

Village of Petersburg
May 5th, 2026

The Chairman and Village Board of Trustees met for a regular meeting on May 5th, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Office. Notice of the meeting was posted at the Village Office, Post Office and Leifeld's on April 23rd; and published in the Petersburg Press on April 29th. Board members were given prior notice of the meeting. Assistant Chairman Werner called the meeting to order stating the Open Meeting Act is posted.

Board members present: Annette Devall, Steve Werner and Mitch Koch. Staff: Nick Prothman and Sundae Provencher. Guests present: Clyde Stuhr, Nick Schwager, Officer Niewohner, Helen Baumgartner of Petersburg Press, Ross Knott and Doug Koch of Petersburg Industrial Development Agency.

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

Koch made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Werner; votes in favor: Devall, Werner and Koch; opposed: none; absent: Thieman and Stokes; motion carried.

Bills presented for payment:

Wages: 6,966.11

EFTPs, payroll taxes: 1,944.70

Village Regular Account, transfer motor vehicle sales tax: 1,036.24

Boone County Treasurer, zoning: 100.00

Boone County Treasurer, police: 1,375.00

Neil Baumgartner, service fire equipment: 120.00

Esther Steensnes, cleaning: 221.54

Petersburg Community Foundation, rent: 350.00

Bomgaars, supplies: 7.99

Great Plains Communications, telephone and internet: 980.02

Loup Power District, electricity: 2,096.37

NE Public Health Env., lab fees: 252.00

Bud's Sanitary, trash service: 3,820.00

Capital Business Systems, copier lease: 113.45

Midwest Labs, lab fees: 325.37

Northeast NE Development District, membership dues: 680.00

Reigle Implement, mower: 15,950.0

Love Signs, The Gathering Place sign: 700.81

Kayton International supplies: 31.75

Sundae Provencher, mileage and meal reimbursement: 431.36

Ameritas Investment Corporation, bond interest: 941.25

Radene Temme DBA Rae Valley Market, TIF reimbursement: 426.46

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Bygland's, supplies: 335.00

One Call Concept, service: 1.64

Appeara, laundry costs: 80.15

Applied Connective, service: 132.70

Albracht Disposal, roll-off dumpsters: 1,246.50

Helena, supplies: 460.00

Reigle Implement, mower repairs: 436.39
Yosten Law, attorney fees: 364.00
First National Bank of Omaha, supplies: 543.93
First National Bank of Omaha, supplies: 1,039.49
Albion News/Boone County Tribune, advertising: 35.78
Black Hills Energy, natural gas: 717.89
NE Department of Revenue, sales tax: 35.44
Charles Schwab, retirement: 200.04
Charles Schwab, retirement: 295.42
Verizon, cellphone: 88.15

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

Sales tax money from February \$ 4,691.50 with \$1,036.24 motor vehicle sales tax.

Police reported 46.97 hours of patrol time. Officer Niewohner stated he is working on unregistered vehicles, there are currently four. Most cars in town are registered they just don't have the stickers updated.

Boone County Development Agency provided a monthly update flyer. This year's Emerging Leadership Academy's graduation is May 15th at the Cardinal Inn at 6:00 p.m. Any Village Board member can attend if interested.

Clyde Stuhr requested to borrow benches for the Legion's Memorial Day program in the park. Prothman will take them down to the park the Friday prior.

The water regulations ordinance was reviewed. Wording amendments to define what materials bringing water into the establishment is the owners was discussed. Option B was chosen. Koch made a motion to go with Option B of the water regulation ordinance, seconded by Devall; votes in favor: Werner, Koch and Devall; opposed: none; absent: Stokes and Thieman; motion carried.

Doug Koch and Ross Knott from Petersburg Industrial Development Corporation is requesting \$80,000 of economic development's portion of sales tax funds to cover costs of demolition on the Cunningham's three buildings on Main Street. Along with demolition costs there are cosmetic repairs that need to be done on the West wall of the 123 Main Street offices building. They plan to put a fence up there so no one is walking in that area during summer. Koch made a motion to release \$80,000 of sales tax funds to PIDC, seconded by Devall; votes in favor: Werner, Koch and Devall; opposed: none; absent: Thieman and Stokes.

Ordinance 2026-6 amending the vacant property ordinance was read by title.
ORDINANCE NO. 2026-6

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO VACANT PROPERTY; ADDING NEW PROVISIONS RELATED TO REGISTERING VACANT PROPERTY, COLLECTING FEES FOR VACANT PROPERTIES, PLANNING FOR REHABILITATION OF VACANT PROPERTIES; AND ENCOURAGING OCCUPANCY OF VACATN PROPERTIES; TO HARMONIZE WITH STAT LAW; TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NO. 2020-1 AND CONFLICITNG ORDINANCES AND SECTIONS; AND TO PROVIDE AND EFFECTIVE DATE. Koch made a motion to suspend the statutory rules requiring reading on three separate days, seconded by Devall; votes in favor: Werner, Koch and Devall; opposed: none; motion carried. Ordinance 2026-6 was read by title two more times. Motion was made by Koch to adopt Ordinance 2026-6, seconded by Devall; votes in favor: Werner, Koch and Devall; opposed: none; motion carried. Werner declared Ordinance 2026-6 duly passed and adopted.

Resolution 2026-2 establishing a parade route for the annual Firemen's cruise night was reviewed. Koch made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-2, seconded by Devall; votes in favor: Werner, Koch and Devall; opposed: none; absent: Stokes and Thieman; motion carried.

Discussion was held on mowing a ditch East of John Temme's house. The ditch belongs to Arends who refuses to mow it. Prothman mows it a few times a year but could do it more frequently.

Budget workshop and a workshop with the Rural Fire Board need to get scheduled. It has been five years since the Village Board and Rural Board have met. Werner will find out when the Rural Board has their meetings.

Prothman went over the park lights that weren't working. They were high pressure sodium fixtures that someone put mercury bulbs into. Prothman tried replacing them with high pressure sodium bulbs, but it didn't work. He ordered an LED fixture and installed it North of the Snack Shack. It was \$220. There were eight that weren't working. The light is 21,000 lumens, you can turn the brightness down and it has three different color adjustments. Koch made a motion to get the remaining 7 light fixtures for the park, seconded by Devall; votes in favor: Werner, Koch and Devall; opposed: none; motion carried.

The old Dixon mower sold within an hour.

Provencher stated the anti-virus program the office desktop had had expired. She presented a quote from Applied Connective to get new anti-virus software. It would cost \$13 a month with a one time \$175 installation fee. Werner made a motion to get the anti-virus software from applied connective on all three of the Village's devices, seconded by Devall; votes in favor: Koch, Werner and Devall.

Devall stated the can area behind the bank is full, cans are blowing all around. Prothman stated he would soon take them to Albion.

Werner reported on clean-up days. The dumpsters fill up fast. Some residents barely got a chance to use them because the businesses fill them up right away. Discussion was held on how to monitor clean-up days better. Werner mentioned bringing in a separate trailer for metal materials. There may be more ideas throughout the year to improve the dumpster situation next year.

Koch made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Devall; meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Steve Werner A.C.
Steve Werner, Assistant Chairman



ATTEST: Sundae Provencher
Sundae Provencher, Clerk/Treasurer