

VILLAGE OF ANSLEY
Regular Meeting
January 6, 2025 – 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, January 6, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. Present were Chairperson Rehfeld and Trustees Henry, Hogg, Mills, and Schulte. Also present were Craig Bennett and Jason Combs with Miller & Associates, Jeanne, Todd, Michelle, Dallas.

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 Rehfeld 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 December regular meeting minutes and December organizational meeting minutes as presented. Trustee Hogg seconded the motion and on roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Henry, Hogg, Schulte, Mills, Rehfeld; motion carried.

Trustee Henry moved to amend the agenda to add 9) Claims Approval. Trustee Mills seconded the motion and on roll call vote, the following Trustees voted AYE: Henry, Mills, Rehfeld, Schulte, Hogg; motion carried and 9) Claims Approval was added to the agenda.

Craig Bennett and Jason Combs presented a slide show representing the results of the survey that was conducted in August and September. In total there were 67 responses, a 14.59% rate of response. Discussion regarding where Ansley is now and conducting a SWOT analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) and ideas of what could be for Ansley concluded with Craig stating that the next public input meeting will be held sometime in April/May timeframe. They will work with Michelle to set up that date. This 3rd workshop will be looking at the future land use map.

Tyler Kaps of Lammers, Abel and Kaps, CPAs gave the annual 2023-2024 audit report remotely. The audit went well, and all information was provided to the board. Tyler highlighted the accountants' opinions; analysis of assets and liabilities; net position of the Village comparing revenues to expenses; difference in governmental and proprietary funds reviewing the various schedules; notes to the financial statements; cash equivalents on hand as of 9-30-24; retirement plan contributions; transfers and balances; status of bonds and the commitment for the electric distribution system upgrades; comparison of budgeted vs. received and spent and the Village was under budgeted expenses and in compliance; deficiencies reported were segregation of duties and no auditor on staff which are the 2 common deficiencies for most, if not all villages and smaller cities. Chairperson Rehfeld questioned Note F, page 45, last sentence of paragraph 2 asking if it should say "employee's account is fully vested after five years" rather than what it says, "employer's account is fully vested after five years". Tyler confirmed that it was a typo and would be corrected before being submitted. Trustee Hogg moved to approve the 2023-2024 audit as prepared, presented and reviewed at this meeting. Trustee Henry seconded the motion and on roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Hogg, Henry, Mills, Schulte, Rehfeld; motion carried.

Department Head and Committee Reports – Todd reported that 1) there are some issues with the overhead doors at the shop, so he and Dallas have been working with Weathercraft to get an annual maintenance agreement established. The cost to be on the maintenance agreement versus paying them at the hourly rate is significantly less. Weathercraft/Overhead Door will be putting weather strip on all the shop doors to help seal them; 2) not a lot of snow to clear but have done a lot of salting. Did a lot of salting at the school and will see if Mrs. Jonas likes what was done and discuss future weather events and the Village putting salt up there in the parking lots and streets for them; 3) one of the salt spreaders might need replaced as it wasn't working correctly. Trustee Henry asked if the motor could just be rebuilt, to which was answered by Todd that possibly could be the issue; 4) Wastewater school is March 10-12, 2025, in Kearney. Trustee Henry asked Todd how all the other equipment was holding up. The loader is leaking engine oil badly. This summer it will get cleaned up and try to see where the oil is coming from. Did order a part to have on hand for when it does start leaking again. The front tires are in rough shape but will wait until spring/summer. New tires were put on the skid steer before winter. The dump truck is okay, there aren't many miles put on it as it is only used to go to Broken Bow a couple of times a year.

Dallas reported 1) Trustee Schulte gave a number of someone to complete the bucket truck inspection since the company out of Seward is difficult to get out here; 2) uncertain if we will be able to certify the digger truck; 3) waiting on IT to finish setting up the VPN tunnel for the meter reading software; 4) generated Sunday morning for about an hour and a half; 5) there is an issue with the adjustment on the generator, but not sure what it is yet; 6) the annual generation report was sent to the board for their review; 7) solar field is online.

Michelle reported that 1) a mistake was made when paying for the transformers last month. That should have been wired from Union Bank & Trust instead of writing a check out of the Flatwater Bank checking account. Therefore, a wire from Union Bank & Trust in the amount of \$33,334.50 was deposited into the Flatwater checking account. So, the Fund report looks less than desirable, but it isn't as bad as it looks.

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

Trustee Schulte introduced Ordinance No. 559 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF ANSLEY, CUSTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA ADDING SECTION 50.07: SECONDARY ELECTRIC SERVICE EXPENSE AND OWNERSHIP, REPEALING THE SECTIONS OF ALL PREVIOUS ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDINANCE, AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND 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: Schulte, Hogg, Mills, Rehfeld, 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 Trustee Schulte moved for final passage of the ordinance, which motion was seconded by Trustee Hogg. The Chairperson then stated the question was "Shall Ordinance No. 559 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the following Trustees voted AYE: Schulte, Hogg, Mills, Rehfeld, 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.

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

Trustee Hogg introduced Ordinance No. 560 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF ANSLEY, CUSTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA ADDING SECTION 92.13 (C): TRIMMING TREES IN RIGHT OF WAY AND FOR UTILITY SYSTEMS, REPEALING THE SECTIONS OF ALL PREVIOUS ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDINANCE, AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

and moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended. Trustee Schulte seconded the motion to suspend the rules and upon roll call vote on the motion the following Trustees voted AYE: Hogg, Schulte, Henry, Rehfeld, 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 Hogg moved for final passage of the ordinance, which motion was seconded by Trustee Schulte. The Chairperson then stated the question was "Shall Ordinance No. 560 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the following Trustees voted AYE: Hogg, Schulte, Henry, Rehfeld, Mills. 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.

The hearing for the 1- & 6-year street plan was set for Monday, February 10, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at the municipal building.

Discussion on whether or not there should be an ordinance in place for the no parking around the municipal building before we just start towing vehicles ended with Trustee Henry and Hogg asking if the other ordinances for no parking already included something about being able to tow vehicles that were in violation. Michelle will look at the ordinances and bring those to the next meeting for reference. Trustee Henry stated that if one is built, it needs to encompass all no parking ordinances and that all will result in towing. No action was taken on this matter at this time.

Chairperson Rehfeld had questions regarding an advertisement that was in the Custer County Chief regarding fair housing. Michelle informed the board that was required for the CDBG grant that the Village received. In the future, there will be communication from Michelle to the board when things like that need to be done so they are not surprised by citizens that may call or approach them with questions.

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

JANUARY CLAIMS

4 County Heating & Air-srvcs	\$1,069.09	Absolute Plumbing-srvcs	\$1,971.85
American Legal-supp	\$745.00	Ansley Lumber-supp	\$280.61
Barco-supp	\$794.94	Brian Beaumont-refund	\$48.95
BCBS-ins prem	\$1,537.08	Border States-supp	\$114.06
Capital Business-copier/copies	\$145.72	Cenex-fuel	\$646.02
Custer County Chief-adv/pub	\$76.83	Custer Federal-invtmnts	\$9,600.00
WAPA-energy	\$934.12	First Concord-fees	\$16.00
Lammers, Able, Kaps-audit	\$5,865.00	Larry Amsberry-refund	\$125.00
Lex Area S.W.-tipping fees	\$878.02	Loup City Auto-supp	\$245.30
Municipal Supply-supp	\$221.80	Mutual of Omaha-ins prem	\$41.54
NCTC-phones	\$398.33	NE Dept of Rev-state tx wh	\$659.53
NE Public Health-fees	\$83.00	NE Unemployment-4 th qtr	\$8.91
One Call-locate requests	\$5.18	Petty Cash-postage/refund	\$127.82
RVW-engineer fees	\$250.00	Spartan Foundation-adv/pub	\$35.00
Trotter Service-tire	\$272.13	Union Bank-invtmnts	\$9,500.00
V-Bar Trailer-supp	\$146.33	Village of Ansley-utilities	\$2,916.70
Wesco-supp	\$14.91	Yanez Service-fuel/supp	\$627.64
Black Hills-utl	\$2,291.29	Custer Co Reg of Deeds-sup	\$160.00
League-conference	\$856.00	MEAN-en	\$30,987.32
NE Dept of Rev-sales/use tax	\$3,897.89	NE Dept of Rev-Lodging Tax	\$182.75
US Bank-sup	\$74.29	City Payroll-salaries	\$14,774.41
Fed Tax Dep-tx wh	\$4,380.60	General Collection-garnshmnt	\$228.49
Todd Grant-ph	\$25.00	Invesco-retirement	\$1,716.00
Michelle Nelson-ph	\$25.00	Dallas Thomas-ph/mlg	\$102.00

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairperson Rehfeld adjourned the meeting at 9:07 p.m.

ATTEST:

Scott Rehfeld
Scott Rehfeld, Chairperson

Michelle M. Nelson
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
Michelle M. Nelson, Clerk