amount back after double checking his figures with the auditor. Mike will work on the other three projects in the next couple weeks. The board agreed to notify the county to stop sending TIF tax but wait to send back the excess until he is done reviewing all the projects.

Provencher informed the board the current QuickBooks software will no longer be supported as of September 2027. Provencher provided quotes for QuickBooks online, Power Manager and G Works. The auditor recommended switching to QuickBooks online. Our current software is up for renewal in December, Provencher would like to start transitioning software at that time. Stokes moved to switch to QuickBooks Online, seconded by Thieman; votes in favor: Werner, Devall, Stokes, and Thieman; opposed: none.

Devall asked about the curb painting, why isn't it done prior to the Carnival and Cruise night, so it looked nice. Prothman stated it just gets done when it gets done but he could try to get it done earlier next year.

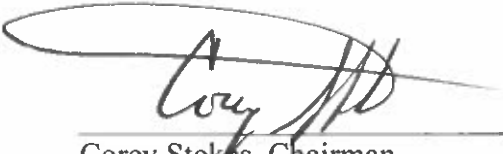
Discussion was held on electric scooters again. The board agreed the Village shouldn't have to make an ordinance to police scooters; it should come down to the parents. We could put something on Facebook about safety issues and ask parents to speak with their kids.

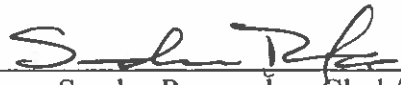
To allow an individual to install a soda machine at the splash pad would require a written contract. The individual hadn't been spoken to yet; Stokes was waiting to hear from the attorney about the proper way to proceed. The individual will be spoken to now, but it might be too late in the season this year.

The sewer plant is working and passing all the tests, but the color has changed after the last rain. It has taken longer to clear out than normal, Prothman is trying a new bacteria to help clear it up.

Stokes made a motion to enter into closed session to protect the public interest to discuss the old office building. Werner moved to close the regular meeting, seconded by Thieman, meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Executive session adjourned at 8:15 p.m.


Corey Stokes, Chairman

ATTEST: 
Sundae Provencher, Clerk/Treasurer

