VILLAGE OF ANSLEY Regular Meeting June 9, 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, June 9, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. Present were Chairperson Rehfeld and Trustees Schulte, Hogg and Henry. Absent was Trustee Mills. Also present were Crystal Murrish, Matt Hansen, Dallas Thomas, Bryan and Cynthia Trimble, 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 6:32 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 Hogg moved to waive reading and approve the May regular meeting minutes as presented. Trustee Henry seconded the motion and on roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Hogg, Henry, Schulte, Rehfeld; motion carried.

Trustee member Catherine Jo W Mills turned in her letter of resignation from the Board of Trustees. The Board thanked Trustee Mills for her time, dedication and service on the board. Trustee Henry moved to accept the resignation of Catherine Jo W Mills from the Board of Trustees. Trustee Schulte seconded the motion and on roll call vote, the following Trustees voted AYE: Henry, Schulte, Hogg, Rehfeld; motion carried.

There was discussion about cybersecurity and IT companies. Michelle stated that we have not had any further issues yet. Trustee Hogg would like to see a presentation with EZ IT to make a final decision. Michelle with call them and ask them to come to our July meeting. Trustee Henry stated that the need for protection is needed and is real. Hackers are getting smarter. If we were to get hacked, what would it or could it possibly cost the Village. No decision was made.

Department Head and Committee Reports – Todd reported 1) We need to get the survey on the lots south of the pool completed. There was discussion regarding if the lots should be sold or what needs to be done with them between the board; 2) cleaned up the kitty litter issue on Locke St with 2 dump truck loads taken down to the compost site. We will need Beaumont Enterprises to come in and till where the ruts were made; 3) parking on Nile Street from Douglas St. to Railway Street isn't getting better and would like to amend the current parking ordinance to add this part of Nile Street. Michelle will have that prepared and ready for the next meeting.

Dallas reported 1) Everything is running smoothly; busy, but good. The mosquito fogger is calibrated and ready to go. We ordered materials for Bryan to study and will have him go do a walk-in test the end of June; 2) we have cut some trees and done some repair work. The City of Broken Bow will come down and get a couple of blocks of upgrade work done for us on Thursday. Looking into having Bryan get his water operator's license; 3) put two new thermostats in the hall/community building/municipal auditorium that will allow Michelle to check them at the office and adjust accordingly. This will save us time and money on energy in the long run. Trustee Henry mentioned that we need to check the insulation in the building.

Michelle reported 1) Accounting and Finance conference is June 18-20, will not be attending in person, but did order the recordings due to some good sessions that she needs to learn about and be updated about; 2) the American Legion would like to donate 6 new white tables and 4 new roasters for the Municipal Auditorium. The Board agreed to this and said we could do a sealed bid for other tables as we gain new ones; 3) self-addressed, stamped envelopes were ordered since the price of stamps are going up again July 13th; 4) Bond payments will be wired this week to BOK Financial for electrical bond for interest only in the amount of \$24,772.50. Also being sent will be the water bond principal and interest from the Custer Federal account in the amount of \$36,617.50 plus \$30 wire fee and the sewer bond interest will also be paid from the Custer Federal account in the amount of \$4,847.50 plus \$15 wire fee. There was an ACH payment that will be sent out Tuesday, June 10th from the Union Bank account for a load of poles in the amount of \$17,410.45.

Chairperson Rehfeld reported 1) he's been researching and working on the pool. There are proposals from Burbach Aquatics, Paddock Enterprises and one coming from Hackle Construction. This project could range from \$1.4 million to \$4 million.

Todd is having issues with people parking on Nile Street just west of Douglas Street and it makes it difficult for people to drive. Todd asked the Board to amend the Ordinance for no parking to include Nile Street from Douglas Street to Railway Street. It will be from stop sign to stop sign and on both sides.

Michelle presented a proposal to add 3 holidays to the list of paid holidays that the employees currently receive. Michelle proposed adding Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, President's Day, and Columbus Day. Heavy discussion regarding this issue included Trustee Schulte and Chairperson Rehfeld stating they had no issues adding the 3 holidays. Todd mentioned to the Board that many of us are on-call and not everyone in the community is. Todd also told the Board that we need to appease young employees to draw them to us. Trustee Schulte moved to approve adding Marting Luther King, Jr. Day, President's Day, and Columbus Day to the paid holidays that the Village of Ansley full time employees would receive. Chairperson Rehfeld seconded the motion and upon roll call vote, the following Trustees voted AYE: Schulte, Rehfeld; NAY: Hogg, Henry; motion failed. Trustee Hogg moved to add two floating holidays to the list of paid holidays. Trustee Schulte seconded the motion and upon roll call vote, the following Trustees voted AYE: Hogg, Schulte, Rehfeld and Henry; motion carried.

There was a quote from Atlas Automation for replacing the meter control panel for the wells. Dallas talked to the company to see about working with us on billing half this budget year and the remainder will be billed next budget year, and they agreed to do this. The company said that by the time they order the components and get them here, they may not be ready to install them until September. Doing this will allow us to know where the problem is and it will cover the reservoir. Trustee Henry moved to move forward with Atlas Automation to replace the mater controls for the wells in the amount of \$8,867.00 and split that into two budget years. Trustee Schulte seconded the motion and upon roll call vote, the following Trustees voted AYE: Henry, Schulte, Rehfeld, Hodd; motion carried.

The west side of the office/shop building needs some repairs. The fascia is rotten and is allowing water into the shop. The Board urged Dallas to look at the budget and make sure that it is within the budget. If there is money in the budget to fix this, then fix it. If not, we will have to wait until next budget year.

Chairperson Rehfeld has been working on getting some information about the pool and will continue to do so but would like to form a committee to help do this. This committee will be two board members and various others in the community. Trustee Schulte and Chairperson Rehfeld will be on this committee. Bryan and Cynthia Trimble have been helping Chairperson Rehfeld and will continue to help on this committee. There is a fund at the Custer County Foundation "Ansley Area Community Swimming Pool" and there is \$2,274 in there. Dallas mentioned that the long-term tax effects are beneficial, and the pool helps retain families with kids and will help bring families in that have kids. Chairperson Rehfeld said that to get started with the prelims, the cost will be \$9,000-12,000 and we will only have one month to get that put together. Trustee Hogg asked if we are looking at repairing or replacing the pool. Trustee Schulte said he doesn't want to start over but would rather just repair if we can. Dallas mentioned the issues Callaway had after building their new facility and then struggled to get staff to run it just the next year after it was built. Another thought Dallas had was to have the school own the pool. That way it would spread the cost to the entire school district and not just the Village/city limits. The pool serves more than just town kids and families. Doing this would open more options. Chairperson Rehfeld also said that Central Nebraska Economic Development could also help with writing grants. Originally, the pool was partially funded with a grant through the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, and we might be able to go back there to get help with this project.

Trustee Hogg moved to approve the Blue Cross Blue Shield PPO Option 2 health insurance plan and the Blue Cross Blue Shield Dental Option Plan B-Enhanced for eligible Village employees effective July 1, 2025. Trustee Schulte seconded the motion and upon roll call vote, the following Trustees voted AYE: Hogg, Schulte, Henry, Rehfeld; motion carried.

Trustee Henry moved to approve the renewal of the Interlocal Agreement between the Village and Ansley Public Schools for a 2-year term effective May 15, 2025 to May 15, 2027 for park use. Trustee Hogg seconded the motion and upon roll call vote, the following Trustees voted AYE: Henry, Hogg, Schulte, Rehfeld; motion carried.

A committee consisting of Trustee Henry and Trustee Schulte will conduct the four employee reviews in June and report at the July meeting.

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

JUNE CLAIMS

4 County Heating & Air-rep	\$1,396.20	ACE Hardware-sup	\$9.00
Ansley Lumber-sup	\$467.45	Atlas Automation-well 5	\$328.86
Barco-sup	\$160.57	Beaumont Ent-ser	\$100.00
BCBS-ins	\$1,537.08	Border States-sup	\$544.76
B.B. Utilities-ser	\$270.00	Buffalo Outdoor-sup	\$793.80
Capital Bus-copier/copies	\$234.32	Carrot-Top-flags	\$150.25
Cenex-fuel	\$836.51	Custer Co Hwy Dept-planks	\$1,343.75
Custer Co Chief-adv/pub	\$81.90	Custer Federal-invst	\$9,600.00
Dept of En-en	\$879.20	Deterdings-pool sup/chem	\$3,278.05
Dutton-Lainson-sup/fees	\$1,064.88	Eakes-sup	\$207.01
First Concord-fees	\$75.00	Flatwater Bank-dep box fee	\$20.00
Grainger-sup	\$97.05	Heartland Hosting-fees	\$299.99
Jim's Trenching-ser	\$107.75	Lex A. Solid Waste-tipping fees	\$1,132.57
Loup City Auto-sup	\$53.38	Layla Mendoza-refund	\$33.29
Midland Telecom-ser	\$1,654.42	Miller & Assoc-fees	\$140.00
MEAN-fees	\$668.00	Municipal Sup-sup	\$735.07
Mutual of Omaha-ins	\$41.54	NCTC-ph	\$501.43
NE Dept of Rev-state tx wh	\$621.67	NMC-repairs	\$11,147.44
One Call-locate requests	\$6.52	Petty Cash-sup	\$313.11
Platte Valley Comm-siren tst	\$515.90	Protective Equipment-tst	\$146.53
SE Municipal Solar-solar en	\$913.71	Jamee Smith-CPO reimb	\$40.00
Sunbelt Solomon-sup	\$1,500.00	Union Bank-invst	\$9,500.00
Village of Ansley-utl	\$1,855.68	Jason White-fees	\$50.00
Working Ecosystems-lake spray	\$769.45	Yanez Service-fuel/repairs	\$712.93
Payroll-sal	\$9,569.43	Federal Tax Dep-tx	\$2,457.46
NE DOR-sales & cons use tx	\$2,919.20	Trotter Fertilizer-chemical	\$281.20
U.S. Bank-sup	\$2,999.80	US Cellular-tablet	\$107.45
Black Hills Energy-utl	\$1,157.66	Payroll-sal	\$16,219.49
Federal Tax Dep-tx	\$4,004.39	Todd Grant-ph	\$25.00
Invesco-ret	\$1,484.00	Bryan Kruger-ph	\$25.00
MEAN-en	\$28,618.13	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 7:41 p.m.

ATTEST:

Scott Rehfeld, Chairperson

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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