

VILLAGE OF ANSLEY
Regular Meeting
July 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, July 8, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. Present were Chairperson Mills, Trustees Rehfeld, Henry, Fecht, Hogg. Also present were Michelle, Jeanne, Dallas, Joel Schulte and Terry Ritchie.

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 one had comments during the public comment item on the agenda.

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

An update was provided to the board from Kevin Gustafson, Lower Loup NRD, regarding the Mud Creek Floodplain Project. The update confirmed that the final Mud Creek Watershed Plan – Environmental Assessment was submitted to the NRCS Chief for funding authorization on June 21, 2024. This plan, if approved, will only authorize NRCS to provide funds. Kevin is working with JEO Consulting to finalize the Scope and Fee for the design that will also be used to request funding from NRCS. The expectation is to submit the funding request late July or early August. No solid date can be given as to when funding will be received, but likely it will be after October 1, 2024, the start of the Federal fiscal year.

Department Head and Committee Reports – Jeanne reported the following: (1) There is a rabbit issue that Jeanne has been dealing with. After much discussion, it was determined that this issue needs to be between the owner of the rabbits and the complainant; (2) There are properties that need cleaned up. We can hire Jeff Kort from Litchfield to come in and do the work. He will haul off vehicles to scrap iron, he has a place to hold the vehicles for 30 days if it's something the owner may want to retrieve. The cost is minimal as he cleans up and sells what can be sold and he returns a portion of that to the owners; (3) The property at 1415 Edmunds needs cleaned up. The owners are willing to work with Jeff Kort to achieve this. Jeanne will continue to work with them to complete this clean-up project; (4) There are a few properties that are due to receive a final notice to get their properties cleaned up, Jeanne asked the board for guidance in following through with this action. The Board confirmed to have the final notice served by the Custer County Sheriff to the properties' owners and/or renters.

Dallas reported the following: (1) Johnson Service is in town and will be conducting the cleaning and running camera of the sewer lines. They started posting notices on doors today. They did get two of the three manholes repaired; (2) the annual capacity test on the generators will be Wednesday or Thursday of this week. Dallas will be running both generators simultaneously for 2 hours; (3) Finding someone who is certified and willing to cut a bigger hole in the pressure tank is harder than expected. Dallas will continue to try to find other options. Dallas has called Maguire Iron to ask about them doing this project, but no return call has been received to date.

Michelle reported the following: (1) An individual visited the office this morning asking about the land south of the swimming pool and if the Village owned it. Dallas mentioned visiting with Todd and/or Lanette as he believes there was a stipulation or reason why the Village has that land. Michelle will check with Todd or Lanette and report back to the board; (2) Michelle let the board know that the Custer County Fair is the end of this month, and she will be gone July 30, 31 and August 1 for sure and possibly July 29.

Cathie Jo reported that she will be gone the end of July for a League meeting in Gibbon. Cathie Jo also wanted the board to be aware that the Governor has called a special session, and she has an emergency meeting with the League tomorrow to discuss their strong opposition to his proposal. She will keep everyone informed. Also, a reminder of the comprehensive plan, zoning regulations, and housing study meeting that will be held Thursday, July 11th at 7 p.m. at the Community Building in Ansley.

The implementation of a registration list for landlords to fill out allowing the Village to know who is renting or living in the rental houses was discussed. The advisement of the City Attorney was strong against codifying this in local Code. Joel Schulte agreed with what Trustee Henry was stating and the safety of our community, but also sees that this is a privacy issue and is up to the landlords to be aware of who they are renting to and bringing into the community. No action was taken.

Dallas discussed the quote from Farabee Mechanical to convert generator 3 to be capable of running on natural gas again. Dallas reminded the board how much cheaper it is to be able to generate with natural gas. The board asked what the budget looked like. Dallas said this would be done in September and we would use the next budget year as well as some of the upgrade funds. Trustee Hogg moved to approve the quote from Farabee Mechanical for the reinstallation of missing gas components, provide missing components as necessary, set proper tappet clearance, provide new gaskets, rebuild gas regulator, adjust gas regulator as necessary, adjust governor linkage as necessary, test operate unit to confirm proper gas operation in the amount of \$14,915.00 to be included in the 2024-2025 budget. Trustee Rehfeld seconded the motion and on roll call vote the following trustees voted AYE: Hogg, Rehfeld, Mills, Henry, and Fecht; NAY: None; motion carried.

Trustee Mills introduced the following Resolution and moved its adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. 04-2024

WHEREAS, the Village of Ansley is a member of the League Association of Risk Management (LARM);

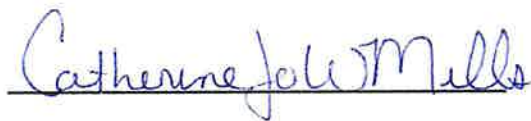
WHEREAS, section 8.10 of the Interlocal Agreement for the Establishment and Operation of the League Association of Risk Management provides that a member may voluntarily terminate its participation in LARM by written notice of termination given to LARM and the Nebraska Director of Insurance at least 90 days prior to the desired termination and that members may agree to extend the required termination notice beyond 90 days in order to realize reduced excess coverage costs, stability of contribution rates and efficiency in operation of LARM; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of LARM has adopted a plan to provide contribution credits in consideration of certain agreements by members of LARM as provided in the attached letter.

BE IT RESOLVED that the governing body of the Village of Ansley, Nebraska, in consideration of the contribution credits provided under the LARM Board's plan, agrees to:

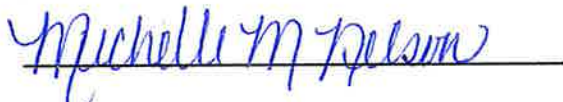
- 1. Provide written notice of termination at least 180 days prior to the desired termination date, which date shall be no sooner than September 30, 2027.
(180 day and 3 year commitment; 5% discount)**

Adopted this 8th day of July, 2024.



Catherine Jo W. Mills, Chairperson

ATTEST:



Michelle M. Nelson, Clerk

Trustee Henry 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: Mills, Henry, Hogg, Fecht, and Rehfeld. The following voted against the same: None. The Chairperson thereupon declared said motion carried and said resolution adopted.

Employee reviews were conducted. The Street Superintendent review was very positive, there are no problems. No questions or discussion from the board. The review of the Utility Superintendent was positive as well, no problems, the employee is doing all that is asked and more. Chairperson Mills reminded the board of all the things that the Utility Superintendent had to do for Muddy Creek Festival and none of those are on the job description. Trustee Fecht agreed and stated that the knowledge that is possessed is extremely valuable. The seasonal/part-time evaluation was completed. It was mentioned that the cleaning time needs to be charged out into the appropriate departments of where the cleaning is happening and not all charged to one department.

Chairperson Mills moved to go into closed session to further discuss employee evaluations and for the purpose of protecting the reputation of individuals. Trustee Fecht seconded the motion and on roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Mills, Fecht, Henry, Rehfeld and Hogg. Motion carried and the board went into closed session at 7:33 p.m. The Board returned to open session at 7:47 p.m. and Chairperson Mills verified for the record that the only thing discussed in closed session was employee evaluations and no action was taken.

Trustee Hogg moved that the Board approve the recommendation that the Street Superintendent, Todd Grant, receive \$1.50 per hour raise at 2,080 hours to be paid evenly over twelve months effective with the July 2024 payroll. Trustee Fecht seconded the motion and on roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Hogg, Fecht, Henry, Rehfeld and Mills; NAY: None; motion carried.

Trustee Mills moved that the Board approve the recommendation that the Utility Superintendent, Dallas Thomas, receive \$2.50 per hour raise at 2,080 hours to be paid evenly over twelve months effective with the July 2024 payroll. Trustee Rehfeld seconded the motion and on roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Mills, Rehfeld, Henry, Hogg and Fecht; NAY: None; motion carried.

Trustee Henry moved that the Board approve the recommendation that employee Christina Beckman continue at \$15.00 per hour. Trustee Hogg seconded the motion and on roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Henry, Hogg, Mills, Rehfeld and Fecht; NAY: None; motion carried.

Further discussion regarding the previous janitorial employee included the verbal resignation of Kelly Cole for that position effective June 20, 2024. Trustee Henry stated that we now need to begin advertising for that position. Also, the job description needs to be reviewed and possibly rewritten. Trustee Henry also voiced concerns and thought it was a good idea to have some oversight of the cleaning/janitorial by the Clerk. Chairperson Mills recommended that the board needs to be very clear on the expectations for the job, how many hours are expected, how to charge hours to appropriate departments.

Dallas asked the board how the advertising was going for the full-time position. Trustee Hogg mentioned trying to advertise with Northeast Community College directly. Chairperson Mills and Michelle will work together to get something for the colleges.

Chairperson Mills asked when the last day for our season employee will be. Michelle will find out and report to the board. Concern of how much time has been taken off from this seasonal employee was discussed. The requirements of the job and expectations need to be made clear to new employees.

Private swimming lessons being held at the Ansley Swimming Pool were brought to the board's attention because of how the pool usage fees and lessons fees are being handled. Trustee Hogg reminded the Board that in March of 2023, they voted to have lifeguards teaching private swimming lessons be paid at the rate of pay set by the village based on their years of experience; only active, regularly scheduled lifeguards can give private lessons; and that if the lifeguards want to set their own rate of pay, then they will have to provide a certificate of insurance and have the Village of Ansley as an additional insured. This was done to protect the Village and the lifeguards in case of an accident. The recommendation from Trustee Hogg was to make sure to collect the pool usage fees from this year's private swimming lessons and that this needs to be re-evaluated in the spring before the swimming pool season commences.

During the summer season it seems that items such as paper towels, soap and sometimes toilet paper get stolen. Michelle mentioned to the Board that Eakes does have a program where they provide the dispensers to the Village with the agreement that the Village will buy all the supplies from Eakes for those dispensers. Trustee Fecht told Michelle to check out Quill and compare prices. Michelle will explore options and have it available at the next meeting. Dallas told the Board that in the women's restroom at the park, there are two toilets and no divider. Everyone likes privacy and one of the toilets is unstable in the concrete, so he is going to remove that toilet. Chairperson Mills confirmed that he will make sure that the one toilet left will meet handicap accessibility requirements. Jeanne mentioned that Michelle should visit with school staff/administration and see where they purchase janitorial items.

Ordinance #531, Fences, Hedges and Walls needs to be made clearer, so it is less confusing for citizens. There was discussion regarding some of the changes. The Board asked Dallas to make recommendations of the changes and bring it to a meeting in the future. Dallas said he will work with Jeanne and Michelle to get a draft and will bring it to the Board for approval.

Trustee Hogg moved to approve the July claims, and all claims paid in June following the regular meeting. Trustee Rehfeld seconded the motion and on roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE:

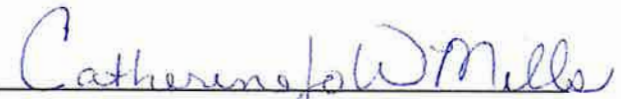
Hogg, Rehfeld, Mills, Fecht and Henry; NAY: None; motion carried.


JULY CLAIMS

Ace Hardware-sup	\$64.85	AKRS Equipment-pts	\$15.69
Ansley Lumber-sup	\$465.60	Beaver Bearing-pts	\$46.51
Border Sts-sup	\$1,340.83	BB Mun Utl-srvcs	\$500.00
Capital Bus-copier/copies	\$177.75	Cash-Wa-sup	\$289.90
Cenex-fuel	\$650.43	Custer Co Chief-adv/pub	\$88.14
Custer Federal-invst	\$9,600.00	Dept of En-en	\$984.18
Deterdings-pool chemical	\$30.56	Lanette Doane-ins	\$286.29
Federal Tax Dep-PCORI tx	\$6.44	Ferguson Repair-repairs	\$2,692.07
First Concord-mgmt fees	\$16.00	Lisa Grauerholz-dep refund	\$200.00
Madison Henry-sup	\$140.06	LASWA-June Tipping fees	\$855.81
Municipal Sup-sup	\$1,613.77	Mutual of Omaha-ins	\$107.50
Myers Const-sup	\$615.28	NCTC-ph	\$549.66
NE DOR-txs	\$730.66	NE Public Health Lab-fees	\$15.00
NE St Fire Marshall-fees	\$36.00	NE Unemp-2 nd qtr	\$68.78
One Call-fees	\$66.78	Petty Cash-postage/sup	\$99.64
T&R Electric-sup	\$13,232.27	Union Bank-invst	\$9,500.00
USABlueBook-sup	\$520.24	Stephan Vath-dep refund	\$200.00
Village of Ansley-utl	\$1,918.05	Wenquist-pts	\$176.04
Wesco-sup	\$2,087.29	Jason White-attny fees	\$165.00
Gene Wissman-dep refund	\$75.00	Yanez Service-fuel/repairs	\$1,478.94
Deterdings-pool chemical	\$416.55	Grainger-sup	\$82.64
NE DOR-txs	\$3,452.04	NE Power Review-dues	\$95.28
U.S. Bank-sup	\$336.26	Black Hills-En	\$621.23
Payroll-sal	\$22,154.65	Federal Tax Deposit-txs	\$5,794.84
Todd Grant-ph	\$25.00	Invesco-invst	\$1,672.00
MEAN-en	\$30,652.27	Michelle Nelson-ph	\$25.00
Dallas Thomas-ph	\$25.00		

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairperson Mills adjourned the meeting at 8:37 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 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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Michelle M. Nelson, Clerk