

VILLAGE OF ANSLEY
Regular Meeting
April 5, 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, April 5, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. Present were Mills, Fecht, Hogg and Rehfeld (entered at 6:31 p.m.) ABSENT was Trustee Henry. Also present Lanette, Todd, Dallas, Mike, and 3 members 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 and by publication one (1) time in the Custer County Chief 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.; the Pledge of Allegiance was recited; compliance with the open meeting act was verified.

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

Trustee Fecht moved to designate Todd Grant as Ansley's certified water operator in charge. Trustee Rehfeld seconded the motion and on roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Fecht, Rehfeld, Hogg and Mills. ABSENT: Henry. Motion carried.

Chairperson Mills opened the public hearing at 6:35 p.m. to address the request for a conditional use permit in the Agricultural District by Butch Beaumont to install a wind generator. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on March 30th on the conditional use permit request and unanimously voted to recommend issuing the permit. Butch was present for the hearing and the only question or testimony offered was the fact that when the Village has a power outage his system will also shut off so electricity does not feed out on the line. Staff from NMPP/MEAN will oversee the interconnection to the Village's system for compliance, and software adjustments will be made to accommodate the metering. There was no further testimony and Chairperson Mills closed the public hearing at 6:39 p.m. Trustee Hogg moved that the Village approve granting a conditional use permit to Butch Beaumont to install a 3kW-DC wind generator on his property at 79002 Hwy 183 to interconnect with the Village's electrical distribution system in accordance with all installation and compliance requirements. Trustee Rehfeld seconded the motion and on roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Hogg, Rehfeld, Fecht and Mills. ABSENT: Henry. Motion carried.

Chairperson Mills opened the public hearing at 6:41 p.m. to consider a lot split request and variance on the side yard setback requirement in the residential zone due to a hardship. The Planning Commission had held a public hearing on March 30th on the request. They determined that a hardship exists due to improper placement of a garage on Lot One (1), Block Twenty One (21), Original Town. The eave of the garage extends beyond the property line so the 10' side yard setback standard isn't met. The Planning Commission voted 4 ayes, 1 abstention that the variance due to hardship be recognized, a setback deviation be granted, and the lot split be allowed to reduce the side yard from 10' to 1' on a portion of Lot One (1), Block Twenty One (21), Original Town. Chairperson Mills moved to adjourn the Board of Trustees and convene as the Board of Adjustment to consider the variance request due to hardship. Trustee Rehfeld seconded the motion and on roll call vote the following voted AYE: Mills, Rehfeld, Fecht and Hogg. ABSENT: Henry. Motion carried. The Board of Adjustment convened. Discussion was held and the surveys of the property reviewed. Trustee Hogg moved that the Board of Adjustment approve a variance of the side yard setback requirement for the south seventy-nine feet (79') of Lot One (1), Block Twenty One (21), Original Town of Ansley be granted and reduced from ten feet (10') to one foot (1') due to a hardship. Trustee Rehfeld seconded the motion and on roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Hogg, Rehfeld, Mills and Fecht. ABSENT: Henry. Motion carried. Trustee Rehfeld moved that the Board of Adjustment adjourn and the Board of Trustees reconvene. Trustee Fecht seconded the motion and on roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Rehfeld, Fecht, Mills and Hogg. ABSENT: Henry. Motion carried. The Board of Trustees reconvened to consider the lot split request. All testimony had been received and reviewed. Trustee Rehfeld moved that the Village Board approve a lot split between Lot One (1) and Lot Two (2) Block Twenty One (21), of the Original Town of Ansley to transfer the east three feet (3') of the south seventy-nine feet (79') of Lot Two (2) to Lot One (1) and the side yard setback of the south seventy-nine feet (79') on the west side of Lot One (1) will be reduced from ten feet (10') to one foot (1') as shown on the certified surveys. Trustee Fecht seconded the motion and on roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Rehfeld, Fecht, Hogg and Mills. ABSENT: Henry. Motion carried.

Board discussion began on the quotes from Fairbanks for parts and labor for generator repairs. A quote for labor had also been received from Steve Lang on generator repairs. Nebraska Generator Service LLC submitted quotes for new units. Discussion was temporarily stopped to open bids on the 2021 street overlay project.

At 7:00 p.m. bids that had been received on the 2021 street asphalt project were opened and read. Gary Smith Construction bid \$100.00/ton with work to be completed in the 2021 asphalt season; JIL Asphalt Paving bid \$95.15/ton. Both bids were based on the tons estimated in the advertisement for bids but final price will be governed on actual tons placed. There was some discussion and input from street superintendent Grant on past project work by both contractors. Trustee Mills moved that the Village accept the bid from Gary Smith Construction Company at \$100.00/ton to complete Schedules A, B and C. Trustee Hogg seconded the motion and on roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Mills, Hogg, Rehfeld and Fecht. ABSENT: Henry. Motion carried.

The Board returned to discussion on generator quotes. Estimate ranges for repairs (parts and labor) are between approximately \$160,000 to \$190,000.00 but that does not include the bypass system for the plant or upgrading the switchboard. Quotes for new units included 2-800kW natural gas; 2-800kW diesel; 2-1,000kW natural gas; 2-1,000kW diesel units. New units would be self-contained and not require the bypass upgrades. Comments/questions included: (1) are we capped on our current 1350kW generation compensation or if kW capability is increased with larger units can the compensation be increased; (2) does the Board want to continue generation capability for Ansley; (3) how long would delivery be on new units; (4) could units be synced if the Village went with 1-800 and 1-1000kW; (5) could new units utilize our current air emissions system for RICE-NESHAP compliance or if they are Tier 2 are they already units that are in compliance; (6) an engineer would be needed to draw plans and specs for an upgrade; (7) a special meeting is needed to further discuss the options and staff from MEAN/NMPP Energy should be invited to attend to give insight, suggestions and recommendations on the project. Dallas requested Board permission to reach out to our engineers to see if they could engineer a project of this type. Trustee Hogg moved that the Board authorize the utilities superintendent to contact Miller & Associates regarding developing plans and specs for installation of new generating units. Trustee Fecht seconded the motion and on roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Hogg, Fecht, Rehfeld and Mills. ABSENT: Henry. Motion carried.

Trustee Rehfeld summarized for the Board a recap of the interviews for the maintenance position. He felt candidate Hickenbottom would be a good fit with the current team of employees and also has ties to the community which is a plus for longevity in the position. Trustee Rehfeld moved to offer the maintenance position to Steve Hickenbottom at a wage of \$18.00 per hour. Trustee Fecht seconded the motion and on roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Rehfeld, Fecht, Hogg and Mills. ABSENT: Henry. Motion carried. Trustee Rehfeld called Steve to offer the position and Steve accepted.

The Board agreed to advertise for a part-time seasonal worker to assist in the streets, parks and trash departments. Wage will be \$10.00 per hour and the ad will be placed in the Dates and Updates Newsletter and on our website. The Board will review applications at the May meeting.

Most of the swimming pool staff is returning for the 2021 season. Starla will be Pool Manager again this year and Calvin plans to take the CPO test so he can be Assistant Manager (he has the highest seniority of current staff). Darlene will teach Red Cross lessons, recertify staff for lifeguarding and CPR, and stand in as an additional backup assistant manager. Starla thought at least one new person wanted to take lifeguard training. Raises will be given according to the policy in place for pool employees.

Trustee Hogg moved and Trustee Rehfeld seconded to table discussion on the facilities use policy to the May meeting. On roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Hogg, Rehfeld, Fecht and Mills. ABSENT: Henry. Motion carried.

Department Head Reports – Todd said he would be traveling to Lincoln in the near future to purchase more totes for the trash department.

Dallas reported the following: (1) safety equipment is being checked out and new gloves ordered for work on overhead lines; (2) work on the cooling system for the engines at the plant is ongoing; (3) water repairs have been done at the park camping area; (4) Todd has shown Dallas the lagoon leveling system so he knows how that works; (5) the well house at Square Pegs park needs maintenance as the bricks are collapsing; (6) the battery and emergency generator at Well #5 has been tested and repaired; (7) well efficiency tests went well but the reports haven't been received yet.

Lanette reported the following: (1) the operating permit for the light plant is being reviewed by Joe Hobelman of NMPP Energy; (2) the 2020 water quality report has been received and will be made

available to the public by posting and the Newsletter; (3) the Village could possibly receive \$70,000.00 in federal stimulus money that could be used for water and sewer infrastructure improvements; (4) Dallas has been signed up for a certification class for water – no certification is required for our lagoon system but educational seminars are available for him to attend; (5) we have contact information to check for treatment of the moss in the lake; (6) there is a possibility of developing a worker exchange agreement with Broken Bow utilities in the form of an interlocal agreement or contract; (7) reminder to board members to purchase dog licenses.

Trustee Rehfeld, as a member of the interview committee, recommended the Village pursue advertising for another utility employee to assist Dallas. The Board felt the laborer should have background knowledge of electrical; will be required to work in the water system and get certified; assist in the sewer and any departments as needed. Lanette will develop a proposed ad, send to board members for approval, and then get it out to the various agencies for their websites and newsletters.

Chairperson Mills asked to reserve both the Municipal Auditorium and Park Picnic shelter for June 4th, 5th and 6th of 2022 for the Muddy Creek Festival activities.

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

APRIL CLAIMS

Ace Hardware-sup	7.99	Ansley Lmbr & Supply-sup	191.10
Arrow Seed-sup	97.50	Barco Mun Prod-signs	495.29
Capital Bus Systems-ser	115.31	Cenex-fuel	554.04
Cornhusker Press-tags	69.20	Custer Co Chief-ad/pub	1,124.18
Custer Federal-inv	8,920.00	DOE-en	713.10
Display Sales-eq	1,549.00	Lanette Doane-ins/cell	449.44
Eakes-sup	70.55	Fairfield Inn-conf	209.90
Freedom Claims-ins	267.62	Steve Lang-tech	1,642.78
LASWA-fees	732.15	Loup City Auto-parts	60.04
Menards-sup	147.89	NCTC-ph	557.16
DOR-tx	407.57	NE Public Lab-tests	789.00
NeRWA-conf	395.00	NE Unemp Comp-tx	74.81
NMPP Energy-dues	641.99	One Call-ser	9.60
Paulsen-sand	616.31	Petty Cash-post	125.14
Skarshaug Lab-eq	1,029.64	Trotter Service-sup	195.30
Union Bank-inv	1,500.00	Unitech-sup	1,503.00
Village-util	2,225.30	Wenquist-sup	139.10
Yanez Service-fuel	89.19	AFLAC-ins	60.45
Payroll-sal	13,354.48	Federal Tax Dep-tx	3,872.68
Todd Grant-cell	25.00	Invesco-ret	1,185.00
Dallas Thomas-cell	25.00	Digi-Key-sup	135.26

There being no further business to come before the Board Trustee Rehfeld moved to adjourn and Trustee Fecht seconded the motion. Roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Rehfeld, Fecht, Hogg and Mills. ABSENT: Henry. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 9:38 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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