

**VILLAGE OF ANSLEY**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**March 10, 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, March 10, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. Present were Chairperson Rehfeld and Trustees Mills, Schulte, Henry, Hogg entered at 6:42 p.m. Also present were Clysta Brott, Landon Schulte, Crystal Murrish, Emmitt Hintz, Brian Burns, Dallas, Todd and Michelle.

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 and Facebook page. Availability of the agenda was communicated in advance thereof to the Chairperson and Board of Trustees of this meeting. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public. Chairperson Rehfeld opened the meeting at 6:31 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 Schulte moved to waive reading and approve the February regular meeting minutes as presented. Trustee Mills seconded the motion and on roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Schulte, Mills, Henry, Rehfeld; ABSENT: Hogg; motion carried.

Department Head and Committee Reports – Todd reported 1) the "well house project" at the park is complete; 2) parking issues on the streets needs to stop. It is getting out of hand. All that is asked is for the vehicle to have all 4 wheels off the asphalt completely.

Dallas reported 1) things are busy. Generation was 22,000 kw in a matter of three days; 2) there were some major repairs that needed done and Premier Power was hired to come in and help get this done. This was part of the upgrade project; 3) cannot get the generators to both run on natural gas at the same time; 4) we are set to generate the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of April. The mechanics have the Village on their schedules; 5) there was a water leak that required a part of main street to be torn up to reach the valve, but all was repaired, concrete work done, and is all finished.

Michelle reported 1) the ACE Community Involvement sent us \$4,476.00 for our 2024 participation; 2) funds were sent to Dutton-Lainson for upgrade project supplies in the amount of \$7,284.05 from the Union Bank account; 3) funds were sent to Premier Power for upgrade project in the amount of \$10,875.00; 4) cleaning situation with Dale is not working out. There have been many complaints regarding the cleanliness of the building and toilets not being flushed. There is an application for a janitor; 5) funds will be wired to BOK financial for the electric bond payment on Friday, March 14, 2025, in the amount of \$43,055.00; 6) reminder that clerk school is next week, and the office will be closed. Michelle will take her personal computer to be able to check emails; 7) the school has extra candy that we can buy from them at their cost. Trustee Henry agreed but wants to wait until we know for sure if we will be able to open the pool. Trustee Henry asked if the funds for our upgrade project were being tracked so the board/Village will know where the project is and what funds are available. Michelle gave reassurance that there is a record of those funds being kept in the office in the investment ledger.

Chairperson Rehfeld reported 1) he has visited with one individual regarding the code enforcement position. They were not interested. Discussion regarding the possibility of hiring an officer and sharing that cost and officer with multiple communities. In the past, there was talk with Custer County Sheriff about having an officer here part time and the Village paying in a portion of that officer's salary, but at that time, there was no interest from the Custer County Sheriff's office in doing that. Trustee Henry mentioned that a call to the Custer County Sheriff's Office to address this topic again might be a good idea.

Discussion regarding the traffic code in the Nebraska Basic Code of Ordinances. According to the traffic code, there is to be no parking in the alleys for more than one hour. There are multiple instances where individuals park completely on the street for an extended period. Todd has visited with the individuals and gave them copies of the traffic code stating that they cannot park on the street, but that is not getting a response, and they continue to park on the street. Todd inquired about him taking pictures and having Michelle forward them to the attorney and have him send a letter to the individuals. The board agreed that without an ordinance enforcer, we turn them into the attorney. Michelle with visit with Jason and figure out the steps and/or procedures. Trustee Henry voiced his concern and stated that the weekly drive-arounds need to start happening again to stay ahead of issues with no ordinance enforcer. Chairperson Rehfeld mentioned the possibility of hiring 2 part-time ordinance enforcers. This would allow for more security and support for the enforcers.

A committee consisting of Chairperson Rehfeld, Trustee Schulte and the utility superintendent, Dallas Thomas, conducted an interview with the potential employee, Bryan Kruger. Trustee Schulte reported

that he had made a call to the instructor of Bryan and had received a good response. The committee made it clear to the candidate that there would be a multitude of tasks that may be required, and the candidate understands that. Trustee Schulte moved to hire Bryan Kruger as a full-time employee at \$23/hour with a six-month probation, at which point there will be an evaluation and possible raise. Trustee Mills seconded the motion and on roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Schulte, Mills, Rehfeld, Hogg, Henry; NAY: none; motion carried.

Discussion took place on the 2025 pool season, employees, wages, and prices. Trustee Henry told the Board that there needs to be at least 7 lifeguards to allow for vacations, sports practices, weights, camps, etc. Michelle informed the Board that to this date, there are two individuals returning from last year and that there was an application turned in today and another possible application that will be turned in later this week. Chairperson Rehfeld said we need to advertise and get it in the Chief X-TRA 1 to 2 times and in Dates & Updates. Dallas informed the Board that the high board is not in very good shape and might have to be removed for safety reasons. Trustee Henry voiced concern and asked that all measures be taken to try to save the high board as that is an attraction for our pool. Crystal Murrish asked if there were grants out there to help. Michelle will search for possible grants to help restore the high board. There was minimal discussion regarding wages and rates, but this will be put on the April agenda when we know for sure the outcome of the pool opening. Trustee Hogg and Schulte both voiced concern about what the wage will be since minimum wage is \$13.50/hour. Michelle asked the board if the returning lifeguards would still get their \$0.25 raise for returning and the Board confirmed this.

Chairperson Rehfeld brought information and a checklist to the Board regarding the Village of Ansley becoming a Tree City USA. This is a process, but Chairperson Rehfeld did visit with some individuals that are with the Ansley Area Rotary Club, and they might be interested in doing or helping with this. The Village would have to be willing to have a forester involved and budget some money for this project.

Regarding the application for a janitor, Trustee Schulte and Trustee Henry will conduct an interview with the individual and report back at the April meeting.

Trustee Schulte will make a phone call to the potential employee and offer him the job and let the Board know his decision.

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

#### MARCH CLAIMS

ACE Hardware-sup	\$78.15	Ansley Lumber-sup	\$596.19
Ansley Post Office-box rent	\$154.00	BCBS-ins	\$1,537.08
Border States-sup	\$109.87	Capital Bus-copier/copies	\$145.72
Carrot-Top-sup	\$307.89	Cenex-fuel	\$525.49
Central NE Bobcat-pts	\$374.24	Custer Co. Chief-pub	\$64.74
Custer Federal-invst	\$9,600.00	NE DOE-en	\$925.50
Eakes-sup	\$19.99	LASWA-tipping fees	\$695.17
Maguire Iron-srvcs	\$12,000.00	Matt Friend Truck-pts	\$68.13
MEAN-NOX reporting	\$750.00	MEAN-fees	\$500.00
Municipal Supply-sup	\$454.35	Mutual of Omaha-ins	\$41.54
NCTC-phone	\$413.33	NDEE-pool permit	\$40.00
NE DOR-txs	\$631.66	NE Public Health-fees	\$754.00
Northern Tool-dues	\$42.59	One Call-fees	\$12.30
Petty cash-postage	\$43.80	Harold Scholz-srvcs	\$1,676.70
SE Mun Solar-en	\$550.22	Union Bank-invst	\$9,500.00
US Cellular-tablet	\$111.99	Village-utl	\$2,814.35
Wesco-sup	\$1,874.68	Jason White-fees	\$150.00
Yanez Service-fuel	\$155.04	Black Hills-utl	\$2,778.67
Payroll-salaries	\$14,539.32	Fairfield Inn-conf	\$245.90
Fed Tax Dep-tx WH	\$4,471.19	General Collection-fees	\$178.20
Todd Grant-ph/mileage	\$179.00	Invesco-retirement	\$1,658.00
MEAN-en	\$31,972.20	NE Dept of Rev-sales tax	\$5,112.26
Michelle Nelson-ph/mileage	\$338.60	Dallas Thomas-ph	\$25.00
Trotter Service-gen fuel	\$4,228.54	US Bank-sup/parts	\$829.07

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairperson Rehfeld adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
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Scott Rehfeld, Chairperson

  
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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