

City of Petersburg
Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting
Monday, August 17, 2026 – 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 Kevin Richards. Councilpersons present were Laura Antoszewski, Dawn Cilley, Stella Kirby, Rita Rousseau, Ron Stumpmier, Lisa Walters.

Absent:

Moved by Cilley to approve the agenda as printed. Supported by Stumpmier. Aye (7) Nay (0) Absent (0)
Motion carried.

Minutes of the previous meeting were presented to Council in printed form as recorded. Moved by Cilley that the minutes of the 8/3/26 meeting be approved. Supported by Kirby. Aye (7) Nay (0) Absent (0) Motion carried.

Invoices were presented to Council in printed form by accounts: General fund - \$10282.15; Police fund – \$280.84; Major St. - \$0; Local St. - \$31000 ; Sewer fund - \$372.98; Water fund - \$3871.11 for a total of \$45807.08. Moved by Stumpmier that the invoices be approved and checks drawn for the same. Supported by Cilley. Roll call vote: Aye (7) Nay (0) Absent (0) Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Monroe County Sheriff Goodnough was present at the meeting to discuss concerns about police coverage in the city. He stated that Deputy Blevins will be focusing mainly on patrolling the city for the next 30 days (with reevaluation of current needs every 30 days). Sheriff Goodnough clarified that the city’s current police contract covers the deputy’s wages and benefits only. Council emphasized the importance of the deputy’s visibility in town, especially with children walking to and from school again soon.

Mike Doughty presented the newly digitized City Charter he compiled to Council, illustrating its improvements from the older version. The updated charter is ready to be uploaded to the city website at this time.

New Business:

Moved by Cilley to approve 2 weeks of BS&A software training for city office staff in October. Supported by Stumpmier. Roll call vote: Aye: (7) Nay (0) Absent (0) Motion carried.

Old Business:

Council reviewed 5 applications for the Planning Commission. Mayor Richards recommended increasing the number of Commission seats from 7 to 9 and appointing 3 specific applicants; discussion followed. Moved by Rousseau to increase the number of seats to 9 and to appoint Jake Heffron, Melissa Hess, and Connie Jensen to the Planning Commission. Supported by Stumpmier. Roll call vote: Antoszewski (Aye), Cilley (Aye), Kirby (Nay), Rousseau (Aye), Stumpmier (Aye), Walters (Aye), Richards (Aye). Motion carried.

Council Reports:

Mayor Richards shared written and verbal information with Council about the city’s potential future involvement with the Downtown Development Authority (DDA). Progress towards purchasing the memorial bench for Conor Harrigan was also shared. A couple areas of the sidewalks in town have shifted and DPW will be asked to address them.

Antoszewski reported on continued progress re: blight notices, including that several non-running vehicle notices have been sent.

Cilley reported that she placed some calls to tree service providers re: removal of several walnut trees in town; however, the providers were not interested due to the lack of quantity.

Kirby suggested that a Veterans Park sign be placed. Jordan Cress has dropped off 4 additional loads of wood chips at Fernstrom Park for placement along the wooded path. The community service work crew will be returning to Fernstrom on September 26th . The charcoal grill is also now in place at Fernstrom.

Employee Reports:

Moved by Cilley that Council adjourn at 7:49 p.m. Supported by Stumpmier. Aye (7) Nay (0) Absent (0) Motion carried.

Guests: Monroe County Sheriff Troy Goodnough, Jim Holeman, Bobby Richards, Mike Doughty
Employees: Donna Maartin, Jenny Doughty

Minutes submitted by: _____ Jenny Doughty, Clerk

Minutes approved by: _____ Mayor Kevin Richards