

VILLAGE OF ANSLEY
Regular Meeting
April 7, 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, April 7, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. Present were Chairperson Rehfeld and Trustees Mills, Schulte, Hogg. Absent was Trustee Henry. Also present were Melissa Schulte, Raphael Martinez with Sandhills Energy, Crystal Murrish, Matt Hansen, Dallas Thomas, Todd Grant and Michelle Nelson.

Notice of this meeting was posted 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 6:33 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 Mills moved to waive reading and approve the March meeting minutes as presented. Trustee Hogg seconded the motion and on roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Mills, Hogg, Schulte, Rehfeld; ABSENT: Henry; motion carried.

The only bid received on the asphalt project was opened and read. The price per ton was the same as last year. Trustee Hogg moved to accept and approve the bid from Gary Smith Construction Company for the asphalt overlay project at a cost of \$100 per ton for approximately 770T of SPR asphalt plus \$2,750.00 mobilization fee and tack oil cost of \$1.60/gallon with an approximate 1,000 gallons with the project to be completed in the 2025 season. Trustee Mills seconded the motion and on roll call vote, the following Trustees voted AYE: Hogg, Mills, Rehfeld, Schulte; ABSENT: Henry; motion carried.

Raphael Martinez with Sandhills Energy presented the board with an update on the solar project, stating that the solar project went online in December. Mr. Martinez thanked the board and Dallas for the collaboration. He also stated that this project is a successful and operational clean energy asset for the community. There will be on-site training with the Ansley Fire Department and the utility personnel from the Village of Ansley. Training will be done with Kyle Gorsuch, Operations and Maintenance Director for Sandhills Energy. The date and time will be determined between Kyle, Dallas and the fire chief.

Melissa Schulte told the board that in the past she has done a few little clean-up things around the Square Pegs Park such as painting, putting the Little Free Library in, etc. There is a group of moms, new and expecting, that want to see the park get some updates and refresh. Melissa said that they would like to start with some small items that are low cost. They will remove the bricks around the trees and start to update/refresh the area. They are doing a raffle fundraiser during the Muddy Creek Festival and all proceeds will be going to help purchase playground equipment for Square Pegs Park. Michelle gave Melissa a safety handbook that has all the safety requirements for installing playground equipment. Melissa reassured the board that when they get to that point, all equipment will be installed following the safety handbook requirements and standards. The board thanked her for her willingness to make improvements.

Department Head and Committee Reports – Todd reported 1) a young man approached him inquiring about the lots that are south of the swimming pool and wondered if the board was still interested in selling the lots south of the swimming pool. The board agreed that they would be especially to keep a young family in Ansley. Discussion regarding the next steps ended with the board stating there needs to be a survey of the lots done to know exactly what is there and what we have. Next, the board agreed to price said lots at \$4,000/lot and sell three (3) lots. Michelle will visit with the attorney to make sure this is the correct way to proceed and let the board know the response.

Dallas reported 1) We are scheduled to generate next week. Farabee will be in town and planning to put both generators online at the same time to figure out why they will not run on natural gas at the same time.

Michelle reported 1) questioned the process for complaints/code violations/ code violation complaints since there is no longer a code enforcer. The board confirmed that we need 3 written complaints and then we let our attorney, Jason White, handle the situation; 2) we received an invoice from Miller & Associates for the CDBG grant. This money will be transferred from the general checking into the grant checking and then Miller & Associates will be paid. Once we have done that, we will complete a request to draw down off the grant and get the funds reimbursed; 3) looking into adding the

cash register app and accounts receivable app to PowerManager to help streamline things and an easier "paper trail". No quote has been received yet and will keep the board updated; 4) reminder of the public input meeting that will be happening with Miller & Associates regarding the comprehensive plan, zoning regulations, and housing study on May 15th at 6:30 p.m.; 5) there are quotes from two different IT companies. Since the email compromised in March, I feel that it is necessary to possibly step up our cybersecurity and be more aware. The cost is an issue. Trustee Hogg said to have a representative available at our May meeting.

Chairperson Rehfeld reported 1) going to be visiting with Scotti Ross with Custer Economic Development on Wednesday to see about a grant or funding options to possibly help small towns in Custer County share a deputy or code enforcement officer. There are 8 different towns in Custer County that have no enforcement; 2) still looking at the possibility of Ansley becoming a Tree City. The earliest would-be January of 2026. Trustee Mills mentioned that she works with several foresters and since we are part of the Lower Loup NRD, that is a possibility to work with them.

Trustee Hogg moved to approve the resignation of the janitor, Dale Manchester, Jr. Trustee Schulte seconded the motion and on roll call vote, the following Trustees voted AYE: Hogg, Schulte, Mills, Rehfeld; ABSENT: Henry; motion carried.

An interview with a possible janitor was completed with Trustees Henry and Schulte. The interview went well, and Joel would like to see her hired. Trustee Mills moved to hire the applicant, Kali Nelson, as the janitor at a rate of \$15/hour. Trustee Hogg seconded the motion and on roll call vote, the following Trustees voted AYE: Mills, Hogg, Rehfeld, Schulte; ABSENT: Henry; motion carried.

Discussion regarding giving part-time employees cell phone reimbursement ended with the unanimous decision to not give reimbursement for cell phones for part-time employees at this time.

A review of the employee handbook discussed the possibility of adding a few more holidays to the list. Michelle mentioned that some of the holidays that we work, everyone that we work with, the post office, bank, League Office, LARM office, etc., are all closed. Trustee Mills and Hogg said to get a list put together and bring to the next meeting.

The interlocal agreement with the school is up for renewal as of May 15, 2025. The board would like a committee consisting of Todd, Michelle, Mrs. Jonas, and Chairperson Rehfeld.

Dallas had the high diving board and tower inspected by Deterdings and our engineers, Miller & Associates. We received a letter from Larry Steele with Miller & Associates stating that the high board and tower were leaning towards the other diving board/tower, and it has cracks. Ultimately, the high board/tower is at the end of its life and needs replaced. The recommendation was to remove the 3-meter diving stand. Dallas told the board that he would be able to remove the diving stand.

The 2025 pool season is nearing, and we only have 4 applicants and 1 part-time applicant currently. The board does not feel this is an adequate amount to open the pool. We need to change the ad and include the requirements for lifeguards and try to repost. The board has set an application deadline of April 25, 2025, and at that time we will make the decision whether or not to open the pool.

Dallas informed the board that once the new employee starts, he would like to get a contractor up here and start on some of the rebuilding lines, etc. for the upgrade project and have the new employee go with the contractor. This will be good for him to deal with real-life, live experience.

Michelle asked about the date for the May meeting. May 5th is when it should be, however, that night is honors night at the school. The board suggested moving it to May 12th at 6:30 p.m.

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

APRIL CLAIMS

ACE Hardware-sup	\$17.98	Ansley Lumber-sup	\$767.40
Ansley Post Office-stamps	\$1,008.00	BCBS-ins	\$1,537.08
Border States-sup	\$2,281.52	Capital Business-copier/copies	\$145.72
Cenex-fuel	\$673.98	Coble Const-srvcs	\$1,256.36
Custer County Chief-adv/pub	\$99.62	Custer Federal-invst	\$9,600.00

Custer Public Power-utl	\$458.93	Dept of Energy-en	\$892.50
Dutton-Lainson-sup	\$4,527.40	Eakes-sup	\$154.97
First Concord-fees	\$16.00	Todd Grant-reimbursement	\$213.99
Jim's Trenching-srvcs	\$582.84	Lex A. Solid Waste-tipping fees	\$1,037.85
Loup City Auto-sup	\$77.16	Miller & Associates-fees	\$85.00
Municipal Supply-sup	\$47.58	Mutual of Omaha-ins	\$41.54
NCTC-ph	\$413.57	NE Dept of Rev-tx	\$618.05
NE Public Health-fees	\$55.00	NE Unemployment-1 st qtr	\$349.16
Michelle Nelson-conf	\$110.00	NMC-maintenance	\$6,190.36
NSG-sup	\$409.34	One Call-locate fees	\$10.19
Paulsen-concrete	\$406.00	Petty Cash-postage	\$250.65
Sargent Drilling-fees	\$1,442.52	SE Municipal Solar-en	\$873.01
Alan Smith-crack sealing	\$10,000.00	Marriott-conf room	\$110.00
Union Bank-invt	\$9,500.00	Unitech-sup	\$240.80
US Cellular-tablet fees	\$114.45	Village of Ansley-utl	\$1,502.08
Wesco-sup	\$1,600.70	Jason White-fees	\$37.50
Yanez Service-fuel/sup	\$663.12	Black Hills Energy-utl	\$1,006.68
MEAN-en	\$28,027.44	NE Dept of Rev-tx	\$2,918.11
U.S. Bank-sup	\$167.84	Payroll-salaries	\$16,423.98
Fed Tx Dep-tx	\$4,826.51	General Collection-gnshmnt	\$283.90
Todd Grant-ph	\$25.00	Invesco-ret	\$1,206.00
Michelle Nelson-ph	\$25.00	Dallas Thomas-ph	\$25.00

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairperson Rehfeld adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

ATTEST:


 Scott Rehfeld, 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