

**VILLAGE OF ANSLEY**  
**Special Meeting**  
**March 18, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.**

A special 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 Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Present were Smith, Hogg, Henry, and Fecht entered at 6:14 p.m. ABSENT: Mills. Also present Lanette.

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. Smith opened the meeting at 6:02 p.m. and verified compliance with the open meeting act. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Discussion was held regarding the process for vacating footage on the south side of Main Street ROW from Belmont Street to Adrian Street to aid in compliance of front yard setback requirements for a new residential housing project. Craig Bennett of Miller & Associates advised against considering a variance due to the difficulty in proving a "hardship", but presented the ROW vacation as a viable option. The footage vacated would revert to the adjacent landowners and 100' of Main Street ROW in the Residential District is not being utilized. The vacation of ROW requires two (2) public hearings, one by the Planning Commission and a subsequent hearing by the Board of Trustees. The hearings have to be advertised ten (10) days in advance and could both be held on the same night at different times and advertised accordingly. 10'-15' of ROW could be vacated and a current water line would still be located within the Village ROW. Craig Bennett did recommend the Village retain a utilities easement as a precaution for any future utility developments or necessary repairs. All the information and process was explained to the manager for the new housing construction project.

Trustee Smith moved that the Village Board request the Ansley Planning Commission hold a public hearing to receive comments, questions and opposition as they consider vacating 10' (ten feet) of street ROW on the south side of Main Street between Belmont Street and Adrian Street in Ansley. Trustee Hogg seconded the motion and on roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Smith, Hogg and Henry. ABSENT: Fecht and Mills. Motion carried.

The Board discussed taking preventative measures in light of the COVID-19 threat. There have been recommendations from health agencies and the State of Nebraska on what steps could be implemented to help slow down the spread of the virus. Trustee Hogg moved that the Village Board, as a preventative measure for health and safety, close the Village Office and Municipal Auditorium to public access effective immediately and until further notice. Trustee Henry seconded the motion and on roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Hogg, Henry, Smith and Fecht. ABSENT: Mills. Motion carried. The notice will be posted and put on the Village's website and the COVID-19 outbreak will continue to be monitored for any further necessary action by the Board. Employees will continue to work and customers can pay bills through the mail, by using the drop box, the online site, or by calling the Village Office. The Board decided that for utility bills for service from 1-20-20 to 2-20-20 issued and due March 1<sup>st</sup> the Village would proceed with disconnects in March if necessary. Disconnect notices were mailed 3-11-2020 prior to any announcements or recommendations relative to COVID-19. Bills issued for payment April 1<sup>st</sup> and after will be handled differently.

In accordance with information and advice from Custer County Emergency Management and meetings held with that agency and others in the County, an Emergency Disaster Declaration for Ansley has been declared and a copy will be forwarded to Custer County Emergency Manager.

There being no further business to come before the Board Trustee Henry moved to adjourn and Trustee Smith seconded the motion. On roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Henry, Smith, Hogg and Fecht. ABSENT: Mills. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Trenton J. Fecht, Chairperson

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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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