

Village of Petersburg
January 7, 2025

The Village Chairman and Board of Trustees met for a regular meeting and safety meeting on Tuesday January 7th, 2025, at 7:00 P.M. in the Village Board meeting room. Notice of the meeting was published in the Petersburg Press on January 1st, 2025, and posted at the Village Office, Post Office and Leifeld's on December 30th, 2024. Board members were given prior notice of the meeting.

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

Stokes opened the meeting stating the Open Meetings Act was posted. Sales tax receipts from October: \$6,759.54 with \$833.34 motor vehicle sales tax.

Minutes were approved with a motion by Ashley Thieman, seconded by Werner; votes in favor: Koch, Werner and Thieman, Stokes abstained, Henn absent; motion carried.

Thieman made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report seconded by Koch; votes in favor: Werner, Stokes, Thieman and Koch, Henn absent; motion carried.

Discussion was held on the bill from Scott's Backhoe and Well. The bill is for repairs done on a hydrant in the RV area of the park. A camper had backed into it when parking their RV. The bill was sent to the people that caused the damage, but they haven't paid. The Village will pay Scott's Backhoe and collect the costs from the campers.

Bills presented for payment:

Wages: 6,065.38

EFTPs, payroll taxes: 1,612.58

Village Regular Account, transfer motor vehicle taxes: 883.34

Boone County Treasurer, zoning: 100.00

Boone County Treasurer, police protection: 1,375.00

Neil Baumgartner, service fire equipment; 120.00

Esther Steensnes, cleaning: 115.75

Travelers, workman's comp insurance: 1,356.00

Kayton, bobcat rental: 3,814.00

Great Plains Communications, telephone and internet: 467.19

Rae Valley Market, supplies: 27.73

Applied Connective, set-up new laptop: 562.50

Loup Power, electricity: 2,251.71

NE Public Health Env. Lab, lab fees: 15.00

Petersburg Community Foundation, rent: 350.00

Zabka, fuel: 276.05

Petersburg Building Supply, supplies: 226.95

Scott's Backhoe and Well, repairs: 740.33

One Call Concept, service: 1.60

Applied Connective, Microsoft: 12.70

Appeara, laundry costs: 76.45

NE Department of Revenue, state payroll taxes: 754.29

Midwest Labs, lab fees: 170.25

Leifeld's, supplies: 206.57

Albion News/Boone County Tribune, advertising and supplies: 116.64
Bud's Sanitary, trash service: 3,529.00
First National Bank of Omaha, supplies: 68.07
First National Bank of Omaha, supplies: 415.42
Black Hills Energy, natural gas: 656.78
NE Department of Revenue, sales tax: 158.83
Charles Schwab, retirement: 298.41
Charles Schwab, retirement: 156.00
Verizon, telephone: 81.95
Petersburg Community Foundation, rent: 350.00

Koch made a motion to pay all the bills, and the ones not in yet, seconded by Stokes; votes in favor: Henn, Werner, Koch, Thieman and Stokes; motion carried.

Police reported 57.03 hours of patrol time with 1 traffic control, 1 welfare check, 1 disturbance, 1 EPC and 1 paper service.

BCDA's monthly update flyer was distributed. The Community Economic Development meeting will be on January 15th. Thieman registered 2 people to attend this year. Last year's meeting was very informative.

Community Improvement: Stokes stated many people are complaining about Main Streets condition, the board is aware it is in bad shape. The Community Club discussed getting a new nativity scene for the boulevard at their meeting.

Water, sewer and trash rate increases were discussed. Bud's Sanitary is increasing their pickup rate \$0.50 per year. Water and sewer rates will increase 3% like in previous years. Trash will increase \$0.50 to align with Bud's Sanitary rates. The base water rate will now be \$21.38 per month, usage will be \$1.75 per thousand gallons. The sewer base rate will be \$22.02 per month with \$1.75 per thousand gallons of water used, based on the first quarter of each year. The trash rate will be \$18.25 for residents with one tote, non-residents \$20.00 per month, additional totes are \$5.00. Businesses will be \$20.00 per month, \$24.50 with dumpster.

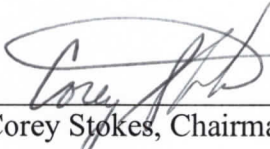
Safety meeting: Use extra caution when driving or walking, it can get slick this time of year.

Prothman has been trying to get the speed sign repaired after it was damaged due to high wind. In the spring he is planning on putting the sign on a thicker post. Prothman will be attending the Snowball Conference in Kearney on January 22nd and 23rd.

Provencher reported the new laptop has been set up.

Werner asked if Prothman had someone to watch the wastewater treatment plant while he is at the Snowball conference. Stokes will monitor the treatment plant. Stokes said there was discussion about the Villages website at the Community Club meeting. They do not like it; they feel it doesn't attract people to Petersburg. The board will look at the website to see how it could be improved. The idler pulley was installed at the wastewater treatment plant.

Thieman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Henn. Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.



Corey Stokes, Chairman

ATTEST: Sundae Provencher
Sundae Provencher, Clerk/Treasurer

