

VILLAGE OF ANSLEY
Regular Meeting
April 8, 2024 – 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 8, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. Present were Chairperson Mills, Trustees Rehfeld, Hogg, Henry and Fecht. Also present: Michelle, Todd, Lanette Doane, Brandi Cunningham, and other Ansley residents.

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 6:30 p.m.; the Pledge of Allegiance was recited; compliance with the open meeting act was verified. No comments during the public comment period.

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

Legislative candidate for District 43, Tanya Storer, introduced herself to the board and discussed her background. Items discussed were property tax relief, local government losing control of tax levy/budgets, and the EPIC tax. The Board thanked her for her time and willingness to meet with them.

Brandi Cunningham brought to the Board the idea of having/hosting Storywalks around the walking path. It was explained that a storywalk is taking a book, disassembling it, enlarging the pages and posting them around on yard signs throughout the walking path. Brandi would like to do this in hopes of increasing the number of individuals that use the walking path and to encourage physical activity/movement. These walks would start in June and coincide with the library story hour. Planning on having one in June, July, August and October, in conjunction with the Halloween Trick-or-Treat. Brandi did ask if she could attach the yard signs along the fence to the west at the back of the walking path with zip ties. The Board didn't see any problem with that but did say she might want to check with the owners of the land that borders the walking path since the Village is only responsible for half of the fence.

Lanette Doane visited with the Board asking them to start preparing for what could happen in the future with workforce housing in Ansley. There was a meeting with Scotti Ross, Executive Director of Custer Economic Development Corp., on Friday, April 5th to discuss possible locations for a single-family house if the Workforce Housing Grant is awarded to the CEDC. A group of citizens have been volunteering their time to get the town mapped out with possible lots and locations. A digital copy of the map with some estimates of what the Village could be receiving in revenue from sales of services and taxes will be coming the next few months. Lanette reminded the Board that since this would be considered infrastructure, sales tax money could be used to help with this project. The board was reminded that they could look at the property clean up line item on the budget and start trying to do property clean ups maybe one per year if the budget would allow. It was also mentioned that the board could look at identifying a property as unsafe, send a letter requesting the owners to fix it within 60 days and if it doesn't get fixed, then a sheriff's sale is forced. It is a process, but needed to help eliminate unsafe, uninhabited structures. An ordinance for vacant properties might be something the board needs to look at passing.

Department Head and Chairperson Reports – Todd reported (1) Things are going good; (2) Having Squier's bring a port-a-potty down for the lake area; (3) Property clean up last week went well, the individual was a willing and helpful hand. Todd and Christina were there all morning; (4) They secured the dock at the lake.

Chairperson Mills had no report.

Michelle reported on behalf of Jeanne (1) Another slower month (2) Work continues on property cleanup of cars, trash, etc; (3) Working to get dogs licenses since that renewal is coming up May 1st (4) An update will be sent at a later time.

Michelle reported on behalf of Dallas (1) Backflow preventor at the light plant is fixed; (2) There have been a lot of locates; (3) The engineers should be back in the area within the next week or two to

continue their work on that project; (4) Every water meter except one from Nile Street south is now changed out to radio read meters.

Michelle reported that (1) There was an individual that questioned the meter deposit refund policy. The Board said it is in place to use as a final bill payment, otherwise, it will just sit on the account. It was suggested that Michelle find the ordinance that states the deposit requirement and when it went into effect; (2) Asked to get Adobe Acrobat Pro to use in the office for a variety of things. Cathie Jo spoke in favor of this and said that she uses this program a lot and it would be very useful for Michelle and that she would train Michelle. The board agreed to getting Adobe Acrobat Pro subscription for the office; (3) attended clerk school and learned an array of things; (4) The letter for the release of funds for the planning and zoning grant was received. Miller & Associates are working to get the Agreement for our May meeting; (5) Village office will be closed Thursday, April 11th and Friday, April 12th for Michelle to attend the funeral of her grandpa in Kansas.

Todd told the Board that the skid steer has 300 hours on it which is \$2,400 worth of hours and needs new tires, cost of \$1,600 plus \$200 to get tires put on. There is extended warranty on the skid steer which is good through October 2027; however, tires are not included in the warranty. Lanette mentioned that maybe the board should consider adding additional money each month into the General Building & Equipment Fund that is at Custer Federal. Start setting aside money now to be able to possibly trade with at least one year of warranty left on the machine. It was a unanimous consensus to start setting aside an additional \$500 per month out of the light, water, sewer, street & alley, and trash funds effective with the May claims.

The Central Nebraska Economic Development District sent out the community update form, representative information form, and the alternate representative information form. Chairperson Mills asked if anyone would be interested in serving on the CNEDD board. Trustee Rehfeld volunteered to be the representative and Trustee Hogg volunteered to be the alternate. Trustee Rehfeld wondered where the meetings are held and exactly when. Michelle will gather more information and report at a future meeting.

Discussion regarding swimming pool employees brought to the attention of the board that there may not be enough applications to open the pool at this point. We will continue to advertise and correct the ad that was previously published as it had incorrect information regarding the responsibility of who pays for the initial training. CPR Training will have to be done by every lifeguard. Chairperson Mills appointed the following positions of the pool: (1) Pool Manager will be Peyton Henry; (2) Assistant Pool Manager will be Madison Henry; (3) Lifeguards will be Owen Cunningham, Halie Racicky, and Garittee Smith. Wages were discussed. Chairperson Mills moved to set the minimum wage for new swimming pool employees at \$12.00/hour; with returning employees to get a \$1.25 raise from last year. Trustee Hogg seconded the motion. On roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Mills, Hogg, Fecht, Rehfeld; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: Henry; motion carried.

Michelle asked the Board about being able to earn time off so she can attend kids' events, family things, etc. The board discussed options. Trustee Henry moved to change the employee handbook to state that upon start date of full-time employment, employee will start accumulating time off at a rate of .02 x the hours worked per month. Trustee Rehfeld seconded the motion. On roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Henry, Rehfeld, Fecht, Hogg, Mills; NAY: None. Motion carried.

Trustee Henry moved to approve that time off will be accumulated for Michelle starting November 1, 2023 at the time of her full-time employment. Trustee Rehfeld seconded the motion. On roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Henry, Rehfeld, Mills, Hogg, Fecht; NAY: None. Motion carried.

Due to Dallas preparing for the upcoming test on the generator and not being available to attend the meeting, Trustee Hogg moved to postpone talking about the job sharing. Trustee Henry seconded the motion. On roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Hogg, Henry, Mills, Fecht, Rehfeld; NAY: None. Motion carried.

Reminder that Todd will be gone from June 22 – July 8th and we need a full-time employee that has a CDL to run the trash truck during that time. The Board recognizes this issue and will make an attempt to get someone hired.

The Village of Ansley received an ACE Community Involvement Grant in the amount of \$3,157 that was put into the park fund to help acquire a new piece of playground equipment at Ansley Park. With the cost of the piece of equipment, shipping costs, rubber mulch, and labor, the total cost of this is estimated to be \$14,000. Lanette applied for a grant from Spartan Foundation; it was not funded.

Michelle applied for a grant from the Custer County Tourism Visitors Committee; will not know anything until May. Michelle also wants to apply to the Custer County Foundation for a grant, but needs approval to allow herself, Chairperson Mills and two additional board members to sign the application. Trustee Hogg moved to allow Michelle, Chairperson Mills and two additional board members to sign the grant application. Trustee Henry seconded the motion. On roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Hogg, Henry, Rehfeld, Fecht, Mills; NAY: None. Motion carried.

Trustee Fecht moved to approve April claims and all claims paid in March following the March meeting. Trustee Hogg seconded the motion. On roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Fecht, Hogg, Henry Mills, Rehfeld; ABSENT: None. Motion carried.


APRIL CLAIMS

Absolute Plumbing-lt plnt bath	\$3,302.00	Ace Hardware-sup	\$57.60
Ansley Lumber-sup&materials	\$2,539.37	BCBS-ins	\$1,337.72
Border States-sup	\$848.63	Capital Bus-copier	\$141.50
Cenex-fuel	\$593.89	Custer Co Broad-adv	\$75.00
Custer Co Chief-adv	\$51.87	Custer Federal-invst	\$9,100.00
CPPD-lagoon well fee	\$730.97	DOE-en	\$830.10
Lanette Doane-ins	\$286.29	Dutton-Lainson-sup	\$4,264.71
Ferguson Repair-veh repair	\$2,446.56	First Concord-fees	\$8.00
Lex Solid Waste-tipping fees	\$771.46	Menards-sup	\$149.90
Mun Supply-sup	\$394.05	Mutual of Omaha-ins	\$332.80
NCTC-phone	\$483.65	NE DOR-tx wh	\$751.85
NE Public Health-fees	\$777.00	NE Unempl-1 st qtr	\$186.36
NE Generator-srvcs	\$1,442.28	One Call-fees	\$7.58
Osienger & Assoc-srvcs	\$2,821.05	Patriotic Bldrs-srvcs	\$1,211.00
Petty Cash-postage/sup	\$319.45	Ramada-conf	\$297.00
Jeanne Rapp-sup	\$22.25	School Dist-fees	\$200.00
Spartan Foundation-adv	\$125.00	Union Bank-invst	\$9,500.00
Unitech-sup	\$462.50	Village of Ansley-utl	\$1,840.84
WEX-ins	\$32.98	Yanez Service-fuel	\$158.47
Black Hills-en	\$1,172.16	MEAN-en	\$28,624.91
NE DOR-txs	\$3,429.41	U.S. Bank-sup	\$264.57
City Payroll-sal	\$17,742.42	Federal Tax Dep-txs	\$4,841.15
General Collection-garnishment	\$296.76	Todd Grant-cell	\$25.00
Invesco-ret	\$1,118.00	Michelle Nelson-cell	\$25.00
Dallas Thomas-cell	\$25.00		

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairperson Mills adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

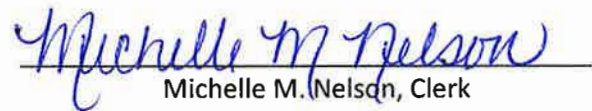

Catherine Jo W. Mills, Chairperson


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