City of Petersburg
Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting
Monday,
November 16, 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, Lisa Walters.

Absent: Ron Stumpmier

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

Minutes of the previous meeting were presented to Council in printed form as recorded. Moved by Antoszewski that the minutes of the 11/2/26 meeting be approved. Supported by Cilley. Aye (6) Nay (0) Absent (1) Motion carried.

Invoices were presented to Council in printed form by accounts: General fund - $27692.81; Police fund – $36987.13; Major St. - $0; Local St. - $0; Sewer fund - $27051.99; Water fund - $3878.13 for a total of $95610.06. Moved by Cilley that the invoices be approved and checks drawn for the same. Supported by Kirby. Roll call vote: Aye (6) Nay (0) Absent (1) Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Jessica Cribbs from the Petersburg Event Committee spoke about the upcoming Hometown Holidays event in downtown Petersburg on Saturday, November 21st from 4-8 p.m. The event will feature a dance troupe, games, vendors, Santa, music, activities, food, and crafts with participation from area churches and the library. The tree lighting will occur at 6 p.m.

New Business:

Mayor Richards reported that the Monroe County Road Commission received a 7.2 million dollar grant to redo the Railroad St./Deerfield Rd. bridge. The MCRC would like to change Rose Rd. to a dead end street and Mayor Richards will be meeting with them in the near future to discuss.

Old Business:

Moved by Antoszewski to renew the DPW employees' Priority POS Gold G121 medical insurance policy with Priority Health effective December 1, 2026. In addition, the City will continue to reimburse employees up to $950 per employee or $1900 per family per year toward their deductibles. Supported by Kirby. Roll Call Vote: Aye (6) Nay (0) Absent (1) Motion carried.

Council reviewed 3 quotes for the replacement of the rear door at the municipal building. Moved by Antoszewski to award the bid to Overhead Inc. in the amount of $2400. Supported by Cilley. Roll Call vote: Aye (6) Nay (0) Absent (1) Motion carried.

Council discussed the TextMyGov public communication services proposal and felt that it would not benefit our community. Moved by Rousseau to decline the proposal by TextMyGov. Supported by Kirby. Aye (6) Nay (0) Absent (1) Motion carried.

Council Reports:

Antoszewski reported concerns about planting trees under electrical wires and that there needs to be more oversight to avoid this.

Moved by Rousseau to approve the annual Christmas lights contest for Petersburg residents with prizes of $75, $50, and $25 and new award signs purchased for the event. Supported by Cilley. Residents wishing to participate should have their lights and décor on display by dusk on Sunday, Dec. 13th, as judging will take place that evening. Aye (6) Nay (0) Absent (1) Motion carried.

Kirby reported that the community service team will be working at Fernstrom Park on November 22nd. Pruning of the rosebushes near the city welcome signs will take place in late winter. Planning Commission will be addressing ordinance updates and recommendations at their upcoming meetings with initial priority on blight ordinances.

Mayor Richards reported concerns shared by a resident about our deputy being called away to other areas while scheduled in Petersburg. He is continuing to address this with the sheriff.

Employee Reports:

Moved by Cilley to allow $25,750.79 in delinquent water/sewer bills to be placed on the appropriate winter tax bills. Supported by Rousseau. Roll Call Vote: Aye (6) Nay (0) Absent (1) Motion carried.

Moved by Cilley that Council adjourn at 7:38 p.m. Supported by Rousseau. Aye (6) Nay (0) Absent (1) Motion carried.

Guests: Jessica Cribbs, Connie Jensen, Bobby Richards, Mike Doughty
Employees: Donna Maertin, Jenny Doughty

Minutes submitted by:_____ Jenny Doughty, Clerk

Minutes approved by:_____ Mayor Kevin Richards