

**VILLAGE OF ANSLEY**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**May 6, 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, May 6, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. Present were Chairperson Mills, Trustees Rehfeld, Hogg, Henry. Absent was Trustee Fecht. Also present was Michelle, Marissa Sell with Scooters Saloon, Craig Bennett with Miller & Associates, Kevin Gustafson with Lower Loup NRD.

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

Kevin Gustafson with the Lower Loup NRD was present and updated the board on the Mud Creek Watershed Project. As of March 28<sup>th</sup>, the watershed agreement had been signed with the NRCS. The 30-day public review period was published in the Custer County Chief on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Hopeful to be in the design phase later summer/fall of 2024 and this phase will last one year and then move onto the next phase to start construction. An emergency action plan will need to be in place and Kevin will work with the Village of Ansley Board of Trustees to establish a plan.

The Board reviewed a Special Designated License (SDL) presented by Marissa Sell with Scooters Saloon in Arcadia. Trustee Hogg moved to approve the application for a SDL for Scooters Saloon for June 29, 2024 from 5:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. on Main Street in front of Gibbons' Electric for the Muddy Creek Festival. Trustee Henry seconded the motion and on roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Hogg, Henry, Rehfeld, Mills; NAY: none; ABSENT Fecht; motion carried.

Andy Gibbons gave an update regarding the Muddy Creek Festival, stating that there are a lot of activities which include but are not limited to, tank races, 5K run, kid games, car show. The schedule of activities has not been finalized. The Board asked if Main Street will be shut down and Andy confirmed that they will block off the street from Flatwater Bank to Yanez Service, but the sidewalks will remain open.

An agreement with Miller & Associates was presented by Craig Bennett to the board for the upcoming project with updating the comprehensive planning, zoning regulations and housing study. Craig gave an overview of the contract and explained the purpose of the comprehensive planning, zoning regulations, and housing study and the need to have one and keep them updated when possible. In hopes that they will be able to have a meeting towards the end of June to establish a survey to start getting out to the citizens of Ansley. Trustee Henry moved to approve the contract as presented with the modification on page one, item two, Time of Performance, changing it from November 30, 2024 to December 30, 2025. Trustee Hogg seconded the motion and on roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Henry, Hogg, Mills, Rehfeld; NAY: none; ABSENT Fecht; motion carried.

Department Head and Chairperson Reports – Chairperson Mills (1) Would like to see a community clean-up day like surrounding communities do before the festival in June. She will work with Todd and Jeanne to get dumpsters in the community building parking lot and monitor them on a Saturday in June. Chairperson Mills will also work on advertising/spreading the word to the community.

Jeanne reported (1) she had some questions for the Village attorney and had gotten the answers requested. The issue arises when there is a vehicle that needs to be towed because of ordinance violation, the Village needs to provide a secure location for these vehicles to go and be stored for up to thirty days to allow the owners to retrieve said vehicles. Jeanne will try to contact Hunter's Towing and work with them; (2) A lot of properties in Ansley are being mowed and looking good; (3) an article was posted in Dates & Updates regarding dog licensing and mowing for two weeks; (4) there is no date of expiration on the current building permit applications. Jeanne asked the board if there should be one to keep citizens on a timeline for their projects.

Michelle reported (1) There is an Accounting and Finance Conference June 12-14 in Lincoln. She will be registering to attend and will have Chairperson Mills approve the payment since early registration came out after the checks were completed but is due by May 28<sup>th</sup>.

Discussion on implementation of an ordinance to enforce single-family residence. Michelle visited with the Village attorney and there are some worries that it could violate Title VII Constitution issues, but there will be research done on overcrowding ordinances and he will let Michelle know what is found. Not having enough information, Trustee Henry moved to postpone this item to the June meeting. Trustee Hogg seconded the motion and upon roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Henry, Hogg, Mills, Rehfeld; NAY: none; ABSENT Fecht; motion carried.

Trustee Rehfeld moved to approve the Blue Cross Blue Shield PPO Option 2 health insurance plan for eligible Village employees effective July 1, 2024. Trustee Henry seconded the motion and on roll call vote on the motion the following Trustees voted AYE: Rehfeld, Henry, Hogg, Mills; NAY: none; ABSENT Fecht; motion carried.

Trustee Hogg introduced the following Resolution and moved its adoption.

**RESOLUTION #02-2024**

**To Designate Official to Serve on the League Insurance Government Health Team (LIGHT)  
Board of Directors**

WHEREAS, the Ansley Village Board has approved and executed the League Insurance Government Health Team Interlocal Agreement (the "Interlocal Agreement") providing for membership in the League Insurance Government Health Team ("LIGHT"); and

WHEREAS, the Interlocal Agreement provides that the Board of Directors shall be composed of an elected or appointed official from five municipalities which executed the Interlocal Agreement, each of whom shall be approved as a Director by the respective governing body of the Village of Ansley; and

WHEREAS, the Ansley Village Board executed the Interlocal Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Ansley Village Board desires to approve the following elected or appointed official to serve as a Director of LIGHT:

Name: Catherine Jo Mills

Title: Village Board Chairperson

(the "Approved Municipal Director").

RESOLVED, that the Ansley Village Board approves Catherine Jo Mills to serve as a Director of LIGHT pursuant to the terms of the Interlocal Agreement and LIGHT's Bylaws.

Passed and approved this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024.

ATTEST:

  
Catherine Jo W. Mills, Chairperson

  
Michelle M. Nelson, Clerk

(Seal)

Trustee Hogg seconded the motion for adoption of the resolution and on roll call vote on the motion the following Trustees voted AYE: Rehfeld, Hogg, Henry; ABSTAIN: Mills; The following voted NAY: None; ABSENT: Fecht; motion carried and resolution adopted.

Trustee Mills introduced the following Resolution and moved its adoption.

**Resolution No. 03-2024**  
**Director to MEAN Board of Directors**

This is to certify that on May 6, 202024, in the Village of Ansley, State of Nebraska, I duly appointed the Utility Superintendent to serve as director\* to represent the Village of Ansley on the Board of Directors of the Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska. The appointment will run until a successor is appointed with all of the powers and duties incident to such office. This certificate is issued in compliance with the Municipal Cooperative Financing Act contained in the Nebraska Revised Statutes §18-2401 et seq.

*\*Upon the adoption of an ordinance or passage of a resolution as provided in this section, the mayor, in the case of a Village, the chairperson of the board of trustees, in the case of a Village, or the chairperson of the governing body, of each of the proposed participating municipalities, with the approval of the respective governing body, shall appoint a director.*

**Alternate Director to MEAN Board of Directors**

This is to certify that on May 6, 202024, in the Village of Ansley, State of Nebraska, I duly appointed the Village Clerk to serve as alternate director\*\* to represent the Village of Ansley on the Board of Directors of the Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska. The appointment will run until a successor is appointed with all of the powers and duties incident to such office. This certificate is issued in compliance with the Municipal Cooperative

Financing Act contained in the Nebraska Revised Statutes §18-2401 et seq.

*\*\*Upon the adoption of an ordinance or passage of a resolution as provided in this section, the mayor, in the case of a Village, the chairperson of the board of trustees, in the case of a Village, or the chairperson of the governing body, of each of*

**Appointment to ACE Board of Directors**

WHEREAS, the Village of Ansley, State of Nebraska, is a party to the Interlocal Agreement creating the Public Alliance for Community Energy and, pursuant to the terms of said Agreement, it is the responsibility of the Village to designate a representative of the Village of Ansley to the Public Alliance for Community Energy Board of Directors provided for under the terms of said Agreement.

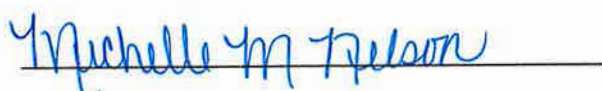
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Ansley, that:

1. The Village Clerk is hereby directed to give written notice to the Public Alliance for Community Energy of the appointment of the Utility Superintendent as the Village's representative to said Board of Directors.
2. The Village Clerk is hereby directed to give written notice to the Public Alliance for Community Energy of the appointment of the Village Clerk as the Village's alternate representative to said Board of Directors.

*This is to certify that the appointments set out above were approved by the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Ansley, State of Nebraska, at their meeting on May 6, 202024.*

ATTEST:

  
Catherine Jo W. Mills, Chairperson



Michelle M. Nelson, Clerk

(Seal)

Trustee Hogg seconded the motion for adoption of the resolution and on roll call vote on the motion the following Trustees voted AYE: Mills, Hogg, Henry, Mills; NAY: none; ABSENT: Fecht; motion carried and resolution adopted.

Deterdings of Kearney is offering a commercial pool school for staff to receive specialized training on their BioGuard Products and updated training on commercial/municipal pool operation. The school will be held on Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:30 pm at the Kearney location. Trustee Rehfeld moved to send the manager and assistant manager to the pool school, pay their wages and meals; Trustee Mills seconded the motion and upon roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Rehfeld, Mills, Hogg; NAY: none; ABSTAIN: Henry; ABSENT: Fecht; motion carried.

Discussion regarding a sidewalk in the downtown commercial district. The board would like a letter sent to the building owner establishing firmly that the sidewalk must be repaired by June 20, 2024. The board asked that Michelle and Chairperson Mills construct this letter and suggested that we have the Village attorney look at it prior to sending.

After discussion with the PowerManager software support, it was determined that the formula the board had voted on at April's meeting wasn't possible. Trustee Henry moved to rescind the motion made at the April 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, 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 and upon roll call the following Trustees voted AYE: Henry, Rehfeld, Hogg, Mills; NAY: none; ABSENT: Fecht; motion carried.

Trustee Henry moved to update the employee handbook to state that paid vacation is offered to full-time employees beginning the first day of employment at a rate of 3.34 hours per month for year one and two; 6.67 hours per month for years three through ten; 10 hours per month for years eleven through twenty; 13.34 hours per month for years twenty-one through thirty; 16.67 hours per month for years thirty-one and on. Trustee Rehfeld seconded the motion and upon roll call the following Trustees voted AYE: Henry, Rehfeld, Hogg, Mills; NAY: none; ABSENT: Fecht; motion carried.

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

#### MAY CLAIMS

Absolute Plumbing-tst	\$590.00	Ace Hardware-sup	\$50.00
Ansley Lumber-sup	\$1,271.24	Arrow Seed-fertilizer	\$900.00
Barco Mun-sup	\$207.31	Beaumont Ent-srvcs	\$100.00
Beaver Bearing-sup	\$4.47	BCBS-ins	\$1,337.72
Border States-sup	\$940.52	Buffalo Outdoor-srvcs	\$119.41
Capital Bus-copier	\$141.50	Cenex-fuel	\$660.52
Custer Co. Chief-adv/pub	\$152.25	Custer Federal-invst	\$9,600.00
Dept of Energy-en	\$749.96	Lanette Doane-ins	\$286.29
Dutton-Lainson-sup	\$392.17	Eakes-sup	\$319.29
First Concord-mgmt fees	\$16.00	Travis Harrop-mileage	\$72.36
LASWA-tipping fees	\$1,114.07	Lincoln Winwater-sup	\$423.10
Loup City Auto-sup	\$121.86	Miller & Associates-fees	\$1,034.00
MEAN-fees	\$1,000.00	Mun Supply-sup	\$1,912.25
NCTC-phone	\$483.65	NE Dept of Rev-txs	\$728.00
NE Public Health-tst	\$1,548.00	NMVCA-dues	\$20.00
One Call-fees	\$64.76	Paulsen, Inc.-sand	\$197.19
Petty Cash-postage	\$85.07	Union Bank-invst	\$9,500.00
Village of Ansley-utl	\$1,873.78	James Reiter-ref	\$500.00
Justin Diestler-srvcs	\$920.00	League-conf	\$565.00
MEAN-en	\$27,418.06	NE DOR-txs	\$3,389.38
U.S. Bank-sup	\$460.15	Yanez Service-fuel	\$427.33
Black Hills-En	\$393.27	Payroll-sal	\$19,045.88
Federal Tax Dep-txs	\$4,996.73	Todd Grant-ph	\$25.00
Invesco-ret	\$1,546.00	Michelle Nelson-ph/mileage	\$90.66
Dallas Thomas-ph	\$25.00		

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairperson Mills adjourned the meeting at 8:41 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.

(Seal)

  
Michelle M. Nelson, Clerk