

VILLAGE OF ANSLEY
Regular Meeting
February 5, 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, February 5, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. Present were Chairperson Mills, Trustees Rehfeld, Hogg and Henry. ABSENT was Trustee Fecht. Also present Michelle, Todd, Dallas, Kevin Petross of Miller & Associates, Lance Bristol, and Bryan and Cynthia Trimble.

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 7:00 p.m.; the Pledge of Allegiance was recited; compliance with the open meeting act was verified. During the public comment period Lance Bristol expressed his concern with the vacant properties in Ansley and encouraged the board to take action. Lance gave a copy of an Article VII – Vacant Property Registration that is used by Central City to the board for an example. Cynthia Trimble voiced the same concern regarding vacant properties and said it is a heartbreaking and serious problem and needs a serious resolution. The board thanked the individuals for sharing their thoughts.

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

Chairperson Mills opened the public hearing at 7:12 p.m. for the one and six year street plan. Kevin Petross of Miller & Associates presented the proposed one year plan and explained this can be amended by the board if necessary with another public hearing. The one year plan includes M115(156) on Douglas Street from Main Street to Fairfield Street (620T); M115(157) on Fairfield Street from Edmunds Street to Cameron Street (415T); M115(158) on Main Street just west of Division Street, a 50 foot by 30 foot 8 inch thick concrete paving. The six year plan is M115(009) concrete work on the Municipal Auditorium parking lot east side. There were no recommendations for changes. Chairperson Mills closed the public hearing at 7:36 p.m.

Trustee Hogg introduced the following Resolution and moved its adoption.

RESOLUTION 01-2024

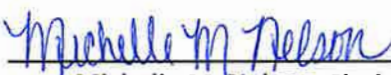
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHAIRPERSON AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ANSLEY, NEBRASKA, AS FOLLOWS:

That in accordance with Chapter 39, Article 21 of the Statutes of the State of Nebraska and as prescribed by the Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards, notice of public hearing on the One and Six Year Road Improvement Plans for Ansley has been given by publication in a legal newspaper of general circulation within Ansley and has been posted in at least three places in Ansley to be held in the Municipal Auditorium in the Village of Ansley on the 5th day of February, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., for the purpose of hearing comments and objections to said plans.

That upon said hearing held this 5th day of February 2024, the Village Board finds that the plans submitted are adequate for the purposes prescribed by law and that the same should be approved.

Passed and approved this 5th day of February 2024.

ATTEST:



Michelle M. Nelson, Clerk



Catherine Jo W. Mills, Chairperson

(Seal)

Trustee Rehfeld seconded the motion for adoption of the resolution. The Chairperson stated the motion and the Village Clerk called the roll. On roll call the following voted in favor of the passage of said motion: Hogg, Rehfeld, Mills, Henry. The following voted against the same: None. ABSENT: Fecht. The Chairperson thereupon declared said motion carried and said resolution adopted.

Department Head Reports – Jeanne reported the following: (1) the board was presented with her monthly report (2) still working on getting properties cleaned up and sending out notices with some deadlines in place. The board thanked Jeanne for all her efforts and work.

Dallas reported the following: (1) Farabee came and was going to get us an emissions test at no charge but found that we have a bad fuel pump in unit 2 so we didn't get the emissions test completed; (2) RVW has had some changes in their offices and that has been causing delays in the project. Plans are to return in 2 to 3 weeks to finish the surveying and get back on track with the upgrade project and move onto the next step.

Todd reported the following: (1) we received a late bill from AKRS from July when work was done to the John Deere 2020; (2) Todd will be attending the NeRWA annual conference in March for certification hours in water and sewer; (3) Todd will work on getting a list of items to sell and get to the board; (4) would like to get word out that we have rock and crushed concrete available for residents to buy for their mailbox approach, but it will be at a cost per ton plus a delivery fee. Cathie Jo will work on an article for the newsletter.

Michelle reported the following: (1) everything has been going great since Lanette's final day on January 31, 2024 (2) The Village received a rebate of \$3,157.00 from ACE so the Board can consider a community project for these funds; (3) received a call from Landmark Dividend about the possible purchase of our current cell tower lease. Michelle stated that Lanette looked over the agreement with Verizon and there is a clause that states we cannot give the agreement to anyone to view without prior written consent of Verizon.

Chairperson Report – Cathie Jo reported that: (1) she will be attending the Mid-Winter Conference on February 26-27 in Lincoln; (2) almost every ordinance is posted on the website along with a table of contents for easy reference for individuals; (3) there was a job application received and Cathie Jo and Chris will conduct interviews and would like Todd and Dallas to have input as well.

There was significant discussion regarding the water and sewer rate study presented to the board. Reviewing the proposed ordinance for the water rates; there were no changes. Once reviewing the proposed ordinance for the sewer rates, there was discussion regarding increasing the base charge per unit at Husker Homes. It was the consensus of the board that the base rate charge for Husker Homes should be increased to \$18/per unit with there being 20 units and the administration building for a total of 21 units. These rate changes on water and sewer will take effect on April 1, 2024.

Discussion on opening a separate checking account that would be used specifically for the CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) program to track the income and expenses was had by the board. Trustee Hogg moved to open a new/separate checking account at Flatwater Bank for the Community Development Block Grant funds; Trustee Rehfeld seconded the motion; on roll call vote on the motion, the following Trustees voted AYE: Hogg, Rehfeld, Mills, Henry; ABSENT: Fecht. Motion carried.

The Substation Agreement between the Village of Ansley and Custer Public Power District was discussed. The board verified that we still own the equipment and Custer Public Power District will maintain it and Dallas confirmed this. Trustee Henry moved to approve the Substation Bay Agreement between the Village of Ansley and Custer Public Power District; Trustee Hogg seconded the motion; on roll call vote on the motion, the following Trustees voted AYE: Henry, Hogg, Mills, Rehfeld. ABSENT: Fecht. Motion carried.

The Village of Ansley job application and job descriptions for the Clerk, Treasurer, Utility Superintendent, Electric Foreman, and Street & Parks Superintendent were reviewed. There being no recommendations or changes, Trustee Mills moved, and Trustee Henry seconded to approve the job application and all of the job descriptions for the Clerk, Treasurer, Utility Superintendent, Electric Foreman and the Street & Parks Superintendent. On roll call vote on the motion, the following Trustees voted AYE: Mills, Henry, Rehfeld, Hogg; ABSENT: Fecht. Motion carried.

Discussion regarding the process for dealing with some of the nuisance properties that need cleaned up in town. Jeanne stated this is a very lengthy process and the board was asked for some direction as to what they want the next step to be in the process. After significant discussion, it was decided that Jeanne, Michelle and Cathie Jo will meet to complete more research and develop a plan to present to the board at the March meeting.

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

FEBRUARY CLAIMS

ACE Hardware-sup	\$52.98	Ansley Lumber-sup	\$204.13
Border Sts-sup	\$428.61	Capital Bus-copier	\$143.20
Cenex-fuel	\$645.15	Custer Co. Chief-adv/pub	\$144.69
Custer Federal-invsts	\$9,100.00	DOE-en	\$879.24
Downey Drilling-sup/mat	\$1,898.11	Eakes-off sup	\$98.19
First Concord-fees	\$306.32	Grainger-sup	\$43.35
Travis Harrop-mlg	\$72.36	IIMC-dues	\$220.00
Johnson Service Co-srvcs	\$2,473.50	Lammers, Abel, Kaps-srvcs	\$102.00
Lex Solid Wste-fees	\$819.55	Loup City Auto-sup	\$302.73
MEAN-fees	\$900.00	Mun Supply-sup	\$5.86
NCTC-phone	\$487.51	NE Dept Rev-state tax wh	\$775.09
NE Public Health Lab-tst	\$15.00	NeRWA-conf	\$400.00
NE Salt & Grain-ice melt	\$384.00	NMC Exch-sup	\$28.73
One Call-fees	\$3.16	Petty Cash-pstg/ref	\$429.82
Powermanager-sup	\$111.40	Trotter Srvc Arcadia-fuel	\$1,116.75
Union Bank-inv	\$9,500.00	Village-utl	\$3,221.12
Yanez Service-fuel	\$117.70	AKRS Equip-repair	\$4,087.70
Black Hills En-gas	\$1,417.24	BCBS-ins	\$1,337.72
MEAN-en	\$33,087.69	NE Dept Rev-cons use tx	\$4,986.69
Dustin Schwartz	\$245.00	U.S. Bank-sup	\$1,992.35
City Payroll-sal	\$18,958.99	Federal Tax Dep-tx	\$4,666.07
Invesco-ret	\$1,777.00	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 Henry and seconded by Trustee Hogg to adjourn and on roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Henry, Hogg, Mills, Rehfeld. ABSENT: Fecht. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

ATTEST:


Catherine Jo W. Mills, Chairperson


Michelle M. Nelson, Clerk

(Seal)

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