

VILLAGE OF ANSLEY
Regular Meeting
May 4, 2020 – 6:30 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Chairperson and Board of Trustees of the Village of Ansley, Nebraska, was held via teleconference on Monday, May 4, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. Present were Fecht, Henry, Hogg, Mills, and Smith at 6:34 p.m. Also present Lanette, Todd and two members of the public.

Notice of this meeting was by posting in three (3) public places, the window of the Village Clerk's Office, the windows of the Municipal Auditorium and the Ansley Post Office, and by posting on the Village's website. All notices included the teleconference call in #935-9921 and access code #113533 to afford the public the opportunity to access the meeting. The teleconference meeting was held in accordance with Governor Rickett's Executive Order No. 20-03 waiving certain requirements of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act and allowing public bodies to meet by videoconference or by telephone conferencing and still be in compliance with the open meeting act. The open meeting act was also posted in the window of the Village Clerk's Office.

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

A proposed agreement between the Village and NDOT had been prepared as a part of the permit application process for the Village to occupy highway ROW adjacent to the guardrail along Hwy 2 on the east side of the lake for the walking path. A copy of the agreement was included in the board packets. Attorney White had reviewed the proposed agreement with no recommendations for changes. Concerns have been expressed by the AG's office including insurance costs and liability exposure to the Village, whether an alternate route had been considered, the possibility of a future highway project taking away the portion of the path that is adjacent to the highway, and safety concerns with the proposed path being that close to the back of the guardrail and the water. These issues had been considered and discussed in the early development of the path route. Lanette had contacted LARM regarding liability exposure and coverage and Tracy (LARM) had assured Lanette the coverage would be there with no additional costs. Lanette will check again with LARM and ask for something in writing to address the AG's concern regarding liability coverage and cost so it can be forwarded to NDOT and subsequently the AG's office. The Board discussed the other concerns and asked Lanette to respond with information to NDOT addressing each concern and expressing the Board's desire to move forward with the project. Trustee Henry moved that the Village Board approve the proposed Agreement to Occupy State Highway Right-Of-Way between the Village of Ansley and NDOT as presented, discussed and reviewed at this meeting. Trustee Smith seconded the motion and on roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Henry, Smith, Hogg, Fecht and Mills. Motion carried.

Employee Handbook additions of a smoking prohibited policy and meal reimbursement policy had been discussed at the March meeting. There were no recommendations for changes to the proposed wording of these policies. Trustee Henry moved that the Board approve updating the Employee Handbook to include the "smoking prohibited" policy and the "meal reimbursement" policy as discussed and reviewed at the March and April, 2020 meetings. Trustee Hogg seconded the motion and on roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Henry, Hogg, Mills, Smith and Fecht. Motion carried. Work will continue to develop a maternity policy for addition to the Employee Handbook.

Pool operations for this summer were discussed. Dave Bos, LARM Loss Control Manger, had sent out an email addressing the concern expressed by many members about whether or not to open pools. The recommendation was as follows: "To prevent the potential spread of COVID-19, Dave Bos, Loss Control Manager for LARM, strongly suggests that communities keep their public swimming pools closed." Guidance and recommendations from NDEE included following statewide DHM and local health directives which include social distancing and groups no larger than 10 people. Other possible restrictions may include taking temperatures, tracking kids and times they are at the pool, and sanitizing. Some restrictions may be lessened depending on the spread of the virus. The board discussed going ahead with pool prep – painting, valve replacement, other maintenance, etc. so the pool would be ready if it is decided to open. An idea was presented to consider allowing people to make reservations to use the pool for a time slot. Jamee will coordinate the pool painting with the lifeguards. More information will be gathered during May and the pool will be discussed again at the June meeting.

The board reviewed the bid submitted by Taylor Heating & Cooling to replace the AC units in the Municipal Auditorium. Trustee Henry moved to approve the bid from Taylor Heating and Cooling, LLC to replace the three (3) air conditioning units at the Municipal Auditorium at a cost of \$13,069.00. Trustee

Smith seconded the motion and on roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Henry, Smith, Mills, Hogg and Fecht. Motion carried.

Two applications were received by the deadline for the part-time seasonal position as advertised by the Village. Board members received copies of the applications in their packets. Chairperson Fecht checked a reference provided by one individual but references were not provided by the other applicant. Trustee Henry moved to hire Trevor Scott for the part-time seasonal position as advertised by the Village at \$10.00 per hour effective immediately as his availability allows. Trustee Hogg seconded the motion and on roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Henry, Hogg, Smith, Fecht and Mills. Motion carried.

NE Accountability and Disclosure Commission guidelines do not allow for public funds to be expended for flowers and memorials for deceased elected officials, employees or families. Trustee Mills moved that the Board rescind Resolution #06-2017 passed and approved November 6, 2017, which had established a policy for memorials. Trustee Smith seconded the motion and on roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Mills, Smith, Hogg, Henry and Fecht. Motion carried and resolution rescinded.

Trustee Hogg moved to approve a survey to establish the new ROW boundary markers on the south side of Main Street between Belmont Street and Adrian Street following the vacation of fifteen feet (15') of ROW in that block. Trustee Henry seconded the motion and on roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Hogg, Henry, Mills, Fecht and Smith. Motion carried.

Brian Langenberg of Miller & Associates had prepared estimates of the number of tons of asphalt needed for the street overlay project. We will need to get bids from two contractors and it will need to be advertised for at least seven (7) days before the bid opening. Brian offered to review the bids after they are received. The board authorized going ahead with advertising for a bid opening at the June meeting.

Department Head Reports – Bill had submitted a written report including water manganese testing results, the GIS mapping project, a water main extension proposal and sewer and electric work.

Todd reported on the asphalt project, the lake fish count completed by Game and Parks and plans to apply chemicals to the lake for duckweed control, and requested adding the skid steer to the June agenda.

Lanette reported the following: (1) update on coronavirus information and funding; (2) the grant application for the walking path was submitted and board members should have received a copy; (3) Lanette will join other clerks on the NE Clerks' Association Education Committee to lead a Zoom Jump Start session on May 14th for new Nebraska clerks to replace the session originally planned for clerks' school; (4) the grant application for the sand volleyball court was also submitted requesting funding to cover the cost of the sand; (5) applications for sign permits for the 2 new Ansley signs have been submitted to NDOT; (6) a new computer battery backup unit has been installed; (7) written complaints have been received regarding aggressive dogs and in the absence of a law enforcement officer Attorney White will have to handle filing complaints in court on behalf of the Village and he stressed all complaints must be in writing; (8) Trotter Fertilizer is no longer accepting concrete rubble at their property; (9) kW compensation from MEAN will increase to \$1.75/kW for this year and increase again to \$2.00/kW in 2021 where it will cap.

Doug Stunkel had talked to Chairperson Fecht regarding the compost site and inquired if our annual lease fee was paid in advance or in arrears. The Village pays in advance so in September we paid for the year from 9-1-2019 to 8-31-2020. Trent has not talked to Doug with this information but thinks the compost site will no longer be available to Village residents after the 8-31-2020 date. Trent will follow up and provide information at the June meeting.

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

GENERAL FUND

American Elec-sup	282.23	Ansley Lmbr&Supply-sup	626.16
Barco Mun Products-sup	1,661.11	BlueTarp-sup	39.48
Capital Bus Systems-copier	117.26	Custer Co Chief-ad/pub	114.26
Custer Federal-inv	8,920.00	Lanette Doane-ins/cell	274.11
Dutton-Lainson-sup	204.92	Eakes-sup	496.48
Freedom Claims-ins	196.47	Lex Solid Waste-fees	671.40
Loup City Auto-pts	16.99	Municipal Supply-sup	804.21
NAQS-eng	1,000.00	NCTC-ph	581.13

NE Dept Revenue-tx	4,161.87	NE Public Health Lab-test	15.00
NMC Exchange-pt	80.14	One Call-ser	29.15
Orschelns-sup	273.80	Paulsen-sand	1,212.92
Petty Cash-refund/sup	277.50	School District #44-fee/sup	313.00
UBT-inf	1,500.00	Unitech-sup	578.00
Village-util/fee	7,377.56	Yanez Service-fuel	122.85
Custer's-fuel	412.91	DOE-en	616.56
Flatwater Bank-eq	6,321.01	Black Hills-util	350.81
Central I.T.-sup	84.99	Custer Co Reg Deeds-fee	10.00
LARM-ins	454.97	NE DHHS-fee	40.00
UHC-ins	1,605.28	Jason White-fees	58.33
MEAN-en	27,051.08	NDOT-fee	101.75
Payroll-sal	14,454.85	AFLAC-ins	60.45
Federal Tax Dep-tx	4,100.34	Todd Grant-cell	25.00
Invesco-ret	1,448.00	Bill Moser-cell	25.00
Nate Slagle-cell	25.00		

There being no further business to come before the Board it was moved by Trustee Henry to adjourn and Trustee Hogg seconded the motion. On roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Henry, Hogg, Smith, Mills and Fecht. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

Trenton Fecht, 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 and on the Village website; 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