

**VILLAGE OF ANSLEY**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**November 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 Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. Present were Chairperson Mills and Trustees Rehfeld, Henry, Fecht and Hogg. Also present were Michelle, Todd, Joel & Melissa Schulte, Cynthia Trimble 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. No public comments during the public comment period.

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

Department Head and Committee Reports – Trustee Hogg reported on behalf of Dallas 1) Unit 3 has issues, was forcing water out the bypass tank and contaminated 300 gallons of diesel fuel. They got the tank drained and cleaned and the problem repaired; 2) the staking sheets for the electrical upgrade project are not quite right, but we are getting closer. The engineers will return within the next couple of weeks to re-evaluate and hopefully get the staking sheets correct; 3) there were power lines behind the phone company that were slapping together. Dallas ordered items necessary to fix this issue.

Todd reported 1) the school has the concrete poured at the park for the high jump and long jump pits. Now it is on him to finish putting things back together. Trustee Hogg questioned what they were pouring concrete for. Todd said that they poured a concrete approach for the high jump, long jump and triple jump.

Michelle reported 1) there is a bill to PowerManager in the amount of \$800 for the file setup with the Tantalus integration process; 2) paper towel, toilet paper, and soap dispensers were put in at the municipal auditorium and park picnic shelter. The block/concrete bathrooms will be done in the spring; 3) the school is looking for a place to accommodate a student one hour 2-3 days a week and inquired about using the municipal auditorium. The board was not in agreement for this due to the liability if damage occurs within the building; 4) the new JAG program is renting the municipal auditorium for a community toy drive they are hosting in December. Is there a reduced price for service clubs? The board is certain that there is an ordinance or policy somewhere. Michelle will research to find this policy or ordinance and use that information; 5) we have been working on updating the website and it looks very nice, so if you have a chance to go check it out, please do. Trustee Henry asked how the janitor is doing. Michelle voiced concerns about how well the cleaning is getting done. The board asked Michelle to check out options of a janitor or cleaning service and report back at the next meeting.

Chairperson Mills asked Trustee Rehfeld if he had a report as Chairperson Pro Tem. Trustee Rehfeld said that he has spent time with Jeanne dealing with citizens that are dumping/burying trash in their yards. Trustee Rehfeld questioned on the situation with the drainage issue at 309 Douglas St. Trustee Henry said they are waiting on the homeowners to contact the railroad again and have the ditch dug out by the railroad before the Village can do anything. Trustee Fecht and Todd both agreed that has always been a drainage ditch and water has always run through there. For the time, this will wait until Todd and/or Trustee Henry hear from the homeowners.

Discussion regarding a school bus driver that is parking the bus leaving its 2, driver side (left), wheels on the street concluded with Chairperson Mills stating that she will write a letter addressing this issue with the school. Michelle inquired about the rules of parking on the west side of the municipal auditorium. The question arises due to a message that was received Saturday night from an individual who had the building rented for an event the following day. The board said that we need to get signs to put on the building stating that the parking is for municipal auditorium events only and violators will be towed at owner's expense. Todd agreed and said he would get signs for the west side of the building as well as the north side.

Discussion of Ordinance No. 558 to allow chickens inside the city limits started with public discussion. Rich Broeder started the discussion saying that many people don't realize that when the chicken coops are not kept clean, the stink occurs and is horrid. The concerns Mr. Broeder sees is that we do not have the proper enforcement in place to control having chickens in town. Todd also commented that the

disease that chickens carry is plentiful and that it is not a good idea to allow chickens in town. Cynthia Trimble mentioned that once you open this door, where does one stop. Let's just focus on trying to clean the town up and not take a step backwards by allowing chickens in town.

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

**Trustee Henry introduced Ordinance No. 558 entitled:**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF ANSLEY, NEBRASKA TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO PROHIBIT ALL POULTRY NOT CLASSIFIED AS CHICKENS INCLUDING COCKS AND ROOSTER CHICKENS TWO MONTHS OF AGE OR OLDER WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS; TO ALLOW CHICKENS WITHIN CORPORATE LIMITS; TO REQUIRE AN ANNUAL PERMIT FOR CHICKENS AND TO IMPOSE REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS RELATED THERETO; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

and moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended. Trustee Hogg seconded the motion to suspend the rules and upon roll call vote on the motion the following Trustees voted AYE: Henry, Hogg, Rehfeld, Fecht, Mills. 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 Trustee Henry moved for final passage of the ordinance, which motion was seconded by Trustee Hogg. The Chairperson then stated the question was "Shall Ordinance No. 558 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the following Trustees voted AYE: Fecht. The following voted NAY: Henry, Hogg, Rehfeld, Mills.

**Motion not carried. Ordinance No. 558 does not pass.**

Michelle researched software that would allow employees to clock in via an app that they put on their phones, and it would integrate with our current payroll software with PowerManager. The software, Time Management Systems, provided a quote to the board showing that there is an initial one-time \$1,000 set-up fee and then a monthly cost of \$60. Chairperson Mills stated that is a lot of money for the setting up of the software. Trustee Fecht doubts the worth of the software with only having three to four employees. Trustee Fecht moved to install the timeclock that was purchased, use that timeclock and continue with the written time sheets as well. Trustee Henry seconded the motion and on roll call vote, the following Trustees voted AYE: Fecht, Henry, Hogg, Rehfeld, Mills; NAY: none; motion carried.

Trustee Henry questioned if we are still advertising for a full-time position. Michelle informed the board that we are not advertising for any position at this time since it was mentioned at the October meeting that the position needs to be re-evaluated and then advertising can begin. Trustee Henry wants to put this on next month's agenda when Dallas can attend to discuss this matter further.

Trustee Henry and Trustee Rehfeld conducted an employee evaluation on Michelle in October. Trustee Henry stated that things are going better than expected and she has progressed leaps and bounds. Trustee Henry moved to give Michelle a raise of \$1.50 per hour effective November 2024 payroll, making the total pay per hour \$29.00. Trustee Rehfeld seconded the motion and on roll call vote, the following Trustees voted AYE: Henry, Rehfeld, Fecht, Hogg, Mills; NAY: none; motion carried.

Chairperson Mills mentioned that a mistake had been made when evaluating employees in July. Trustee Henry moved to give Todd a raise of \$1.00 per hour for a total of \$2.50 per hour retroactive to the July 2024 payroll, making Todd's total pay \$33.59 per hour paid at 2,080 hours to be paid evenly over twelve months. Trustee Rehfeld seconded the motion and on roll call vote, the following Trustees voted AYE: Henry, Rehfeld, Mills, Fecht, Hogg; NAY: none; motion carried.

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

**NOVEMBER CLAIMS**

Ansley Lumber & Supply-sup	\$413.64	Ansley Post Office-pstg	\$672.00
BCBS-ins	\$1,537.08	Border States-sup	\$245.49
Broken Bow Mun Utl-sup/ser	\$4,165.80	Jess Brott-mtr dep refund	\$225.00
Capital Bus Sys-copier/copies	\$141.50	Cenex-fuel	\$841.76
Derek Clay-mtr dep refund	\$197.90	Custer Co. Hwy Dept-patch	\$769.70
Custer Co. Chief-adv/pub	\$236.16	Custer Federal-invstmnts	\$9,600.00
Dept of En-en	\$793.36	Deterdings-sup	\$590.98
Dutton-Lainson-sup	\$532.50	Eakes-sup	\$446.18
First Concord-ins	\$216.00	Travis Harrop-mlg	\$72.36
Heartland Hosting-fees	\$70.80	Lammers,Abel,Kaps-budget	\$795.00
Lex Area Solid Wste-fees	\$847.30	Loup City Auto-sup	\$64.99
Mead Lumber-sup	\$147.45	Municipal Supplies-sup	\$537.39
Mutual of Omaha-ins	\$41.54	Myers Const-crshd concrete	\$5,930.86
NCTC-phone	\$416.64	NE Dept of Rev-state tax wh	\$636.47
NE Public Health Lab-fees	\$15.00	NeRWA-fees	\$250.00
NMC Exchange-service loader	\$3,407.07	Northern Tool-sup	\$282.25
One Call-locate requests	\$45.18	Petty Cash-refunds/pstg	\$145.10
PowerManager-mbr support	\$7,896.60	Doug Stunkel-mtr dep refund	\$150.00
Trotter Fert-chemical	\$104.93	Trotter Service-fuel	\$952.77
Union Bank-invstmnts	\$9,500.00	Village of Ansley-utl	\$1,885.72
Wesco-sup	\$627.26	Yanez-fuel	\$414.15
Absolute Plumbing-srvcs	\$240.30	Black Hills Energy-utl	\$802.09
MEAN-en	\$27,842.68	NE Dept of Rev-txs	\$3,187.12
NE Munc Clerk Assoc-dues	\$50.00	PowerManager-sup	\$364.32
U.S. Bank-sup	\$153.87	City-payroll	\$16,759.96
Fed Tax Dep-txs	\$4,908.27	General Collection-garnishment	\$290.41
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 7:40 p.m.

ATTEST:



Catherine Jo W Mills, Chairperson

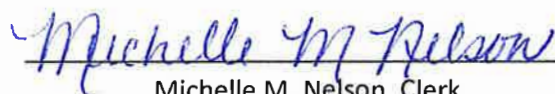


Michelle M. Nelson, Clerk

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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