City of Petersburg
Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting
Monday, November 3, 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 Antoszewski. Aye (7) Nay (0) Absent (0) Motion carried.

Minutes of the previous meeting were presented to Council in printed form as recorded. Moved by Kirby that the minutes of the 10/19/26 meeting be approved. Supported by Cilley. Aye (7) Nay (0) Absent (0) Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Deputy Mikayla Taylor reported that she has issued 83 traffic citations to date which has resulted in people driving more slowly through town. She will be focusing next on making sure that e-bike riders in town are following traffic laws.

City resident Howard Hunter reported concerns about the city paying for the new sidewalks in the downtown area instead of the relevant property owners. Mayor Richards noted that the city attorney was consulted prior to the start of the sidewalk project and that it is the city's responsibility to maintain the downtown sidewalks.

New Business:

Brian Hughes, the city's insurance agent, reported on the DPW employees' health insurance renewal for 12/1/26. The current plan with Priority Health increased approximately 13% in cost but was still the lowest option compared to similar plans with other carriers. Council tabled the issue until the next meeting pending the availability of more information about the city's reimbursement for part of the employees' deductibles.

Council reviewed 3 tree removal quotes for a dying maple tree on W. Vesey: All Year Tree Service - $1500, Cress Tree Service - $1200, and Pirolli Property Maintenance - $1200. Moved by Stumpmier to award the bid to Pirolli Property Maintenance. Supported by Rousseau. Roll call vote: Aye (7) Nay (0) Absent (0).

In light of the recent car accident on N. Division, Council discussed options to prevent similar accidents in the future. Mayor Richards reported that David Arthur Consultants is looking into the feasibility of installing a guard rail.

The need for replacement of the back door at the city municipal building was discussed by Council. Quotes will be sought for a new door as other attempted repairs have not been successful.

Old Business:

Council discussed the possibility of angled parking along Center St.

Council Reports:

Antoszewski reported on progress re: blight notices and next steps when corrections are not made. Planning Commission will revisit the ordinances and recommend any needed changes to Council.

Kirby reported that the Community Service team will be back at Fernstrom Park on 11/22/26 to address poison ivy removal and other needed tasks.

Cilley reported that more than 450 people early voted for the current election.

Employee Reports:

Moved by Antoszewski that Council adjourn at 7:21 p.m. Supported by Cilley. Aye (7) Nay (0) Absent (0) Motion carried.

Guests: Deputy Mikayla Taylor, Bobby Richards, Howard Hunter, Brian Hughes

Employees: Trudy Goodin, Jenny Doughty

Minutes submitted by:_____ Jenny Doughty, Clerk

Minutes approved by:_____ Mayor Kevin Richards