

VILLAGE OF ANSLEY
Regular Meeting
March 8, 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, March 8, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. Present were Mills, Hogg, Fecht, Rehfeld and Henry. Also present Lanette, Todd, Mike Ferguson 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. It was also posted on the Village website. 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.; the Pledge of Allegiance was recited; compliance with the open meeting act was verified.

Trustee Henry moved to waive reading and approve the February meeting minutes as presented. Trustee Fecht seconded the motion and on roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Henry, Fecht, Rehfeld, Hogg and Mills. Motion carried. There was no public comment on agenda items.

Trustee Hogg moved that the Board approve the appointment of Ervie Ferguson to the Ansley Housing Authority Board of Commissioners to complete a term expiring 4-1-2023, and to approve the reappointment of Julie Schmidt to the Ansley Housing Authority Board of Commissioners for a five (5) year term expiring 4-1-2026. Trustee Henry seconded the motion and on roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Hogg, Henry, Mills, Rehfeld, and Fecht. Motion carried.

Todd explained that it would be advisable for the Village to advertise for bids on the 2021 street overlay project now so contractors will know what projects they have been awarded and can lock in oil prices accordingly. Todd will measure streets; we will get those numbers to Miller & Associates; they will get us estimates of the number of tons for each schedule; if we are required to advertise for bids (based on the proposed expenditure) that can be done later in March. Trustee Henry moved that the Board approves obtaining estimates of the number of tons of asphalt overlay for the 2021 street project, advertising for bids later in March, and a bid opening be set for the April meeting. Trustee Mills seconded the motion and on roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Henry, Mills, Rehfeld, Fecht and Hogg. Motion carried.

The Board considered the quotes for Christmas pole decorations of \$418.00 each and where they could be placed. Of this year's ACE refund to Ansley \$1,255.00 was deposited to the General Fund and would cover most of the cost of the decorations. Trustee Rehfeld moved to purchase three (3) 5' Snowflake Christmas decorations from Display Sales at \$418.00 each plus freight. Trustee Henry seconded the motion and on roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Rehfeld, Henry, Hogg, Fecht and Mills. Motion carried.

Applications had been received for the open positions with the Village. The Board discussed the pay ranges for each position; responsibilities and division of duties; besides replacing the utilities superintendent and the general laborer positions the possibility of hiring an additional employee for the water and sewer departments. It was decided to keep the ads for the positions the same for now. All employees are expected to help in other areas as needed. Trustees Rehfeld and Henry will conduct interviews.

We need additional rubber mulch in the park playground around some of the equipment that was added last year. We received a quote of \$2,775.00 on 5T of mulch for the current need. We also looked at adding new playground equipment to the area. The pieces will serve a wide age range and Todd had marked proposed locations for each. New equipment will require additional mulch and border. The Village can apply for a scrap tire grant of 50% reimbursement after July 1st. We can also apply for grants to the Custer County Foundation and Custer County Tourism on the playground equipment. Trustee Rehfeld moved that the Board approve the purchase of the currently needed rubber mulch (\$2,775.00) and 3 pieces of new playground equipment (\$6,337.50) as quoted by Sterling West. Trustee Henry seconded the motion and on roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Rehfeld, Henry, Hogg, Fecht and Mills. Motion carried. Additional mulch and border can be added later.

Board members received copies of the Village's facilities use policy which cover events, fees and regulations. Discussion was held on questions posed to the Clerk on use of the Municipal Auditorium and possible storage of equipment. The Board unanimously agreed to disallow storage of equipment

not owned by the Village and will review the current policy to decide if changes, clarifications and additions need to be made. The policy will be reviewed at the April meeting.

Department Head & Committee Reports – Todd reported he will be gone to NeRWA Annual Conference the 15th thru the 17th for ongoing education hours. Walking path rock has been piled along the path and he is waiting for the spreader to lay down a 6’ wide by 4”-5” deep path. Todd has not been able to take vacation days due to the lack of personnel and he wanted to verify that his vacation time for this year could be carried over – no objection from the Board based on the circumstances.

Mike reported that Steve Lang was due in tomorrow to diagnose the problem with generator #2. The guys were called out on Sunday for a sewer problem and Mike recommended that the Board look at amending the Employee Handbook to allow for 2 hours minimum of overtime for weekend emergencies.

Lanette reported the following: (1) Virtual Clerks’ Institute and Academy is the week of March 15th and Lanette will be attending sessions for required education hours, giving presentations or monitoring ZOOM sessions throughout the week; (2) the Planning Commission will hold 2 hearings at their March 30th meeting on (1) an application for a conditional use permit for wind generation and (2) a request for a variance on the side yard requirements in the residential zoning regulations; make their recommendations and then the Village Board will hold the same 2 hearings at the April 5th meeting for final action; (3) inquired if the Board planned to open the swimming pool for the 2021 season – unanimous agreement to open; (4) the fire department asked for board approval for the annual burn around the lake – unanimous approval; (5) the Village has reached out to NMPP personnel regarding the wind generation project and the possible solar installation project and they will assist as needed in moving these projects forward.

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

MARCH CLAIMS			
American Fire-insp	137.00	Ansley Lumber-sup	254.30
Ansley Post Office-fee	122.00	Barco-sup	473.00
BlueTarp-sup	323.24	Capital Business-fees	107.30
Cenex-fuel	498.67	Central NE Econ-conf	120.00
Custer Co Chief-ad/pub fees	200.36	Custer Federal-inv	8,920.00
DOE-en	739.35`	Lanette Doane-ins/cell	449.44
Eakes-sup	81.66	Grainger-sup	186.53
LASWA-fees	530.85	Mid-Am-chem	1,216.50
NAQS-eng	2,019.83	NCTC-ph	557.48
NDOR-tx	4,881.29	NE DHHS-permit	40.00
NE Public Health Lab-test	14.00	NE Salt-chem	393.00
One Call-ser	5.77	Petty Cash-postage	209.36
Union Bank-inv	1,500.00	Village-util	3,151.56
Yanez Serv-fuel	316.12	Black Hills-util	1,634.31
MEAN-en	30,450.81	Sterling West-eq	4,748.75
AFLAC-ins	60.45	City Payroll-sal	10,160.86
Federal Tax Dep-tx	2,776.88	Mike Ferguson-cell	25.00
Todd Grant-cell	25.00	Invesco-ret	1,185.00

There being no further business to come before the Board Trustee Henry moved and Trustee Rehfeld seconded that the meeting be adjourned. On roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Henry, Rehfeld, Fecht, Hogg and Mills. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

ATTEST:

Catherine Jo W. Mills, 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