

**VILLAGE OF ANSLEY**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**August 12, 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, August 12, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. Present were Chairperson Mills, Trustees Rehfeld, Henry, Fecht, Hogg. Also present were Michelle, Todd, Justin Thompson, Joel & Melissa Schulte, Andy Gibbons and Matt Hansen.

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 Rehfeld moved to waive reading and approve the July meeting minutes as presented. Trustee Hogg seconded the motion and on roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Rehfeld, Hogg, Fecht, Henry, Mills; motion carried.

Department Head and Committee Reports – Michelle reported on behalf of Dallas the following: (1) the reason for the outage on Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup> was due to a blown fuse in the substation. Citizens were without power for about an hour and then the generators were up and running for approximately three hours before going back to live power; (2) We received a quote from Maguire regarding the repair to the pressure tank and it was significantly lower than the previously received quote from Viking. Dallas has figured out how to take part of the \$25,500 cost from this year's budget and the remaining from next year's budget. Confirming the board is okay with this happening. The board unanimously agreed to do this and use Maguire as it needs done; (3) There was an application for a building permit submitted and after inspection, the application was denied due to lack of knowledge of the property lines and wasn't meeting the requirements for setbacks per our zoning regulations. The applicant was contacted and informed of this, but the applicant went ahead and put said structure up without permit or permission; (4) There are some sample ordinances that Dallas would like to see put in place for Ansley. This would relieve the Village of having to ask to trim/cut down trees that are in the powerline or close to the powerline. The other ordinance says that Village's responsibility stops at the power pole adjacent to the property line. The main reason for wanting to adopt these is to eliminate property owners from not taking care of trees, bushes, or shrubs that grow and interfere with the powerline. After discussion, the board told Michelle to work with Dallas to draft a copy Ordinance and present it to the board at the next meeting; (5) Provided a map showing the water meters that are left in Ansley to switch out to radio read meters. There are approximately 90 meters left to change; (6) Oil samples from the generators were sent in and everything was great.

Jeanne's report was read. Chairperson Mills questioned the Village jurisdiction on the ETJ. We need to find out if the Village and/or Board can have jurisdiction over anything outside of the city limits but within the ETJ. Trustee Hogg said he felt we needed to stay within the city limits and not go outside the city limits at this point. It was agreed that at this time, the focus needs to be on properties within the city limits and not to exceed those limits.

Todd reported the following: (1) Waiting to hear from paving company that will do the street overlay project. They normally give a day's notice; (2) There may need to be an informational campaign regarding the damage to streets that semi-trucks do; (3) There is a possibility to sell the land that is south of the swimming pool to the individual who inquired about it last month. After visiting with the family, they feel that if it is something that will benefit the Village of Ansley, they are not against the idea.

Michelle reported the following: (1) Looking into the dispensers for paper towels, toilet paper and soap for the park building, block bathrooms and community building. Quill won't give a quote until there is an account set up, but to create an account, an order has to be placed. So, we may not go that route. Eakes will provide the dispensers and install them at no charge if we agree to buy all the supplies from them. Michelle will continue to work on getting numbers and report at the next meeting; (2) RVW submitted a bill in the amount of \$3,000 for engineering fees on the distribution system upgrade. The payment will be wired from the light bond account at Union Bank on Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup>.

Cathie Jo reported that she has been busy with special session meetings for the League. There is a zoom meeting on Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am; updates will be given.

Discussion regarding allowing chickens in the city limits of Ansley. Joel and Melissa Schulte provided information to the board along with a sample ordinance and application from Elm Creek that would be a

detailed ordinance to follow. Trustee Fecht likes the idea and realizes that changes may need to be made to the fencing ordinance as well to make sure that chicken wire fence will only be allowed for a chicken coop/run. Todd raised concern that the chicken feed will bring mice and/or more rodents in to town. Trustee Henry has a concern of how to truly enforce this ordinance. Trustee Henry also said that he liked this sample ordinance because it stated that no one is responsible for the chicken other than the owner. Trustee Henry also stated that there needs to be a standard set and needs to be adhered to and that a list of specific allowable materials needs to be known. The board would like to see an ordinance at the next meeting to go over and possibly approve. Trustee Fecht and Chairperson Mills will work on getting a draft together and sent out.

Trustee Hogg moved that the Board approve the increase to the total restricted funds authority for an additional 1% for the 2024-2025 budget. Trustee Fecht seconded the motion and on roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Hogg, Fecht, Henry, Rehfeld, Mills; motion carried.

Discussion was held on the budget timeline with a projected review at the September 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. The budget has to be filed by September 30<sup>th</sup>. Michelle is working with Chuck at Lammers, Abel & Kaps to complete and file the budget. Chuck wondered if the board wanted to keep the budget this detailed. The board agreed that they want to see the budget kept at the detail that Lanette has been doing. This makes it easier to see what is being spent where. The board asked Michelle to get an example of how Lammers, Abel & Kaps does other budgets. Michelle will work with Chuck and Lanette to prepare the budget. It was suggested by Chuck to keep the levy rate the same due to the uncertainty of what will happen with the legislation and the 3% cap may not be a possibility again.

Lance Rohde filled in running the trash truck while Todd was on vacation. Rate of pay was not discussed prior to Lance working. In the past, Lance was paid at a rate of \$20 per hour and is requesting to be paid at a rate of \$25 per hour. Trustee Henry moved to pay Lance Rohde \$25 per hour for running the trash truck. Trustee Rehfeld seconded the motion and on roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Henry, Rehfeld, Fecht, Hogg, Mills; motion carried.

An ad for the open janitorial position ran in the X-tra and Custer County Chief for one. There was one application received. The board requested to have the ad run for an additional week.

Regarding the full-time position that is open, Trustee Fecht will check to see if we can advertise with Northeast Community College. Andy Gibbons mentioned advertising with Mitchell Tech in South Dakota since they specialize in utility, water and sewer schooling.

Chairperson Mills created a timesheet for the janitor that will require either the utility superintendent or park superintendent to initial. This timesheet is more detailed and specific to the janitorial position

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

#### AUGUST CLAIMS

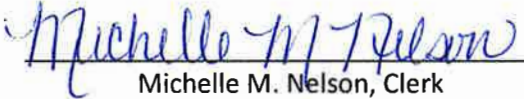
Absolute Plumbing-tst	\$135.00	American Fire-inspection	\$296.00
Ansley Lumber-Sup	\$754.53	Barco-sup	\$1,811.19
BCBS-ins	\$3,074.16	Border States-sup	\$200.19
Buffalo Outdoor-parts	\$11.99	Capital Buss-copier/copies	\$141.50
Andy Cash-srvs	\$450.00	Cash-Wa-sup	\$451.80
Cenex-fuel	\$760.16	Custer Co Chief-pub	\$85.80
Custer Co Sheriff-srvs	\$58.40	Custer Federal-invst	\$9,600.00
Dept of Energy-en	\$907.83	Deterdings-sup	\$91.98
Dutton-Lainson-sup	\$361.44	Eakes-sup	\$172.08
First Concord-fees	\$16.00	Travis Harrop-mlg	\$72.36
League-dues	\$1,112.00	League/Utilities-dues	\$436.00
LASWA-fees	\$954.60	Loup City Auto-sup	\$386.25
Melham Med Center-fees	\$101.75	Miller & Assoc-fees	\$750.00
Municipal Supply-sup	\$15.98	NCTC-phone	\$484.86
NE DOR-txs	\$735.16	NE Public Health-tst	\$140.00
NE DOA-fees	\$186.66	One Call-locate fees	\$60.00
Petroleum Tech-tst	\$63.11	Petty cash-postage/sup	\$164.80
RVW-fees	\$1,545.00	Sargent Drilling-sup	\$204.88
Trotter Grain&Fert-chem	\$146.06	U.S. Bank-sup	\$1,056.25
Union Bank & Trust-invst	\$9,500.00	Village of Ansley-utl	\$2,409.64

Jason White-fees	\$165.00	Working Ecosystems-fees	\$1,072.60
Yanez Service-fuel	\$523.55	Black Hills-natural gas	\$601.16
City Payroll-salaries	\$20,022.32	Fed Tax Dep-tx WH	\$5,454.48
Todd Grant-cell	\$25.00	Invesco-retirement	\$1,672.00
MEAN-en	\$33,450.73	NE DOR-Sales/cons tx	\$4,363.62
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 7:50 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