

Village of Petersburg
September 1st, 2026

The Village Chairman and Board of Trustees met for a regular meeting Tuesday September 1st, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. Notice of the meeting was published in the Petersburg Press on August 26th and posted at the Village Office, Post Office and Leifeld's on August 24th. Board members were given prior notice of the meeting.

Board members present: Annette Devall, Corey Stokes, Ashley Thieman, Steve Werner and Mitch Koch. Staff: Sundae Provencher; guests: Helen Baumgartner of Petersburg Press, Tina Stokes and Jackie Valasek of BCDA, and Officer Buck.

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

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

Bills presented for payment:

Wages: 7,326.27

EFTPS, payroll taxes: 2311.40

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: 304.92

NE Public Health Lab, lab fees: 212.00

American Legal Publishing, updating code book: 1,054.86

Bud's Sanitary, trash service: 3,945.50

Bomgaars, supplies: 58.98

Loup Power, electricity: 3,005.78

American Legal Publishing, updating online code: 72.00

Appeara, laundry costs: 80.15

Village Regular Account, transfer motor vehicle sales tax: 1,013.22

Pelster Sand & Gravel, load of red rock: 690.00

USA Bluebook, supplies: 445.18

Veseris, supplies: 263.00

Albion News/Boone County Tribune, advertising: 157.01

Municipal Supply, supplies: 1,174.71

NE Rural Water Association, membership dues: 250.00

Mike's Auto, ambulance repairs: 1,044.00

Helena, supplies: 55.00

Capital Business Systems, copier lease: 113.45

Radene Temme, DBA Rae Valley Market, TIF payment: 934.25

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NE Department of Revenue, waste reduction tax: 25.00

Reigle Implement, repairs: 665.20

Applied Connective, Microsoft and anti-virus: 78.22

Applied Connective, security cameras: 85.00

Charles Schwab, retirement: 200.04
Charles Schwab, retirement: 295.42
Yosten Law, attorney fees: 182.00
Verizon, cellphone: 174.77
First National Bank of Omaha, supplies: 87.43
First National Bank of Omaha, supplies: 811.66
NE Department of Revenue, sales tax: 1,044.48
Black Hills Energy, natural gas: 358.02

Stokes made a motion to pay the bills and those not in yet, seconded by Thieman; votes in favor: Devall, Koch, Werner, Stokes, and Thieman.

Sales tax from June was \$6,642.06 with \$1,013.22 motor vehicle sales tax.

Police reported 54.97 hours of patrol time. The Sheriff's office has hired a new female deputy. They also have a guy starting academy, hopefully will be graduated by the end of the year. Short discussion was held on E-bikes. St. Ed recently cited someone for blowing through a stop sign. They along with bicycles should be following traffic laws.

Tina Stokes and Jackie Valasek were present to discuss the membership renewal. They provided a cover letter and a two-year recap letter to show what BCDA has accomplished in the past two years. Some Petersburg businesses are currently enrolled in some BCDA programs. The partnership with NBDC has gained traction. Ben came to Petersburg one afternoon but that was unsuccessful. To be fair, the first time he was in Albion he had the same outcome. He will be in Albion September 18th, but could also come to Petersburg if there is a need for him. It would help if the board spoke to some of these businesses to let them know Ben's services are available. He focuses a lot on business transitioning.

BCDA got a lot of footage for each community from the 'See Yourself Here' campaign that started last year. That footage will be shared with the Village to use however they want. BCDA has been doing a few things for PIDC under the Village's membership. The cost of membership is 3% of the budget; Petersburg's annual amount is \$5,977 split into two payments. Economic Development isn't always about brick and mortar and establishing businesses it is also about solving problems such as daycare needs, housing and marketing. Werner made a motion to accept the membership agreement with Boone County Development Agency, seconded by Thieman; votes in favor: Stokes, Werner, Koch, Devall, and Thieman; opposed: none.

Community Improvement: Werner has been working on contacting the people with unlicensed vehicles, two people he was unable to contact. The rest of them have been taken care of. Armor coating keeps getting pushed back.

Stokes made a motion to adopt the budget as advertised, seconded by Thieman; votes in favor: Werner, Koch, Devall, Thieman, and Stokes; opposed: none. Thieman made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-6 setting the property tax request, seconded by Koch; votes in favor: Stokes, Werner, Koch, Devall, and Thieman; opposed: none. The property tax request was set at \$110,337.37, with the levy at 0.256223.

Stokes moved to hold the 1&6-year street improvement plan public hearing for October 6th, 2026, at 7:00 p.m., and authorize the clerk to advertise the public hearing, seconded by Thieman; votes in favor: Werner, Koch, Devall, Thieman, and Stokes; opposed: none.

Provencher reported she assessed a vacant property fee for Arend's property on the boulevard. A letter was sent to the county to stop sending 2011 TIF funds. Radene Temme's final TIF payment will be made this month. Whited will be contacted in October to remind her she has until November to get rid of that trailer.

Discussion was held on mowing and blowing grass into the street and on the concrete of the park shelters. The Community Club has been working on cleaning up the town sign on the South side of town. The flag there needs replaced, it is ripped.

Steve Werner

~~Corey Stokes, Chairman~~

Steve Werner, Assistant chair

ATTEST:

Sundae Provencher

Sundae Provencher, Clerk/Treasurer

