

VILLAGE OF ANSLEY
Regular Meeting
November 4, 2019 – 6:30 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Chairperson and Board of Trustees of the Village of Ansley, Nebraska, was held in the Council Chambers in the Village Clerk's Office on Monday, November 4, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. Present were Chairperson Smith, Trustees Henry, Mills, Hogg and Fecht. Also present Lanette and later one member of the public.

Notice of this meeting was by posting in three (3) public places, the Clerk's Office, Flatwater Bank and the Ansley Post Office as required by law. Availability of the agenda was communicated in advance thereof to the Chairperson and Board of Trustees of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public. Chairperson Smith opened the meeting at 6:34 p.m. and verified compliance with the open meeting act.

Trustee Hogg moved to waive the reading and approve the October minutes as presented. Trustee Henry seconded the motion and on roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Hogg, Henry, Fecht, Mills and Smith. Motion carried.

There were no members of the public present requesting to make comment on any agenda items.

Lanette updated the Board on the figures projected for employee health insurance rates for 2020. The rate increase will be just under 23%, with monthly premiums going from \$652.64 per employee to \$802.64 per employee. The reserves with Freedom Claims are fully funded to cover the Village's \$3,500.00 per employee responsibility for deductible costs. The Village can stop funding the reserves after January which would save \$569.00(189.57 per employee) monthly. Additionally, the Clerk is eligible to go on Medicare coverage in February and drop off the Village's policy which would be an added \$802.64 savings per month in premium cost. The reserve balance will be well above the Village's deductible responsibility with one less employee on the plan. Based on information from Severson, Lammers & Abel, Village auditors, the Village can reimburse the Clerk for the costs of Medicare, supplemental insurance, and Part D premiums (with documentation showing the actual costs), and she does not have to claim this as taxable income. Final figures are not available yet, but the projected figures indicate those costs to the Clerk will be between \$250 and \$300 monthly which would result in an approximate \$700 per month savings to the Village. Trustee Henry moved that the Village freeze contributions to the Freedom Claims reserve fund effective after January, 2020, and in lieu of participation in the Village health insurance plan, the Clerk will be reimbursed for actual Medicare, supplemental insurance and Part D coverage costs effective February, 2020. Trustee Hogg seconded the motion and on roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Henry, Hogg, Fecht, Mills and Smith. Motion carried.

Flatwater Bank in Gothenburg inquired about the possibility of establishing a "Newcomer List" in Ansley when residents move to the community. They have a program like this in Gothenburg and were interested in promoting one in Ansley. A "Welcome Basket" would be delivered providing information about local businesses and organizations, services that are available, and possible promotional materials. Flatwater Bank in Ansley has agreed to be the organizational leader and will reach out to the businesses to promote participation. The Village will be the initial contact with new residents when they apply for utility service. A simple form was developed whereby the new resident would grant permission to share their name and address for the "Newcomer List". Trustee Hogg moved that the Village Board approve the "Newcomer List" form as presented and discussed at this meeting. Trustee Fecht seconded the motion and on roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Hogg, Fecht, Smith, Mills and Henry. Motion carried.

Discussion continued on a proposed spending policy. A couple of recommendations were made for changes. These will be incorporated for the December meeting for further discussion. There is basic agreement on the theory of what the Board wants to implement, but wording the policy properly is the challenge. Board members would like all department heads present at the December meeting for explanation and discussion.

Officer Denney stopped in the office last week to see if the Board had any notices or citations for him to serve. He volunteered for his pay to be suspended over the winter months when he isn't providing services. He is also looking at options to obtain his required continuing education hours and will keep the Village advised of his status. The Health Committee recommended Violations Bureau Citations be served on those who have not complied with the Notices to Abate sent in October, and also served on anyone who has not purchased a dog license. A ticket should also be served for a violation of putting

treated wood in the compost site. The entire Board agreed with the recommendations. A list of offenders will be provided to Officer Denney.

Lanette updated the Board on recent correspondence on the GIS Mapping grant. Information was provided to DHHS that Miller & Associates has been appointed as Village Engineer for the past three (3) years. This should negate the requirement to obtain a request for proposal (RFP) to secure a firm or individual for the GIS Mapping project of the water system. We will continue to provide whatever information DHHS requires. The project will not start and no expenditures can be made until DHHS gives the green light.

Board members spent time setting up email accounts on their new HP Pavilion x360 devices. These will be used for Village purposes only – Board agendas, packet materials, emails from the Clerk’s office, etc. The new devices will eliminate the need for use of personal devices by Board members. Cathie Jo brought a form for everyone to “Acknowledge Receipt of Company Property”. The form describes the property or equipment, assigns responsibility for proper use, care, damages, replacement at user’s expense if necessary, and returns upon separation. Each board member and the Clerk completed a form which will be kept on file in the office.

Department Head Report – Lanette reported the following: (1) There is a LARM Board meeting in Lincoln on November 14th that Lanette will be attending; (2) Travis Harrop reported that the LASWA fees will remain the same for the next year; (3) discussion on fees being charged for use of the Municipal Auditorium for community groups and the Board unanimously agreed to leave the fees in place as they are; (4) questions and discussion with the Zoning Administrator about what type of carport structures would be approved and pending fence application and demo permit.

Trustee Henry moved to approve claims and Trustee Mills seconded the motion. On roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Henry, Mills, Hogg, Smith and Fecht. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND			
Ace Hardware-sup	200.40	American Elec-sup	377.00
Ansley Lmbr & Supply-sup	1,113.93	BARCO Mun Prod-sup	161.96
Capital Bus Systems-serv	97.66	Shirley Carter-ref	47.05
Custer Co Chief-ad/pub	158.53	Custer Federal-inv	10,420.00
Custer’s-fuel	576.12	Lanette Doane-tvl/cell	180.44
Eakes-sup	335.73	Freedom Claims-ins	913.90
Travis Harrop-tvl	62.64	Tracey Konefal-ref	50.00
LASWA-fees	768.00	Loup City Auto-pts	515.72
NCTC-ph	559.15	NE Public Health Lab-tests	107.00
NMPP Energy-sup	291.96	One Call-locates	8.44
Orscheln-sup	385.12	Paulsen-millings	5,000.00
Petty Cash-post/ref	258.40	School District-fee	300.00
State Treasurer-lic	179.34	T&R Electric-tests	434.50
Trotter Service-tires	5,684.80	Trotter Serv Station-fuel	573.78
Village-util	1,169.99	Yanez Service-fuel	357.62
DOE-energy	653.31	Municipal Supply-sup	503.38
NE Dept Revenue-tx	4,110.83	Black Hills-util	961.97
Cornhusker Press-sup	11.00	Custer Co Hwy Dept-patch	2,125.00
UHC-ins	1,957.92	MEAN-en	28,708.37
Nate Slagle-sup/cell	73.02	Payroll-sal	15,142.55
AFLAC-ins	60.45	Federal Tax Dep-tx	4,334.16
Todd Grant-cell	25.00	Invesco-ret	1,448.00
Bill Moser-cell	25.00		

There being no further business to come before the Board Trustee Hogg moved to adjourn and Trustee Fecht seconded the motion. On roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Hogg, Fecht, Henry, Mills and Smith. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

ATTEST:

Jamee M. Smith, Chairperson

Lanette C. Doane, CMC

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I, the undersigned Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the Chairperson and Board of Trustees; that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continuously current and available for public inspection at the office of the Clerk; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at said meeting was available at the meeting for copying by members of the public; that the said minutes were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of the meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

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Lanette C. Doane, CMC