

VILLAGE OF ANSLEY
Regular Meeting
January 11, 2021 – 6:30 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Chairperson and Board of Trustees of the Village of Ansley, Nebraska was held in the Municipal Auditorium on Monday, January 11, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. Present were Mills, Hogg, Fecht, and Rehfeld. Trustee Henry entered at 6:40 p.m. Also present Lanette, Bill, Todd 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 Mills opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Trenton Fecht took the Oath of Office as a newly elected board member; the Pledge of Allegiance was recited; compliance with the open meeting act was verified.

Trustee Hogg moved to waive reading and approve the December regular and organizational meeting minutes as presented. Trustee Rehfeld seconded the motion and on roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Hogg, Rehfeld, Fecht and Mills. NAY: None. ABSENT: Henry. Motion carried. There was no public comment on agenda items.

Miller & Associates had provided a proposal for updating Ansley's Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Regulations. It has been ten (10) years since the original plan and regulations were adopted. The Planning Commission met on December 8th with Community Planner representatives from Miller & Associates to discuss an update. Discussion included the community goals as prioritized at a January 14, 2020, public meeting; the steps in the process to update both the comp plan and the zoning regulations; timeline; costs, etc. Ansley is eligible for CDBG Planning funds because we currently have a 58.02% LMI population. A CDBG minimum project request is \$20,000 and the maximum is \$50,000. Miller & Associates is estimating an update cost of \$25,000 - \$32,000 and if grant funding is awarded it would require a 25% local match. Trustee Rehfeld moved that the Board approve moving forward with the update to Ansley's Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Regulations and request that Miller & Associates apply for CDBG planning grant funding on behalf of the Village. Trustee Fecht seconded the motion and on roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Rehfeld, Fecht, Hogg and Mills. NAY: None. ABSENT: Henry. Motion carried.

Trustee Henry entered the meeting at 6:40 p.m. and took the Oath of Office as a newly elected board member.

TD Beaumont has submitted an Application for Interconnection to the Village's electric system with a wind generator, filed two (2) copies of the required Facilities Interconnection Agreement for Customer-Owned Generation, and paid the required processing fee. Superintendent Moser has talked to MEAN regarding the process that was put in place by the Village's adoption of Ordinance #532 in May of 2019. The ordinance outlines the responsibilities of each party regarding applicable laws and regulations; equipment to be provided; costs, etc. Mr. Beaumont is requesting approval of his application so he can order equipment and plan for installation in the spring.

Trustee Hogg moved that the Village of Ansley approve the application by TD Beaumont for a Facilities Interconnection Agreement with the Village of Ansley for a wind generator connection to the Village's electric system and authorize the Board Chairperson to execute the agreements on behalf of the Village. Trustee Henry seconded the motion and on roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Hogg, Henry, Rehfeld, Fecht and Mills. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Todd had priced a commercial snow blower for use at the office, shop and municipal auditorium. It is a Toro model, which had been recommended, and available at Buffalo Outdoor at a cost of \$899.00. It is electric start (extension cord versus battery) or pull start and Todd thought it would be easier and faster for the janitor to use at the municipal auditorium versus scooping. Trustee Fecht moved that the Board approve the purchase of a Toro commercial snow blower from Buffalo Outdoor Power at a cost of \$899.00. Trustee Hogg seconded the motion and on roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Fecht, Hogg, Rehfeld, Henry and Mills. NAY: None. Motion carried.

LB 445, passed in 2019, requires the Village to make available annually for public inspection a report on occupation taxes generated in the Village and the Board must establish the method and location where the report will be available.

Trustee Rehfeld introduced the following Resolution and moved its adoption.

**RESOLUTION #02-2021
VILLAGE OF ANSLEY
POLICY ON OCCUPATION TAX
ANNUAL REPORTING – LB 445**

WHEREAS, LB 445, passed in 2019, requires the Village of Ansley to make available annually for public inspection a list of each occupation tax imposed; how much each occupation tax generates annually; whether the funds go into the general fund, cash fund or a fund for a specific purpose; and the scheduled or projected termination date; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees shall establish the method and location where the report will be available for public inspection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHAIRPERSON AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ANSLEY, that the Annual Occupation Tax report will be available for public inspection at the office of the Village Clerk during regular business hours. The report will also be made available via email requests.

Passed and approved this 11th day of January, 2021.

ATTEST:

Catherine Jo W. Mills, Chairperson

Lanette C. Doane, CMC

(Seal)

Trustee Fecht seconded the motion for adoption of the resolution. The Chairperson stated the motion and the Village Clerk called the roll. On roll call the following voted in favor of passage of said motion: Rehfeld, Fecht, Mills, Henry and Hogg. The following voted against the same: None. The Chairperson thereupon declared said motion carried and said resolution adopted.

At 7:00 p.m. bids received on the personal property advertised for sale were opened, read and tabulated. Only one (1) bid was received on each item. Brad and Julie Wells bid \$1,001.00 on the Merry-Go-Round; Ervie Ferguson bid \$401.75 on the JD 401-C tractor with bucket and blade.

Trustee Henry introduced the following Resolution and moved its adoption.

RESOLUTION #01-2021

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHAIRPERSON AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ANSLEY, NEBRASKA, THAT:

Section 1. The Chairperson and Board of Trustees hereby authorize the sale of the following described personal property to-wit:

**Used Park Playground Merry-Go-Round – AS IS CONDITION – Brad and Julie Wells - \$1,001.00
Used JD 401-C tractor with bucket and blade – AS IS CONDITION – Ervie Ferguson - \$ 401.75**

That the items advertised for sale are being sold to the highest bidder for said item and that the terms of the sale will be cash.

Section 2. That the Chairperson of the Board and the Clerk is, and they hereby are, authorized to execute transfer of title on the items.

Passed and approved this 11th day of January, 2021.

ATTEST:

Board Chairperson

(Seal)

Trustee Hogg seconded the motion for adoption of the resolution. The Chairperson stated the motion and the Village Clerk called the roll. On roll call the following voted in favor of passage of said motion: Henry, Hogg, Rehfeld, Mills and Fecht. The following voted against the same: None. The Chairperson thereon declared said motion carried and said resolution adopted.

MEAN is preparing to issue a RFP for solar PV on behalf of MEAN participants in early 2021 as several communities have expressed interest in participating. Bill talked to Rich Andrysik at MEAN about possible participation by Ansley in the program. Communities are eligible for 5% (135kW for Ansley) of their demand to offset power purchases. There would be a 25 year contract; the contractor would install the solar panels and take care of maintenance and replacement; the Village would be responsible for installing switching equipment, a transformer and for connection to the hi-line. Rich estimated the annual cost to Ansley would be in the neighborhood of \$2,500. We have sufficient acres available at the lagoon site for this type of installation. MEAN feels costs will be lower with several communities participating plus it would add solar energy to our portfolio of renewables. A MEAN representative will give a proposal to Ansley outlining the specifics and costs. Trustee Fecht moved that the Board approve requesting MEAN to present a proposal to the Village of Ansley outlining requirements and costs for the installation of solar PV in Ansley for 5% production of energy. Trustee Hogg seconded the motion and on roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Fecht, Hogg, Mills, Henry and Rehfeld. Motion carried.

Todd briefly discussed preliminary plans for the 2021 1 & 6 year street plan. We will do an overlay project based on what was allotted in the budget. Todd thinks Nile Street is a strong possibility from Highway 183 to Douglas Street due to the high volume of traffic last year. There is also money budgeted for concrete work or that could be switched to crack sealing this year. The engineers from Miller & Associates will be advised of these preliminary plans so they can prepare a plan for the hearing to be held at the regular February meeting on the 8th.

Department Head and Committee Reports – Bill reported that conditions in the sewer main on Dewey to Fargo have improved since the letters went out in December to residences served by that sewer line. Bill continues frequent checks and monitoring of that portion of the main. He has been using enzymes to clear the grease buildup at the lift station.

Todd received a call from County Road Superintendent Chris Jacobson regarding a fracture critical inspection on the bridge by the lift station scheduled for this summer (July). In the past the State or County has paid for these inspections but Chris hadn't made a presentation to the County Board yet so he wasn't sure if they would cover the cost this year. He is estimating the cost to be between \$1,500 and \$2,000 and the inspection is required every two (2) years. The bridge is in Village limits but is connected to a township road and the road is maintained by the County. Since we are in the middle of a budget year and this expense was not planned, we may try to argue that the County cover the cost this year as they had probably budgeted for it and we could include the expense in years going forward. When he receives more information Todd will update the Board.

Lanette reported the following: (1) the insurance company for the person who tore out the electric line serving Lyle Ferguson last fall has declined the claim so the bill for damages was forwarded to Attorney White for action; (2) any board members interested in the League's virtual annual conference need to let Lanette know so she can register them (Cathie Jo & Scott want to look at the schedule); (3) the auditors were here on January 7th and will present their annual report at the February meeting; (4) Christmas decorations are on sale now until the end of March with shipping costs being the same whether you order 1 or 3 pole decorations; we will wait to order later in February when we know if there will be an ACE refund; we could use 2 more ornaments (1 for north side of the intersection of Belmont and Main and one at the School).

Trustees Hogg and Fecht had completed a community drive-around during the Lt. Governor's visit with recommendations for nuisance notices, but the information has not yet been made available to enable sending the notices. Trustee Fecht recommended the Village research what it would cost to have Wi-Fi available in the Municipal Auditorium. It would be a plus for board meetings and other activities such as the bloodmobile. The Clerk was directed to check out costs and report back to the Board. Questions on claims were answered.

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

GENERAL FUND			
American Elec-sup	88.18	Ansley Lmbr-sup	201.03
Jessica Brott-ref	200.00	Buffalo Outdoor-eq	899.00
Capital Business-ser	114.28	Central NE Med Clinic-test	110.00
Custer Co Chief-pub/ad	46.18	Custer Co Clerk-elec	100.00
Custer Federal-inv	8,920.00	DOE-en	767.22
Lanette Doane-rec/ins/cell	641.31	Eakes-sup	190.94
Freedom Claims-ins	265.40	Grainger-sup	85.29
League NE Mun-conf	325.00	Lex Solid Waste-fees	650.70
LC Auto-pts	111.79	Malwarebytes-fees	42.59
Matt Parrott-sup	112.20	Cole Mills-ref	175.00
William Moser-sup/cell	108.30	Municipal Supply-sup	10.77
NCTC-ph	557.96	NE DOR-tx	4,369.70
NE Public Health Lab-test	15.00	NE Salt & Grain-chem	393.00
One Call-ser	2.30	Petty Cash-post	126.65
Salt Creek Software-fees	2,130.00	School Dist #44-fees	103.25
UBT-inv	1,500.00	Unitech-chem	1,503.00
Village-util	2,130.96	Jason White-fees	33.33
Yanez Service-ful/rep	1,073.74	Dates&Updates-ad	25.00
Fill-N-Chill-fuel	545.67	League NE Mun-conf	790.00
Black Hills-ser	1,741.94	CBI Cleaner-ser	36.87
Hireright-tests	285.70	MEAN-en	30,426.46
UHC-ins	710.59	AFLAC-ins	60.45
Payroll-sal	10,950.41	Federal Tax Dep-tx	3,407.38
Todd Grant-cell	25.00	Invesco-ret	1,489.00

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, Rehfeld, Henry and Mills. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Catherine Jo W. Mills, Chairperson

Lanette C. Doane, CMC

(Seal)

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

