

Village of Petersburg
January 6th, 2026

The Village Board of Trustees met for a regular meeting and safety meeting on January 6th, 2026, at 7:00 in the Village Office. Notice of the meeting was published in the Petersburg Press on December 31st, 2025; and posted at the Village Office, Post Office, and Leifeld's on December 23rd. Board members were given prior notice of the meeting. Chairman Stokes called the meeting to order stating the Open Meetings Act was posted.

Board members present: Steve Werner, Tina Henn, Mitch Koch, Corey Stokes, and Ashley Thieman. Staff: Nick Prothman and Sundae Provencher. Guests: Helen Baumgartner of Petersburg Press and Officer Anderson.

Thieman made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Koch, votes in favor: Henn, Werner, Koch and Thieman, Stokes abstained.

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

Bills presented for payment:

Wages: 6,966.11

EFTPs, payroll taxes: 1,733.80

Village Regular Account, transfer motor vehicle sales tax: 233.53

Boone County Treasurer, zoning: 100.00

Boone County Treasurer, police protection: 1,375.00

Neil Baumgartner, service fire equipment: 120.00

Esther Steensnes, cleaning: 121.54

Petersburg Community Foundation, rent: 350.00

NE Dept. of Revenue, state payroll taxes: 761.22

Bud's Sanitary, trash service: 3,683.50

Loup Power, electricity: 2,013.46

Great Plains Communications, telephone and internet: 364.77

Capital Business Systems, copier lease (2 months): 325.90

NE Public Health Env. Labs, lab fees: 15.00

Applied Connective, Microsoft office and security surveillance: 132.70

Leifeld's, supplies: 111.41

Neil Baumgartner, annual cellphone bill for fire & rescue: 595.96

One Call Concept, service: 1.64

Travelers, workman's comp. insurance: 1,347.00

University of Omaha, clerk academy: 273.00

Applied Connective, tech assistance: 150.00

Midwest Service & Sales, supplies: 1,342.24

Applied Connective, security camera system: 17,527.25

Bomgaars, supplies: 63.95

Northeast Area Clerks Association, dues: 20.00

Boone Central Schools, 2 tobacco license fees: 20.00

Boone Central Schools, 2 class C liquor license fees: 600.00

Albion News/Boone County Tribune, advertising: 157.20

Merle Moser, supplies: 70.80

JP Cooke Company, dog tags: 90.95
Appeara, laundry costs: 80.15
Zabka Service, fuel: 431.82
Scott's Backhoe & Well, repairs: 618.52
Midwest Laboratories, lab fees: 171.75
Yosten Law, attorney: 182.00
Doug Reicks, Christmas lighting contest winner: 200.00
Frank Stuhr, Christmas lighting contest winner: 100.00
Meadow Ridge Properties, sewer extension project: 24,961.50
Verizon, cellphone: 95.21
Charles Schwab, retirement: 313.33
Charles Schwab, retirement: 163.80
Yosten Law, attorney: 455.00
NE Dept. of Revenue, sales tax: 236.81
Petersburg Building Supply, supplies: 11.98
Leifeld's supplies: 28.79
Boone County Sheriff, delivery service: 50.00
Black Hills Energy, natural gas: 796.44
First National Bank of Omaha, supplies: 55.37

The bill from Scott's Backhoe and Well, the Village will pay and bill the individual who caused the damage. All the security cameras have been installed, just waiting to get electricity to the ones on Main Street. There are 4 in the park, 1 by the tree pile and 4 on main street. Thieman made a motion to pay the bills and those not in yet, seconded by Stokes, votes in favor: Henn, Werner, Koch, Thieman and Stokes.

Sales tax receipts from October were \$3,807.89 with \$233.59 motor vehicle sales tax.

Police reported 57.65 hours of patrol with one civil standby, traffic controls, door checks, one paper service and one disturbance.

Boone County Development Agency is hosting their economic development mixer January 21st from 6 to 8 p.m. at Highway 14 Brewery. RSVPs must be in by Friday January 9th. Thieman attended the past 2 years and wouldn't mind going again, although it would be good for someone new to go as well. There is a lot of good information at this event. Groups from bigger regions come and share different ideas. All the communities in the county were well represented with at least 1 to 2 people from each attending. Housing is always talked about at this event. Stokes tentatively plans to attend.

Zoning, a resident in town is currently out of compliance with solar panels. The zoning administrator was going to send them a letter. Provencher will follow up on this.

Community Improvement, the Community Club is working on getting new ideas for the Petersburg signs at each end of town. The library building's sink was replaced recently because the previous one had broken. Board members have heard positive feedback from the residents; they love being able to use that building for a gathering place. The building still needs a name. There was a suggestion 'The Burg Nest', however the name 'Nest' is already being used in a couple places within the community. A suggestion box will be put over there to get suggestions from the building's patrons.

Ordinance 2026-1 authorizing the purchase of real estate was read by title:
ORDINANCE 2026-1 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE

PURCHASE AND RECEIPT OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE, TO-WIT: THE NORTH 20-FEET OF LOT 12, BLOCK 2 OF THE ORIGINAL TOWN OF PETERSBURG, BOONE COUNTY, NEBRASKA NOW OWNED BY ELAINE PAULSON, AN INDIVIDUAL, BOONE COUNTY, NEBRASKA (SELLER), TO THE VILLAGE OF PETERSBURG, BOONE COUNTY, NEBRASKA (BUYER) AND SETTING FORTH THE TERMS OF THE SALE. Chairman Stokes made a motion to suspend the statutory rule requiring the Ordinance be read by title on three different days, seconded by Thieman, votes in favor: Henn, Werner, Koch, Thieman and Stokes. Ordinance 2026-1 was read for the second and third time. Thieman made a motion to pass and adopt Ordinance 2026-1, seconded by Stokes. Chairman Stokes asks shall Ordinance #2026-1 be passed and adopted, votes in favor: Henn, Werner, Koch, Thieman and Stokes; opposed, none. Chairman Stokes declared Ordinance 2026-1 duly passed and adopted.

Ordinance 2026-2 vacating a 20-foot alley was read by title: ORDINANCE 2026-1 AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF PETERSBURG, BOONE COUNTY, NEBRASKA TO VACATE THE 20-FOOT ALLEY ADJACENT TO THE EAST LINE OF LOTS 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, AND 17, BLOCK 2 OF THE ORIGINAL TOWN OF PETERSBURG, BOONE COUNTY, NEBRASKA, EXCEPT THE NORTH 20-FEET OF SAID LOT 12, AS THE SAME WAS FORMERLY USED FOR ALLEY PURPOSES. THE VILLAGE OF PETERSBURG, BOONE COUNTY, NEBRASKA RESERVES UNTIL ITSELF ANY AND ALL EASEMENTS WHICH IT MAY HAVE FOR UTILITIES ACROSS THE HEREIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY. AND PROVIDING WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT. Chairman Stokes moved to suspend the statutory rule requiring the Ordinance be read by title on three different days, seconded by Koch, votes in favor: Henn, Werner, Koch, Thieman and Stokes. Ordinance 2026-2 was read by title for the second and third time. Thieman moved to pass and adopt Ordinance 2026-2 seconded by Henn. Chairman Stokes asked shall Ordinance 2026-2 be passed and adopted, votes in favor: Stokes, Henn, Werner, Koch and Thieman; opposed: none. Chairman Stokes declared Ordinance 2026-2 duly passed and adopted.

Resolution 2026-1 setting trash rates was approved with a motion by Stokes, seconded by Thieman; votes in favor: Koch, Werner, Henn, Stokes, and Thieman; opposed: none.

Pay application for Meadow Ridge Properties, LLC for the sewer extension project was discussed. The project is completed, John Zwingman Village Engineer will be here Thursday, January 8, 2026, to pressure test the sewer line and do a final walk through of the project and prepare and punch list of deficient items if needed. There is a retainage that ACES is holding to ensure all items are taken care of. Thieman moved to pay the contractors pay application pending review from John, seconded by Werner; votes in favor: Stokes, Henn, Werner, Koch and Thieman.

Safety meeting, 2 streetlights were installed on the cemetery road, that road is a lot brighter now. Take extra caution this time of year with ice and slippery conditions.

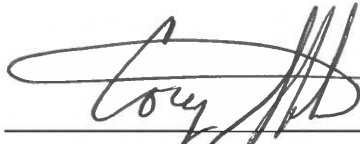
Prothman reported the Village pick-up is currently broken down and, in the shop, the guides that hold the timing chain in place are broke. The pick-up which is about 20 years old has 135,000 miles on it. A new transmission system was installed about 3 years ago. It might be beneficial to start budgeting for a new vehicle.

Chuck Borer recently picked up an older water meter for his new shop. He is connected to water and sewer, not sure if he has a restroom installed in there or not. He plans to tear down that old house then get a new meter for the shop. Werner will see if he has a restroom there.

Zwingman is waiting to hear from NE Road of Transportation regarding the drainage issue along highway 32. Stokes and Prothman will be asked to attend that meeting.

Tina Henn submitted her letter of resignation from the board of trustees effective January 6th, 2026. Henn moved to nominate Werner as the Assistant Chairman, seconded by Thieman, votes in favor: Stokes, Henn, Werner, Koch and Thieman. Provencher will look how to move forward with appointing a new trustee for the board. Tina Henn will need to be removed from any bank accounts and Werner will be added. Tina Henn was also on the Park Board; a Trustee will have to take over her term there as well.

Thieman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Werner. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.



Corey Stokes, Chairman



ATTEST: 

Sundae Provencher, Clerk/Treasurer