

VILLAGE OF ANSLEY
Special Meeting
April 22, 2021 – 6:00 P.M.

A special meeting of the Chairperson and Board of Trustees of the Village of Ansley, Nebraska, was held in the Municipal Auditorium on Thursday, April 22, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mills, Henry, Rehfeld, Hogg and Fecht. Also present Lanette, Dallas, Mike, Joe Hobelman, Rich Eymann and Tim Cerveny of NMPP Energy, 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 6:00 p.m.; the Pledge of Allegiance was recited; compliance with the open meeting act was verified.

General discussion took place regarding repairs to unit #2, the 8 cylinder generator at the plant, switch gear upgrades, a bypass to be able to isolate the light plant from the rest of the system, and upgrading to new self-contained generating units. Dallas reported that Gary Peterson, who has worked on the engines at the Plant for several years, came last Friday and inspected unit #2 and was estimating he could do the repairs for about \$15,000.00. That is significantly less than the estimates from Fairbanks for the repairs. He is going to send a quote outlining the work to be done and the costs. Dallas felt that based on Gary's numbers it may make the most sense to repair unit #2 now which would buy more time for the Village to develop a long range plan of upgrading to self-contained generating units. The labor force that has the experience to repair the old units is aging and they are not being replaced with younger workers.

The bypass is necessary to isolate the light plant from the rest of the city. Rich Eymann from MEAN is estimating \$20,000 to \$25,000 to complete the bypass. Rich estimates 10-12 weeks to obtain the meter and other necessary parts for the bypass. Broken Bow utilities are willing to assist with labor on the bypass so we may need to get an agreement in place covering the aspects of shared labor.

Conley Frieden of H. K. Scholz & Company plans to be in Ansley tomorrow to visit with Dallas and Mike on the switch gear. H. K. Scholz has worked on our equipment for several years but the switch room is not safe and does not meet OSHA standards for a safe working environment so that must also be upgraded.

In the discussion on new self-contained units several factors need to be considered; new or refurbished; natural gas, diesel or dual fueled; how would new units affect our operating permit; would our current catalyts be compatible with new units; what generation capacity does Ansley need based on our peak load; do we need to maintain our current building; can the bypass be designed so it would not have to be moved if new units are purchased in the future; where would the switch room/switch gear be housed.

The general consensus was to wait for Gary Peterson's bid on the engine repairs but move forward ordering the bypass equipment now. We should have a bid from H.K. Scholz & Company regarding the switch gear by the May 10th meeting. Joe, Tim and Rich from MEAN will help the Village through this process with information and any other assistance they can provide.

Trustee Henry moved to approve the following claims: Black Hills Energy-util-\$890.84; CBI Cleaner-ser-21.05; MEAN-en-27,769.74; NE DOR-tx-3223.25; UHC-ins-710.59; UNL Marketplace-bks-116.05. Trustee Hogg seconded the motion and on roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Henry, Hogg, Fecht, Rehfeld and Mills. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board it was moved by Trustee Henry and seconded by Trustee Fecht that the meeting be adjourned. On roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Henry, Fecht, Hogg, Rehfeld and Mills. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:28 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