

**VILLAGE OF ANSLEY**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**January 8, 2024 – 7:00 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 8, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. Present were Chairperson Mills, Trustees Rehfeld, Hogg and Henry; Trustee Fecht entered at 7:22 p.m. Also present Lanette, Michelle, and Todd.

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 7:02 p.m.; the Pledge of Allegiance was recited; compliance with the open meeting act was verified.

Trustee Hogg moved to waive the reading and approve the December minutes as presented and Trustee Henry seconded the motion. On roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Hogg, Henry, Mills, Rehfeld; NAY: None; ABSENT Fecht; motion carried.

Tyler Kaps of Lammers, Abel and Kaps, CPAs gave the annual 2022-2023 audit report remotely. The audit went well and all information was provided to them. He highlighted their opinions; analysis of assets and liabilities; net position of the Village comparing revenues to expenses; difference in governmental and proprietary funds reviewing the various schedules; notes to the financial statements; cash equivalents on hand as of 9-30-23; retirement plan contributions; transfers and balances; status of bonds and the commitment for the electric distribution system upgrades; comparison of budgeted vs. received and spent and the Village was under budgeted expenses and in compliance; deficiencies reported were segregation of duties and no auditor on staff which are the 2 common deficiencies for most, if not all villages and smaller cities. Chairperson Mills moved to approve the 2022-2023 audit as prepared, presented and reviewed at this meeting. Trustee Rehfeld seconded the motion and on roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Mills, Rehfeld, Henry, Fecht, Hogg; motion carried.

LaNae Maxson and Judy Petersen of Central Nebraska Economic Development District (CNEDD) called in remotely to review and discuss the documents needed to be approved by the board to proceed with the Community Development Block Grant. The Subrecipient Agreement was discussed first in detail. Trustee Henry moved to approve the Subrecipient Agreement between the Village and the Nebraska Department of Economic Development (NDED) and to authorize Chairperson Mills to sign the agreement on behalf of the Village. Trustee Fecht seconded the motion. On roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Henry, Fecht, Hogg, Rehfeld, Mills; motion carried.

The General Administration Contract was discussed. No questions from the board. Trustee Hogg moved to approve the General Administration Contract between the Village and CNEDD and to authorize Chairperson Mills to sign the contract on behalf of the Village. Trustee Henry seconded the motion. On roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Hogg, Henry, Rehfeld, Fecht, Mills; motion carried.

LaNae reviewed the Special Condition Documents with the board. The board had no questions in regard to any of the documents. Trustee Fecht moved to approve the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA), Authorization to Request Funds, Financial Management Certification, General Administration Letter, Fair Housing Letter, and the Environmental Review and to authorize Chairperson Mills to sign all documents on behalf of the Village. Rehfeld seconded the motion. On roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Fecht, Rehfeld, Hogg, Henry, Mills; motion carried.

There was brief discussion regarding an inquiry of the Village's street right-of-way authority. Lanette referenced Section 92.73 from the Nebraska Basic code that states that any person who wants to make changes in any street, can't do so unless they have a written permit that is issued by the Street Superintendent. After review of visual evidence, it was unanimously agreed by the board that the Village employees were acting within the parameters of the street right-of-way and in the performance of their job and/or duties.

Regarding an inquiry of Ordinance No. 478, (an ordinance prohibiting animals and fowl in the Village limits), the board reviewed said Ordinance and deemed that the Ordinance was correct and they will still enforce with no exceptions allowed.

Department Head and Chairperson Reports – Todd reported that everything was going pretty good. He did mention that he has had several residents unhappy about the conditions that their property was left after Hamilton/NCTC had the fiberoptic bored and they wanted Todd to make repairs. Todd said that it is not the responsibility of the Village to do that and recommended that they call Hamilton to discuss their issues. The board agreed. Lanette said she had called Hamilton and asked if a notice could be put in the weekly newsletter stating that it was not the Village of Ansley's responsibility to fix any damage left from the fiberoptic installation from Hamilton. Hamilton agreed and asked that they be reached directly at the 800 number. Trustee Fecht mentioned an alley that was holding water but it looked like someone had tried to fix it themselves with broken concrete. He asked that Todd take a look at that and try to fix it before someone ruins something driving in the alley.

Lanette mentioned that the Mid-Winter Conference will be held February 26-27, 2024 in Lincoln and confirmed that Chairperson Mills would like to attend. Lanette said she has been working on job descriptions for the Clerk, Street Superintendent, Utility Superintendent and asked the board if they had reviewed them or if there were any changes. Board will review these documents and get back to Lanette. She is also going to be working on a Grid resilience grant that has a preliminary proposal deadline of January 31, 2024. Lanette also reminded Trustee Fecht to bring his laptop or take it to Scott so Michelle can use it in March at Clerk's school.

Chairperson Mills stated that she has been working on updating the website and that Michelle will be helping her get all the minutes and ordinances to be updated and on the website.

The Village will hold the One (1) and Six (6) year street hearing at the February meeting. We will notify the engineers of the work completed in 2023 and planned projects for 2024. Todd will determine streets for overlay and crack sealing to be included in the new plan.

**ORDINANCE PASSAGE PROCEEDINGS  
UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES  
Village of Ansley, Nebraska**

Trustee Mills introduced Ordinance No. 552 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE THE ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF ANSLEY, NEBRASKA, BY ADOPTING THE NEBRASKA BASIC CODE OF ORDINANCES, 2023; TO REPEAL PRIOR NEBRASKA BASIC CODE OF ORDINANCES; TO REQUIRE FILINGS; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

and moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended. Trustee Hogg seconded the motion to suspend the rules and upon roll call vote on the motion the following Trustees voted AYE: Mills, Hogg, Fecht, Henry, Rehfeld. The following voted NAY: None. ABSENT: None. The motion to suspend the rules was adopted by three-fourths of the Board and the statutory rule was declared suspended for consideration of said ordinance.

Said ordinance was then read by title and thereafter Trustee Rehfeld moved for final passage of the ordinance, which motion was seconded by Trustee Henry. The Chairperson then stated the question was "Shall Ordinance No. 552 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the following Trustees voted AYE: Rehfeld, Henry, Fecht, Hogg, Mills. The following voted NAY: None. ABSENT: None.

The passage and adoption of said ordinance having been concurred in by a majority of all members of the Board, the Chairperson declared the ordinance adopted, and the Chairperson in the presence of the Board signed and approved the ordinance, and the Clerk attested the passage and approval of the same and affixed her signature thereto. The ordinance is to be filed in the Village of Ansley Ordinance Record Book as a permanent record thereof.

Information regarding water and sewer rates was given to the board in November. Trustee Rehfeld moved to postpone the consideration on water and sewer rates to the February meeting and Trustee Hogg seconded the motion. On roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Rehfeld, Hogg, Fecht, Henry, Mills; motion carried.

The resignation of Adam Hogg was presented to the board. Trustee Henry moved to accept the resignation of Adam Hogg and Trustee Fecht seconded the motion. On roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Henry, Fecht, Rehfeld, Mills. ABSTAIN: Hogg; motion carried. Discussion on hiring a replacement employee was held and the Board decided that Chairperson Mills would develop an ad and

send to the rest of the board for approval. Chairperson Mills recommended the Village try to hire an individual who would be supervised by Dallas to learn the electrical system as well as all utilities but still be considered in a floating position to assist with all other departments.

Chairperson Mills nominated Garrod Fernau to the Planning Commission Board and asked for confirmation. Trustee Henry moved to approve the nomination of Garrod Fernau to the PC board for a 1 year term to expire December, 2024. Trustee Fecht seconded the motion and on roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Henry, Fecht, Hogg, Rehfeld, Mills; motion carried.

Chairperson Mills moved to go into closed session at 8:40 p.m. to protect the reputation of an individual. Trustee Fecht seconded the motion. On roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Mills, Fecht, Hogg, Henry, Rehfeld; motion carried. Chairperson Mills stated that the board was out of closed session at 8:55 p.m. and verified no action was taken in closed session.

Trustee Henry moved and Trustee Hogg seconded to approve January claims and all claims paid in December following the December meeting. On roll call vote on the motion the following Trustees voted AYE: Henry, Hogg, Mills, Rehfeld, Fecht. Motion carried.

**JANUARY CLAIMS**

Ansley Lumber-sup	\$478.98	Ansley P.O.-pstg	\$1,239.00
Beaver Brng-sup	\$46.90	Border Sts-sup	\$2,247.67
Capital Bus-copier	\$233.75	Cenex-fuel	\$590.02
CNMC-tst fee	\$55.00	Custer Co. Chief-adv/pub	\$45.24
Custer Co Sheriff-fees	\$39.92	Custer Federal-invsts	\$9,100.00
DOE-en	\$934.12	Lanette Doane-ins reimb	\$308.56
Eakes-off sup	\$31.98	First Concord-fees	\$208.00
Lammers, Abel, Kaps-audit	\$5,585.00	Lex Solid Wste-fees	\$724.85
Loup City Auto-sup	\$152.39	Joe Miller-refund on overchg	\$78.92
MEAN-training	\$348.00	Mutal of Omaha-ins	\$244.10
NCTC-phone	\$485.41	NE Dept Rev-state tax wh	\$977.06
NE Public Health Lab-tst	\$15.00	NE Unemp-4 <sup>th</sup> qtr unemp	\$14.77
One Call-fees	\$3.58	Petty Cash-pstg/ref	\$570.51
Power Solutions-repairs	\$329.34	Powermanager-sup	\$339.24
R&R Welding-sup	\$19.50	School Dist #44-lic fees	\$20.00
Spartan Found-adv/pub	\$10.00	Union Bank-inv	\$9,500.00
Village-utl	\$2,392.54	Jason White-attny fees	\$150.00
BCBS-ins	\$2,006.58	NE Dept of Rev-taxes	\$4,222.09
U.S. Bank-sup	\$175.19	Yanez Service-fuel	\$207.71
Black Hills En-gas	\$2,144.95	League-conf	\$455.00
MEAN-en	\$30,642.75	NE Dept Rev-lodg tax	\$32.51
City Payroll-sal	\$18,510.46	Federal Tax Dep-tax	\$4,690.90
Invesco-ret	\$2,018.00	Lanette Doane-cell	\$25.00
Todd Grant-cell	\$25.00	Michelle Nelson-cell	\$25.00
Dallas Thomas-cell	\$25.00		

There being no further business to come before the Board it was moved by Trustee Fecht and seconded by Trustee Hogg to adjourn and on roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Fecht, Hogg, Henry, Rehfeld, Mills. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
Catherine Jo W. Mills, Chairperson

  
Michelle M. Nelson, Clerk

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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 the body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meeting 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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Michelle M. Nelson, Clerk