

VILLAGE OF ANSLEY
Regular Meeting
September 9, 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, September 9, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. Present were Chairperson Mills, Trustees Rehfeld, Fecht, Hogg. Absent was Trustee Henry. Also present were Michelle, Todd, Dallas, Joel & Melissa Schulte, Andy & Cassandra Gibbons, Terry Ritchie, and Rich Broeder.

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. Melissa Schule asked if she had to be present for the agenda item

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

Trustee Rehfeld moved to approve the special designated license for the September 21st wedding reception in the Municipal Auditorium. Trustee Fecht seconded the motion and on roll call vote, the following Trustees voted AYE: Rehfeld, Fecht, Mills; ABSTAIN: Hogg; ABSENT: Henry; motion carried.

Department Head and Committee Reports – Todd reported that with the money from the campground this summer, he is going to order crushed concrete for the road. Todd visited with Myers Construction and priced it at \$35/ton and \$135/hour for the trucks. It is estimated that there will be 6-8 loads with an estimated cost of \$4,000. With the highway construction crew staying at the campground, that will pay for the crushed concrete. Trustee Hogg asked if Todd has heard anything on the overlay project and when that will be completed. Todd said it will be in September and we will pay for this out of this budget year. Board of Trustees asked how many home football games there are. Todd said two home games and some youth stuff going on. He has talked to Garrod Fernau about everything. Trustee Fecht asked what the drain was in the alley to the south of house #4 on Belmont. Trustee Rehfeld said that it is a French drain put in by Bryan Trimble to get the water off the area and not cause erosion. Trustee Fecht mentioned he didn't want to have a big rain, it wash, and then cause ruts, etc. Todd mentioned that there weren't issues with this until people started using the alley. Todd expressed an issue with the mailboxes and said that we either need to get them moved or have them concrete where the mailboxes are. There are 5 mailboxes, and they need to be relocated. Trustee Rehfeld and Fecht will work on this issue and report back at the October meeting.

Dallas reported 1) the water main is fixed; 2) generators are on natural gas and working. They have not run together at once, but each one separately with no issues; 3) proposal from Midland Telecom to fix the sirens. Two of the sirens are connected by copper wire and with the fiber going in, those copper lines are going away. The tornado sirens didn't go off and we need to get this fixed. The sirens will now be radio controlled and will hopefully interconnect with the Firehall siren; 4) pushed the pressure tank repairs to October to be on next year's budget due to the water main leak; 5) still working on getting a locator on this budget year. Trustee Fecht asked what the supplies from Municipal Supply were and Dallas told him they were for manhole extensions and a 2" check valve. Discussion on the water main fix included putting a 4" under the road instead of the 1 1/2". This way if Ansley ever expands to the west, the water situation will be taken care of. Forward planning.

Trustee Rehfeld mentioned that a group is working on getting daycare in Ansley. This group will meet with Precious Angels Daycare on Thursday to begin discussion. If there is a need and interest, Precious Angels Daycare is willing to manage the facility. Trustee Rehfeld will keep everyone updated.

Michelle reported the following: 1) the CD currently at Flatwater Bank will mature on September 23rd. It is currently at 5.06% interest and has a 12-month term. The Board asked that rates are acquired and that is put on the special meeting agenda; 2) The comprehensive plan, housing study has not received very much input. Postcards were mailed out to try to get additional input. Survey ends September 26th but can be extended a week or two if needed; 3) completed website training and has questions about getting an email that is clerk@ansleyne.com. It is \$6.99 per month but is more secure and branded "us". It was unanimously decided to do this; 4) interest on a light bond will be wired on Thursday, September 12th in the amount of \$8,055.00; 5) in looking at getting paper towel dispensers, toilet paper dispensers, and soap dispensers, it does look like our cheapest option is to get them from Eakes. Eakes will deliver and install all dispensers at no cost and will replace them if they get vandalized or broken at any time. To

go buy the dispensers that are needed, we will spend \$1,200 at least and that's not including the product. With Eakes, we buy all products from them. After looking at pricing, it was found that as far as paper products, Eakes is very comparable. However, when it comes to office supplies, we may look elsewhere to get those supplies; 6) will be gone for a little while in the morning for kids' eye doctor appointments, stating that it is not an ideal time since it will be the 10th, but these appointments were made a year ago.

Cathie Jo reminded everyone that she will be leaving on September 17th and will be gone until November. During her absence, Trustee Rehfeld will be the Chair pro tem and has the authority just like the Chairperson.

**ORDINANCE PASSAGE PROCEEDINGS
UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES
Village of Ansley, Nebraska**

Chairperson Mills introduced Ordinance No. 556 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF ANSLEY, NEBRASKA,
CREATING ARTICLE 114 OF THE ANSLEY MUNICIPAL CODE
WHICH CREATES AND ESTABLISHES THE METHOD FOR
CALCULATING THE OCCUPATION TAX FOR TELEPHONE
COMPANIES INCLUDING TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES
AND CREATING THE ENFORCEMENT AND REPORTING
PROVISIONS FOR TELEPHONE COMPANIES AND TELECOMMUNI-
CATION COMPANIES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND
REPEALING EXISTING PROVISIONS OF THE VILLAGE CODE
NOT CONSISTENT HEREWITH.**

and moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended. Trustee Rehfeld seconded the motion to suspend the rules and upon roll call vote on the motion the following Trustees voted AYE: Mills, Rehfeld, Fecht, Hogg; ABSENT: Henry; The following voted NAY: None. The motion to suspend the rules was adopted by three-fourths of the Board and the statutory rule was declared suspended for consideration of said ordinance.

Said ordinance was then read by title and thereafter Chairperson Mills moved for final passage of the ordinance, which motion was seconded by Trustee Rehfeld. The Chairperson then stated the question was "Shall Ordinance No. 556 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the following Trustees voted AYE: Mills, Rehfeld, Hogg, Fecht; ABSENT: Henry. The following voted NAY: None.

The passage and adoption of said ordinance having been concurred in by a majority of all members of the Board, the Chairperson declared the ordinance adopted, and the Chairperson in the presence of the Board signed and approved the ordinance, and the Clerk attested the passage and approval of the same and affixed her signature thereto. The ordinance is to be filed in the Village of Ansley Ordinance Record Book as a permanent record thereof.

Discussion regarding allowing chickens in the city limits of Ansley. Trustee Hogg voiced his concern and doesn't want chickens in town and that the Village doesn't want to open that can of worms. Chairperson Mills recommended that everyone look over the draft ordinance, make changes and bring to the October meeting. Trustee Fecht wanted to stress that chickens are not a support animal. Citizens will have to follow the ordinance and rules put in place.

Discussion on the lots south of the swimming pool included the board saying to move forward. Todd visited with the family that owned and gifted the lots to the Village. The family agreed to the Village selling the lots to improve the community by allowing an individual to build a house and use the funds from the sale to make improvements to the swimming pool.

Trustee Hogg moved in accordance of AHA, the Village approve the appointment of Melissa Schulte to the Ansley Housing Authority Board of Commissioners for a 5 year term, expiring April 1, 2029. Trustee Fecht seconded the motion and upon roll call vote, the following Trustees voted AYE: Hogg, Fecht, Mills, Rehfeld; ABSENT: Henry; motion carried.

Chairperson Mills opened a discussion regarding making a permanent part-time position with benefits of time off. Benefits would be in proportion to the hours worked. Also, possibly making the janitorial job and part-time job just one job for Christina. That way all cleaning would be done during the normal 8-hour day and not working a full 8 hours and then going to the cleaning job. Chairperson Mills and Trustee Rehfeld will interview the janitorial candidate and report back to the board at the special meeting. No decision was made.

The proposed 2024-2025 Village budget was reviewed. The budget hearing and the hearing to set the final tax levy request have been sent for publication and will be held on Thursday, September 19th at 6:30 p.m. in the Municipal Auditorium.

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

SEPTEMBER CLAIMS


American Playground-mulch	\$5,150.00	Ansley Lumber-sup	\$238.51
Ansley Post Office-postage	\$336.00	Arrow Seed-fertilizer	\$529.45
BCBS-Sept premiums	\$1,537.08	Border States-sup/poles	\$20,176.24
Capital Bus-copier/copies	\$141.50	Andy Cash-srvcs	\$200.00
Cenex-fuel	\$816.77	Orin Clinger-lease	\$1,250.00
Custer Co Chief-adv/pub	\$368.04	Custer Co Sheriff-srvcs	\$40.40
Custer Federal-invst	\$9,600.00	Dept of En(WAPA)-en	\$932.17
Dutton-Lainson-sup/software	\$4,710.78	Eakes-sup	\$19.99
First Concord-fees/ins	\$1,016.00	Diane Glenn-dep refund	\$225.00
LASWA-tipping fees	\$903.54	Markham Const-srvcs	\$1,000.00
Municipal Supply-sup	\$455.82	Mutual of Omaha-ins	\$17.12
NCTC-phone	\$479.43	NE Dept of Rev-txs	\$733.69
NE Public Health-tsts	\$262.00	Neal Tree-tree trimming	\$300.00
One Call-locate requests	\$31.96	Petty Cash-dep refunds/pstg	\$431.70
Premier Biotech-tsts/lab	\$87.00	Spartan Foundation-adv	\$130.00
Trotter Grain-chemical	\$146.06	Union Bank-invst	\$9,500.00
Village of Ansley-utl	\$2,080.32	Wenquist-sup	\$148.71
Wesco-sup	\$3,603.96	Yanez Service-fuel	\$476.23
City-payroll	\$17,342.41	Farabee Mechanical-repairs	\$37,724.93
Federal Tax Deposit-tx	\$5,071.97	Todd Grant-cell	\$25.00
Invesco-retirement	\$1,694.00	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 8:24 p.m.

ATTEST:



Scott Rehfeld, Chairperson Pro Tem



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