

VILLAGE OF ANSLEY
Regular Meeting
June 7, 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, June 7, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. Present were Mills, Rehfeld and Hogg. ABSENT were Henry and Fecht. Also present Lanette, Todd, Dallas, Lance Bristol and Jim Morgan.

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. Notice 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 6:33 p.m.; the Pledge of Allegiance was recited; compliance with the open meeting act was verified.

Trustee Rehfeld moved to waive reading and approve the May meeting minutes as presented. Trustee Hogg seconded the motion and on roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Rehfeld, Hogg and Mills; ABSENT: Henry and Fecht. Motion carried. No members of the public made comment during the public comment period.

Department Head Reports: Todd reported he will be on vacation starting June 26th and needs to find a replacement driver with a CDL for trash pickup as there is not enough time before he leaves for Steve to take the written exams, have a learner's permit for 14 days and then complete the skills testing to acquire his CDL. There have been further compost site violations and the offenders will be notified to clean up what they dumped and/or charged for what the Village had to remove. The lake has been sprayed twice for moss and treatment will continue.

Dallas reported generator repairs are underway – the engine has been torn down but Gary left and we are unsure of his return date to restore it to working condition. The pool is up and running but some equipment repairs on the chlorinator were necessary. Miller & Associates will be in Ansley on June 15th to review the water vales in our system and the GIS mapping. The pump has been fixed at the lift station and one has been sent in for a rebuild. Johnson Service cleaned out the lift station and we will look at doing another educational mailing to customers about what NOT to flush. The small bucket truck and digger derrick inspections have been completed. The newer bucket truck needs to have cables replaced at a cost of probably \$10,000 to \$12,000 so Dallas did not have them perform a dielectric test on that truck. The Village may need to consider replacing that truck with one that does not have a cable system as they have to be replaced every 9 years in order to remain certified. No quote has been received yet from Scholz & Company on a switchboard for the light plant.

Lanette reported the following: (1) The Village received a \$5,000 Custer County tourism grant to help with the costs of the new playground equipment and rubber mulch; (2) the cable TV franchise with NCTC has expired and if documents can be prepared will be considered at the July meeting; (3) Lanette and Cathie Jo will participate in the first round of the JEO Zoom session regarding the mitigation plan they are developing for the LLNRD; (4) Lanette has registered for Municipal Accounting & Finance zoom sessions scheduled for June 16, 17, 22, 23 and 24; (5) Chad Dixon of M&A will represent Ansley in a floodplain seminar on June 17th to make sure we have the most recent floodplain ordinance in place; (6) a principal and interest payment for the water bonds and interest payment for sewer bonds is due June 15th so Lanette will send and sign off on instructions to Custer Federal; (7) the Village will receive a \$1,075.12 refund from LARM based on the annual worker's comp audit for FY 2019-2020; (8) the pool needs a new bench to replace one that is broken and a tarp for shade on the baby pool side (no objections from the Board for these purchases).

Dallas reported that the roof on the well house at Square Pegs Park needs to be replaced. The contractor who repaired the building felt the leaking roof had caused the problems with the collapse of the brick walls. The Board asked Dallas to get a quote for the July meeting.

Lance Bristol and Jim Morgan would like to develop Burlington Park on the north side of Main Street between Division Street and the railroad. Trees were planted there in 1921 in honor of veterans who died in WW I. Jim and Lance have trimmed the trees and the Village keeps the area mowed. There is a natural area in the middle to have a 6' bench with plaque to commemorate the veterans and add another plaque to recognize citizens in general for service to the community. Lance and Jim will provide/raise the funds for the bench and plaques if the Village would grant permission for the project and agree to pay for the concrete pad, installation of the pad and bench, and freight charges. The Board granted permission for them to move forward with the plans.

Discussion was held on the Village's policy for tree trimming and mowing on private property. Trees are trimmed when limbs interfere or potentially will interfere with electric lines. The property owner is responsible for major tree trimming and maintenance. We have several areas in town when tree limbs, bushes, and overgrowth interferes with streets and clear views at intersections. A list of properties in violation will be submitted to the Clerk so nuisance letters can be sent requiring tree trimming, bush trimming and mowing where necessary to clear street right-of-way and electric lines. Village employees usually mow the creek area to keep it cleared for water flow in a major rain event and for community appearances.

Trustees Mills and Rehfeld have reviewed the employee handbook and will update it reflecting their recommendations for changes and clarifications before submitting to the full board for approval. The current handbook lists the holidays observed by the Village for which full-time employees are paid. The committee recommendation is to expand the policy so if the holiday falls on a Saturday it will be observed on Friday and if it falls on Sunday it will be observed on Monday. This will go into effect for the July 4th holiday this year which falls on a Sunday. Citizens will be notified residential trash pickup that week will be on Tuesday, July 6th and commercial trash on Wednesday. Due to the holiday and another conflict the Board agreed the July meeting would be held on Thursday, July 8th.

Trustees Rehfeld and Mills had interviewed a potential candidate for the seasonal part-time position to help with mowing in the parks, street patching, and trash pickup. There was discussion on the wage. Trustee Rehfeld moved to recommend the Village hire Bob Holland on a seasonal, part-time as-needed basis at \$18.00 per hour. Trustee Mills seconded the motion and on roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Rehfeld and Mills; NAY: Hogg; ABSENT: Henry and Fecht. Motion carried.

The Facilities Use Policy was briefly discussed and board members agreed to leave the policy and fees the same with no changes.

The Village had advertised for another employee to assist in the utility departments. After discussion the board felt the current team in place is working well and with hiring a seasonal worker it is not necessary at this time to pursue adding an additional employee. It was agreed to put further action on hold for now.

Employee evaluations are conducted annually in June. Trustees Mills and Rehfeld agreed to serve on the evaluation committee.

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

JUNE CLAIMS

Akrs Equip-pts	11.87	Ansley Lmbr & Sup-sup	609.55
Beaumont Ent-B&G	2,110.00	Border States-sup	335.20
Royce Bunner-ref	175.00	Capital Bus-copier	124.79
Cenex-fuel	370.13	Central I.T.-ser	200.93
Culligan-ser	31.65	Custer Co Chief-ad/pub	294.72
Custer Federal-inv	8,920.00	DOE-en	702.31
Deterdings-chem/sup	2,309.02	Lanette Doane-ins	449.44
Dutton-Lainson-sup	637.09	Eakes-sup	133.20
Trent Fecht-B&G	374.37	Flatwater Bank-fee	20.00
Freedom Claims-ins	267.62	Richard Froid-ser	62.00
Garrett Tires-tires	765.08	Grainger-sup	270.81
Hydraulic Eq-insp	1,140.78	League NE Mun-conf	325.00
Darlene Leitschuck-ser	450.00	LASWA-fees	704.70
Loup City Auto-sup	87.12	Stacey Marsh-ref	175.00
Matt Parrott-sup	337.34	Menards-sup	1,142.88
Municipal Automation-ser	272.40	Municipal Supply-sup	237.92
NCTC-ph	563.48	Ne DOR-tx	3,793.30
NE Public Health Lab-test	15.00	NMPP Energy-ser	1,100.00
One Call-ser	8.44	Petty Cash-sup	276.07
R&R Welding-rep	530.00	Sandhills Motor-pts	87.60
Trotter Grain-chem	542.50	Union Bank-inv	1,500.00
Unitech-chem	462.50	Village-util	1,463.27
Wenquist-sup	80.24	Marlene Wiese-ref	50.00
Yanez Service-tires/fuel	2,851.95	Black Hills En-util	190.24
MEAN-en	26,096.23	UHC-ins	1,421.18

AFLAC-ins	60.45	Payroll-sal	18,871.29
Federal Tax Dep-tx	5,104.57	Todd Grant-cell	25.00
Steve Hickenbottom-cell	25.00	Invesco-ret	1,185.00
Dallas Thomas-cell	25.00		

There being no further business to come before the Board Trustee Hogg moved to adjourn and Trustee Rehfeld seconded the motion. On roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Hogg, Rehfeld and Mills. ABSENT: Henry and Fecht. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:50 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