City of Petersburg
Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting
Monday, October 19, 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, Rita Rousseau, Ron Stumpmier, Lisa Walters.

Absent: Stella Kirby

Moved by Cilley to approve the agenda as printed. Supported by Antoszewski. 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 10/5/26 meeting be approved. Supported by Rousseau. Aye (6) Nay (0) Absent (1) Motion carried.

Invoices were presented to Council in printed form by accounts: General fund - $31203.89; Police fund – $414.88; Major St. - $0; Local St. - $0; Sewer fund - $723.17; Water fund - $2506.74 for a total of $34848.68. Moved by Cilley that the invoices be approved and checks drawn for the same. Supported by Stumpmier. Roll call vote: Aye (6) Nay (0) Absent (1) Motion carried.

Public Comment:

City resident Howard Hunter shared concerns about some sidewalks being in disrepair, specifically on E. Center St. Council discussed and stated that they will consider addressing sidewalks next after the current downtown project is complete.

New Business:

Moved by Antoszewski to approve the $2495 purchase of a laser speed-measuring device with Public Safety Revenue Sharing funds. Supported by Cilley. Roll call vote: Aye (6) Nay (0) Absent (1) Motion carried.

Council discussed the trimming of a large overhanging walnut branch on S. Division. A quote is being sought from Cress Tree Service, who may be able to address the issue when in town removing another large walnut tree on W. Railroad St. The issue was tabled pending receipt of the quote.

Old Business:

Council Reports:

Antoszewski reported on ongoing blight issues in the city and discussed next steps if corrections are not made. She also inquired about putting the Christmas tree lights on a timer this year to save electricity.

DPW was commended for their hard work on the improvements to Perry Park, including the installation of a new slide, ride-on bouncers, and a thick layer of fresh mulch.

Cilley inquired about protections in place at the water treatment plant to prevent spyware/tampering with systems. This will be discussed with the DPW Superintendent.

Employee Reports:

Clerk Doughty reported that early voting begins on October 24th and will run for 9 days. The next Council meeting on November 2nd will be held at the library due to the upcoming election.

Moved by Antoszewski that Council adjourn at 7:06 p.m. Supported by Cilley. Aye (6) Nay (0) Absent (1) Motion carried.

Guests: Howard Hunter, Bobby Richards, Mike Doughty
Employees: Donna Maertin, Jenny Doughty

Minutes submitted by:_____ Jenny Doughty, Clerk

Minutes approved by:_____ Mayor Kevin Richards