City of Petersburg

Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting

September 15, 2025 – 6:30 p.m.

Petersburg, MI 49270

A Meeting of the Council for the City of Petersburg was held on the above date.

The Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor, James W. Holeman

Councilpersons present were Dawn Cilley, Kevin Richards, Rita Rousseau, Ron Stumpmier, Joanne Tollison

Absent: Laura Antoszewski

Moved by Tollison to approve the agenda as printed. Supported by Cilley. Aye (6) Nay (0) Absent (1) Motion carried.

Minutes of the previous meeting were presented to Council in printed form as recorded.

Moved by Cilley that the minutes of the 9/2/25 meeting be approved. Supported by Stumpmier. Aye (6) Nay (0) Absent (0) Motion carried.

Invoices were presented to council in printed form by accounts: General fund- $24,891.80; Police fund- $268.79; Major St.- $663.75; Local St.- $0; Sewer fund- $9,603.48; Water fund- $19,917.07 for a total of $55,344.89. Moved by Cilley that the invoices as presented, as well as the Marathon bill that was not available, be approved and checks drawn for the same. Supported by Rousseau. Roll Call Vote: Aye (6) Nay (0) Absent (1) Motion carried.

**Public Comment:**

Jessica Cribbs from the Petersburg Events Committee reported the September 27 Farmers Market is almost filled with vendors, 2 food trucks and live music. Bingo night is a possibility on October 18. Trunk or Treat is confirmed for October 31 as is Hometown Holidays on November 22.

Stella Kirby reported 9 boulders have been placed along the shoreline in Fernstrom Park, with thanks to the DPW.

Josh Miller spoke about preventing improper dumping at the yard waste disposal area. More signage as well as a fence along the drive to the Park may be installed and reminders on social media.

**New Business:**

Moved by Richards to support Michelle LaVoy and Josh Meringa, candidates for a 3 year term beginning January 1, 2026, for Michigan Municipal League Board of Directors. Supported by Stumpmier. Aye (6) Nay (0) Absent (1) Motion carried.

Richards advised that Presley Bergmooser, a local artist, will attend the October 6 meeting to offer options for a possible mural downtown.

**Old Business:**

Mayor reported the vactor truck is being repaired and once it is back in service the DPW will continue jetting sewers. He is working with Michigan Gas Utilities to get 3 gas valves along Wood Street lifted and filled around them. There will be a meeting at City hall with representatives from EPA and EGLE on September 27, 1-4pm, to discuss the TEC Water InitiativeTA.

**Council Reports:**

Richards asked if the cracks in the tennis court can be filled and a new net installed. Mayor will have the DPW take care of this.

Cilley spoke to an EGLE representative who plans to attend our October 6 meeting to report on the Brownfield site and their meeting with Arcadis and UPS.

Tollison reminded everyone to be on the lookout for the Spotted Lanternfly that is being found near our area and to kill them if found.

**Employee Reports:**

Clerk Goodin reminded council that our attorney is retiring at the end of 2025 and she will remind him that he offered to supply a list of possible replacements. Also, the November 3 meeting will be held at the library due to election setup in the councilroom.

Moved by Tollison that Council adjourn at 7:34 p.m. Supported by Richards. Aye 6) Nay (0) Absent (1) Motion carried.

Guests: Bobby Richards, Stella Kirby, Jessica Cribbs, Connie Jensen, Josh Miller

Employees: Leanne Goodin, Donna Maertin

Minutes submitted by:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Leanne G. Goodin, Clerk

Minutes approved by:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Mayor James W. Holeman