

Village of Petersburg
June 2nd, 2026

The Chairman and Village Board of Trustees met for a regular meeting on June 2nd, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Office. Notice of the meeting was published in the Petersburg Press on May 27th, and posted at the Village Office, Post Office and Leifeld's on May 27th. 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, Annette Devall and Ashley Thieman; staff: Nick Prothman and Sundae Provencher. Guests: Helen Baumgartner of Petersburg Press, Victoria Olson Zoning administrator, Officer Beekman and Mitch Kubert of ATV Advantage.

Werner moved to approve the minutes seconded by Devall; votes in favor: Werner, Devall and Thieman; Stokes abstained; absent: Koch; motion carried.

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

Bills presented for payment:

Wages: 7,215.41

EFTPs, payroll taxes: 1,944.59

Village Regular Account, transfer motor vehicle taxes: 994.59

Boone County Treasurer, zoning: 100.00

Boone County Treasurer, police protection: 1,375.00

Neil Baumgartner, service fire equipment: 120.00

Esther Steensnes, cleaning: 221.54

Petersburg Community Foundation, rent: 350.00

Great Plains Communications, telephone and internet service: 302.69

Bomgaars, supplies: 122.43

Applied Connective, installed antivirus programs on village computers: 175.00

Heartland Fire Protection, semi-annual fire alarm inspection: 155.00

Loup Power District, electricity: 2,403.40

Bud's Sanitary, trash service: 3,782.50

Appeara, laundry costs: 80.15

Applied Connective, Microsoft and anti-virus protection: 51.70

Applied Connective, security camera system hosting: 120.00

Nick Prothman, reimbursement for supplies: 181.40

Applied Connective, remote help: 87.50

Albracht Disposal, roll off dumpsters for clean-up days: 1,747.00

CVIA, insurance, workman's comp audit: 527.00

CVIA, insurance, adding new mower: 43.00

Love Signs, dedication plaque: 500.00

NE Public Health Env. Lab, lab fees: 15.00

Petersburg Building & Supply, supplies: 31.00

CVIA, insurance, quarterly installment: 5,093.25

One Call Concept, service: 3.28

Mike's Auto, supplies: 70.00

Midwest Labs, lab fees: 484.45

Yosten Law, attorney fees: 169.00

Capital Business Systems, copier lease: 113.45
Verizon, cellphone: 88.16
Post Office, certified mail postage: 10.60
Leifeld's, supplies: 92.20
NE Dept. of Revenue, sales tax: 957.41
Black Hills Energy, natural gas: 601.63
Albion News/Boone County Tribune, advertising: 106.69
First National Bank of Omaha, supplies: 1,670.39
First National Bank of Omaha, supplies: 3,061.69
Charles Schwab, retirement: 200.04
Charles Schwab, retirement: 295.42

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

Money was budgeted for air packs for the fire department.

Police reported 52.17 hour of patrol time. BCDA provided a monthly update newsletter. BCDA is currently working with PIDC to do a survey of businesses in town.

Community Improvement: new banners were put up. The splash pad has been running. The flowers around town look good. The new lights in the park have been installed and look great. The brightness could be adjusted if needed.

Sales tax from March: \$5,900.56 with \$994.59 motor vehicle sales tax.

Public hearing was opened to discuss, review and take action to amend the Petersburg Nebraska Zoning Ordinance regarding Article 3 section 14: Floodplain Ordinance 2026-4. The planning commission recommended approval of Ordinance 2026-4. Ordinance 2026-4 was read by title: ORDINANCE NO. 2026-4 Floodplain Management Ordinance Pursuant to 44 CFR 60.3(b), Neb. Rev. Statutes Chapter 31 Article 10, and Neb. Admin. Code Title 455 Ch. 1 AN ORDINANCE INTRODUCED BY THE VILLAGE OF PETERSBURG IDENTIFYING FLOODPLAIN AREAS DEFINING THE SAME AND SETTING FORTH REGULATIONS THEREOF. BE IT ORDAINED by the Chairman and Village Board of Trustees of The Village of Petersburg Nebraska as follows. Thieman moved to suspend the statutory rules requiring the Ordinance be read by title on three different days, seconded by Stokes. Roll call votes in favor: Werner, Devall, Thieman, and Stokes; opposed: none. Chairman Stokes declared the motion carried, and said statutory rule suspended. Ordinance 2026-4 was read by title for the second and third time. Thieman moved to pass and adopt Ordinance 2026-4, seconded by Stokes; votes in favor: Stokoes, Werner, Devall and Thieman; opposed: none. Chairman Stokes declared Ordinance 2026-4 duly passed and adopted.

Victoria stated she has received the drafted ordinance with the correct districts, still no map. We could set up a separate meeting to review the drafted ordinance after receiving a copy of the zoning map.

Ordinance 2026-7 water regulations were amended to clarify what materials are the responsibility of the homeowner. Ordinance 2026-7 was read by title: AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF PETERSBURG, NEBRASKA OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF PETERSBURG, NEBRASKA CONCERNING THE RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE WATER SYSTEM OF SAID VILLAGE, REPEALING AND REPLACING ORDINANCE NO. 2021-1, AND PRESCRIBING THE TIME WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND TAKE EFFECT. Thieman moved to suspend the statutory rule requiring the Ordinance be read by title on three different days, seconded by Devall; votes in

favor: Stokes, Werner, Devall and Thieman; opposed: none. Chairman Stokes declared motion carried, and said statutory rule suspended. Ordinance 2026-7 was read for the second and third time. Thieman made a motion to pass and adopt Ordinance 2026-7, seconded by Devall, votes in favor: Stokes, Werner, Devall and Thieman; opposed: none. Chairman Stokes declared Ordinance 2026-7 duly passed and adopted.

Firemen's list for insurance was reviewed. Provencher stated Devall is not on the list yet, she was given a form Friday to sign up. Fireman Colton Pelster needs to be added to the list. Discussion was held on updating people's beneficiaries. Werner made a motion to approve the firemen list with the two additions, and future potential changes to beneficiaries, seconded by Thieman; votes in favor: Stokes, Werner, Devall and Thieman; opposed: none.

Thieman and Provencher along with Jackie Valasek and Tina Stokes of BCDA met with Chelsea Egenberger of NE Department of Economic Development to discuss CDBG grants for repairing Main Street. Petersburg is 1.2% away from the LMI threshold. There is a 12% margin of error. It was suggested to do an income survey to see if we can meet that threshold. Thieman and Provencher then met with Sandra Goode of NENEDD to see if they could assist Petersburg in conducting an income survey. NENEDD could do income and attitude surveys together. Petersburg hasn't done an income survey since 2018. We need to express the importance of residents' participation so they can certify the results. The Village could publish something in the paper to inform the community of the survey and express how important it is for them to participate. We could also post something in the businesses around town to get the information out there. There are extensive reporting requirements with CDBG grants. ACES has done some projects with CDBG and Shelby Kelley of AEDC is familiar with CDBG reporting. Provencher would be the one to train to complete the reporting. Stokes made a motion to approve NENEDD to conduct an income and an attitude survey for the Village of Petersburg, seconded by Thieman; votes in favor: Werner, Devall, Thieman and Stokes; opposed: none; motion carried.

Mitch Kubert of ATV Advantage was present to request use of a curb stop that is not being used in the Main Street park to bring water to his business. Him and Lavander can trench it out and replace all the materials torn up during trenching. It was questioned if that curb stop was functional. Thieman made a motion to dig up the curb stop to see if it's functional and proceed accordingly, seconded by Stokes, votes in favor: Werner, Devall, Thieman and Stokes; opposed: none. Kubert questioned how he would be billed for that since he pays yearly for trash service through Bud's Sanitary already. Provencher stated after the year of paid trash service is up, trash service could transfer to the Village bill if he preferred.

The SDL for the annual firemen's fundraiser was received.

Bud's Sanitary is requesting a fuel surcharge of \$0.75 per active water meter as of June 1st due to the rising cost of fuel. Thieman made a motion to approve the \$0.75 surcharge, seconded by Devall; votes in favor: Stokes, Werner, Devall and Thieman; opposed: none. Resolution 2026-3 establishing trash rates to pass that surcharge onto customers was approved with a motion by Werner, seconded by Stokes; votes in favor: Devall, Thieman, Stokes and Werner; opposed: none.

The Gathering Place is requesting to open a bank account for donations. They have been receiving donations and need a place to put them and also be able to cash checks made out to The Gathering Place. Lorraine Veik could be the signer, and Annette Devall could be the secondary signer. They also would like to use the Village's EIN to sign up for the Big Give this year. Lorraine is not on the Village Board and can't have access to that account. Annette could be the signer and Ashley Thieman can be the secondary signer. Thieman made a motion to proceed with creating a bank account for The Gathering Place and use the EIN for the 2026 Big Give, seconded by Stokes;

votes in favor: Werner, Devall, Thieman and Stokes; opposed: none. Werner made a motion to have Annette Devall be the signer of The Gathering Place's account, and Ashley Thieman secondary signer; Thieman seconded, votes in favor: Devall, Thieman, Werner, Stokes; opposed: none.

Discussion was held on a budget workshop with the rural fire board. The Chief might set a time for them to have a meeting in the first week of August. The Village hasn't met with the rural board in a long time. The meeting can't be later than August.

Prothman provided a quote from Midwest Coating for armor coating. The Village hasn't used this company before; the company we previously used has gone out of business. Thieman made a motion to approve Midwest Coatings for armor coating, seconded by Devall; votes in favor: Stokes, Werner, Devall and Thieman; opposed: none.

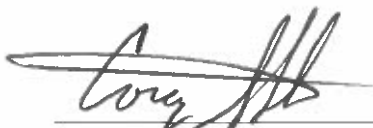
Provencher reported she approved an SDL for an alumni event in July. Vacant property assessment fees will be sent to one of the vacant properties. A nuisance letter will also be sent for a trailer abandoned on the same property. Another property on the vacant property registration sold last Friday. A U-Haul was seen there this morning. The State Historical Society is coming to do their final inspection on the old office building on the 16th.

Discussion was held on the full roll-off dumpsters during clean-up days. It was asked if we should do another round. There were several residents that didn't get to use them because they were full. The businesses fill them up right away. It was mentioned to advertise not for businesses next year. Werner mentioned bringing in an extra trailer for metals. The business owners have been spoken to and they still use the dumpsters. Not sure what the answer is to that issue.

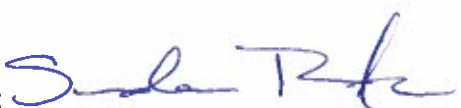
Devall asked about the old office building during carnival days. A barricade could be put along that sidewalk to prevent people from walking along side the building. PIDC will also fence off the area where the buildings were demolished. There are bricks falling from that building. They have to remove a portion of the bricks before they can frame and tin that wall.

Summer help was discussed. Cooper is back from last year. The first kid hasn't been to work the past few days.

Thieman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Devall. Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.


Corey Stokes, Chairman



ATTEST: 
Sundae Provencher, Clerk/Treasurer