

VILLAGE OF ANSLEY
Regular Meeting
September 9, 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, September 9, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. Present were Chairperson Smith, Trustees Hogg, Henry, Mills and Fecht. Also present Lanette, Bill, Nate and 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 6:32 p.m. and verified compliance with the open meeting act.

Trustee Henry moved to waive reading and approve the August regular meeting minutes and the September 4th special meeting minutes. Trustee Hogg seconded the motion and on roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Henry, Hogg, Fecht, Mills and Smith. Motion carried.

There was no participation during the public comment period on the agenda.

Rich Eymann of NMPP Energy gave a presentation to the Board on a proposed bypass generation upgrade project at the light plant for safety enhancement. Due to OSHA regulations contractors would not be able to work inside the plant under current conditions. One purpose of this project would be the ability to isolate the plant for safe working conditions. This would involve moving the meter point for the WAPA meter from inside the building to the outside. It would also add 1500' of additional service supply. The existing wire feeding the power plant would be cut; one run of UG would be added to the north circuit and one run added to the south circuit. Underground installation will be handled in-house with help from Broken Bow utilities for a savings on labor costs. There was discussion, questions and answers provided on the project. An estimate of \$20,000 for the project has been included in the 2019-2020 budget and the goal is to complete the project in the next fiscal year. It can be determined to add radios for load management at a later date and that cost would be in a future fiscal year budget.

Lanette advised the Board that the judge granted our motion for summary judgment in the quo warranto action. In that case L. Lynn Rex, Ansley, Hickman and North Platte (Realtors) filed against nine (9) former LARM Board members (Respondents). The Court entered an order granting our motion for summary judgment against the Purported LARM Board members and ordered them ousted. The Attorneys for the parties had negotiated an agreement outlining terms for settlement. In the interest of avoiding a potential appeal on the decision and further litigation costs, and moving LARM forward with the elected Board, our Attorney recommended approving settlement of the litigation as negotiated. Trustee Henry moved to approve settlement of litigation with the League Association of Risk Management and former, purported members of the LARM Board of Directors as outlined in the Joint Motion, Stipulation and Consent Order. Trustee Smith seconded the motion and on roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Henry, Smith, Mills, Fecht and Hogg. Motion carried. A copy of the Joint Motion, Stipulation and Consent Order will be made a part of these minute records.

Trustee Henry moved that the Board grant permission to the Spartan Youth Flag Football League to use the Ansley Football Field. Trustee Fecht seconded the motion and on roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Henry, Fecht, Hogg, Smith and Mills. Motion carried. Spartan Youth has provided a Certificate of Insurance naming the Village of Ansley as additional insured.

The Board held discussion on establishing a "spending policy" for purchases and/or projects that would require Board approval before the purchase is made or the project started. Ideas for policy guidelines included the following: (1) would apply only for projects or purchases in excess of \$1,000.00; (2) obtaining a quote for the total project costs, including materials, equipment and labor; (3) submit request and information to the Board for approval prior to expenditure. Lanette was asked to get comparison policies from other communities and prepare a proposed policy for the October meeting.

The Board would like to see a plan put in place for ongoing water meter replacement and getting all hydrants metered. This will generate revenues for the water department. The priority would be to replace non-working meters so we are not estimating usage. It will be necessary to put pits in some locations so all water usage will pass through the meter. Bill said he has about 7 or 8 meters in stock and one pit. He has about \$1,500 left in the meter budget line item plus about \$1,400 - \$1,500 in the supplies budget line item that he can use for purchases in September. Bill will have a plan to report to the Board in October.

Trustee Fecht had asked for a clarification on the record of “extra” trash charges. It has been the policy for many years that any materials outside the tote cart or dumpster are subject to an additional charge. The base monthly charge for trash covers the tote cart or dumpster only. Additional bags, boxes, trash containers, etc. are usually subject to an additional \$5.00 minimum charge depending on the volume. The “extra” charges are noted in the trash truck and turned into the office prior to the end of the month so the trash charge on the utility bill can be adjusted to include the additional fee. Once the bill is produced the additional fee is removed prior to the next billing period.

The Board had received copies of the proposed 2019-2020 budget document. There were no recommendations for changes. It was discussed again that while an item/project may be included in the budget, the Board always reserves the right to disallow a project or expenditure. The budget hearing will be held on Monday, September 16th at 7:30 p.m.

Department Head Reports – Bill reported that Johnson Service will be in Ansley in the next few days conducting their annual inspection of sewer mains. The WAPA meter will be moved out of the plant – we have no choice on that. Isolation of the plant is optional but for safety reasons it should be done.

Lanette reported the following: (1) The Sheriff’s sale of the property at 410 Keene Street will be September 10th at 2:00 p.m. at the Court House. A Village rep needs to be present to give our opening bid of expenses against the property. No board members can attend so Lanette will represent the Village; (2) annual League Conference will be September 18-20 in Lincoln with LARM members’ meeting and LARM Board meeting held in conjunction with the conference; (3) “Spirit of Ansley” awards will be on Wednesday, September 11th at the Municipal Auditorium; (4) nuisance conditions on properties and a dog compliant and non-compliance were shared; (5) the procedure for a performance review and board action was explained; (6) radio license renewal for call signs is no longer needed and Lanette will inquire about the procedure to surrender the licenses; (7) Flatwater Bank interest rate on the Village checking account for the next year will be .75%.

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

GENERAL FUND

American Electric-sup	22.58	Ansley Lmbr-sup	393.72
Barco Mun Products-eq	1,687.33	Broken Bow Mun-eq	2,236.50
Buffalo Outdoor-sup	155.34	Capital Bus-fees	97.80
Custer Co Chief-fees	73.09	Custer Federal-inv	10,420.00
Custer’s-fuel	568.48	DCL America-eq	472.57
DOE-en	768.87	Deterding’s-sup	19.79
Lanette Doane-tvl/cell	80.68	Dutton-Lainson-sup	1,214.38
Eakes-sup	114.11	Freedom Claims-ins	912.40
Grainger-sup	131.65	League NE Mun-dues	730.00
League Util Section-dues	418.00	LASWA-fees	840.30
LC Auto-sup	21.59	Mead Lumber-sup	319.08
NAQS-ser	2,646.59	NCTC-ph	521.15
NE DOR-fees/taxes	5,025.41	NE Mun Clerks’ Assoc-dues	25.00
NE Public Health Lab-fees	1,318.00	NMPP Energy-ser	592.50
One Call-ser	9.97	Petty Cash-sup	310.87
Sargent Pipe-ser	582.38	Doug Stunkel-rent	1,250.00
Trotter Grain-sup	187.53	Village-util/lease	12,116.65
Yanez Service-fuel	425.94	Black Hills-util	237.83
Midlands Contracting-ser	6,495.20	Municipal Supply-sup	2,900.00
UHC-ins	1,957.92	MEAN-en	31,009.95
AFLAC-ins	60.45	City Payroll-sal	15,418.58
Federal Tax Dep-tx	4,688.73	Todd Grant-cell	25.00
Invesco-ret	1,448.00	Bill Moser-cell	25.00
Nate Slagle	25.00		

There being no further business to come before the Board Trustee Henry moved to adjourn and Trustee Hogg seconded the motion. On roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Henry, Hogg, Fecht, Mills and Smith. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:35 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