

Village of Petersburg
March 3rd, 2026

The Chairman and Village Board of Trustees met for a regular meeting on March 3rd, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Office. Notice of the meeting was published in the Petersburg Press February 25th; posted at the Village Office, Post Office and Leifeld's on February 23rd. Board members were given prior notice of the meeting. Chairman Stokes opened the meeting stating the Open Meetings Act was 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 and Officer Anderson.

Thieman moved to approve February's minutes seconded by Stokes; votes in favor: Werner, Devall, Thieman and Stokes; opposed: none.

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

Bills presented for payment:

Wages: 6,966.13

EFTPs, payroll taxes: 1,931.74

Village Regular Account, transfer motor vehicle taxes: 3,756.83

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 Steenses, cleaning: 121.54

Bud's Sanitary, trash service: 3,758.75

Loup Power District, electricity: 2,137.74

Love Signs, sign for The Gathering Place: 700.82

Boone County Register of Deeds, file 2 ordinances: 50.00

ACES, engineering fees: 1,800.00

Great Plains Communications, telephone & internet: 353.25

Bomgaars, supplies: 32.99

PowerTech, service agreement: 815.00

NE Public Health Env. Lab, lab fees: 31.00

Petersburg Community Club, Big Give Funds: 619.00

One Call Concept, service: 2.46

Applied Connective, Microsoft, security camera: 132.70

CVIA, insurance installment: 5,093.25

Appeara, laundry costs: 80.15

Capital Business Systems, copier lease: 113.45

NE Dept. of Revenue, lottery license renewal: 100.00

Zabka, fuel: 286.31

Yosten Law, attorney fees: 286.00

Midwest Labs, lab fees: 140.20

Charles Schwab, retirement: 295.42

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Black Hills Energy, natural gas: 1,341.49

NE Department of Revenue, sales tax: 799.44
First National Bank of Omaha, supplies: 166.94
First National Bank of Omaha, supplies: 201.42
Yosten Law, attorney fees: 91.00
Albion News Boone County Tribune, advertising: 277.72
Verizon, cellphone: 88.20

An invoice from PowerTech was discussed. Stokes moved to pay the bills and those not in yet, except one service call bill from PowerTech, seconded by Werner; votes in favor: Devall, Thieman, Werner and Stokes; opposed: none.

Sales tax from December was \$8,305.02 with \$3,756.83 motor vehicle sales tax.

Police reported 61.68 hours of patrol time. The board asked if they would check for unlicensed vehicles in town.

BCDA provided a monthly update flyer. The hot topic currently is business transitioning. Petersburg has some businesses with older owners looking for someone younger to take over.

Zoning: Victoria the zoning administrator is still out on maternity leave. A culvert was discussed, it is up to the Village the size needed, bigger is better for drainage. Zwingman will be asked to look and see what size culvert would be needed. A parcel was discussed due to a building that was erected on a residential lot, zoning doesn't allow just buildings on residential lots. It's possible they replatted those lots into one lot. Zoning will be contacted to clarify.

Community Improvement: Some banners along the highway were taken down due to damage. The Community Club will be contacted to see if they want different banners put up.

The dog ordinance was discussed. A resident came to the last meeting asking if the board would increase the number of dogs allowed per residence, currently only two dogs are allowed. Members were asked if there were any reasons for not wanting to increase the number of dogs to three or four. Werner stated the ordinance in place is good. Other members thought we could increase to three. Werner in the past few years has taken one loose dog to the kennel. We contract with St. Ed for a dog kennel. St. Ed doesn't board them though; they move them to a shelter after 5 days. Thieman moved to amend the ordinance allowing three dogs per residence, seconded by Stokes; votes in favor: Devall, Thieman and Stokes; opposed: Werner.

The Ag Appreciation Breakfast is March 21st, Town and Country Vet will come for an hour to vaccinate animals at half cost. Advertisement will be published in the Petersburg Press.

Provencher asked if the online code should be updated, we have passed a few ordinances since adopting the new code book. With each ordinance that is passed, the code will get updated as well to keep it current.

A drafted floodplain ordinance was reviewed. FEMA and NDWEE have updated the floodplain map for Boone County. Municipalities in Boone County have until June to adopt a new ordinance to adopt the new map. The ordinance has to be approved by NDWEE and FEMA prior to adoption. The draft ordinance was reviewed. A fine for violations and number of days between publication date and public hearing date for a nuisance needed to be added. Thieman moved to make the fine \$100, seconded by Werner; votes in favor: Stokes, Devall, Thieman and Werner; opposed: none. Thieman made a motion for 7 days to be the time needed between publication date and date of public hearing for nuisances on the floodplain ordinance, seconded by Devall, votes in favor: Stokes, Werner, Thieman and Devall; opposed: none. Thieman made a motion to approve the draft floodplain ordinance, seconded by Stokes; votes in favor: Werner, Devall, Thieman and Stokes; opposed: none.

Albracht Disposal will provide roll offs for clean up days. A weekend toward the end of April the Village will have clean up days.

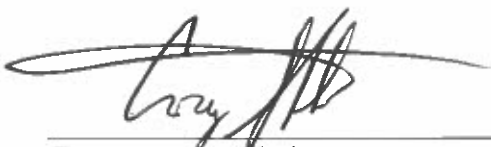
Prothman requested to discuss updating the water meters. It would be nice to get a more accurate number of gallons. Currently there are approximately 50 meters that are not working, the old style of meters the Village uses break often. It would cost around \$15,000 for the software and hardware switch to an automatic reader system. The meters are around \$460 a piece versus the \$350 we pay for our current meters. It was asked if the software needed to be purchased up front or if we could slowly replace meters and buy the software after. Prothman was pretty certain the meters could be purchased first. The board agreed it would be good to start purchasing the new meters and phase out the old ones. Discussion was held on the water fund. We have a large portion of cash reserve; toward September we can see where we are and purchase a few new meters. It was asked if there were grants available for a project like this. Prothman stated at conferences they speak a lot about the state revolving fund.

The Board asked if Prothman has been looking for a new mower. The board wants to get on schedule to get a new mower every 3 years. After purchasing a new one, the oldest can be sold by sealed bids.

Provencher stated the library phone could be disconnected now. Tim Stopak requested to use the library room for meet and greets. It could be a challenge to let him use that room with the door locks. Petersburg Community Foundation will be contacted.

The white goods pile was discussed. No one has taken it in a while. Prothman will check with Majerus. There has been a complaint of a pothole on Bee St., it needs to be refilled. Stokes asked if Prothman could get a concrete grinder to grind a bump off 1st street. There isn't one available for rent in the area. Stokes will ask if Zwingman knows where to rent one.

Stokes moved to enter into closed session to discuss the old office building and protect the interest of the public, seconded by Thieman; votes in favor: Werner, Devall, Stokes and Thieman. Board went into closed session at 8:21 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.



Corey Stokes, Chairman



ATTEST: 

Sundae Provencher, Clerk/Treasurer