

VILLAGE OF ANSLEY
Regular Meeting
July 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, July 7, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. Present were Chairperson Rehfeld and Trustees Schulte, Hogg and Henry. Also present were Crystal Murrish, Bob and Jana Myers, Juan and Jody Yanez, Terri Gaedke, Christena Bryant, Dallas Thomas, Marissa Campbell, 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 6:31 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 Hogg moved to waive reading and approve the June 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.

Chairperson Rehfeld moved to place into nomination Joe Vas to fill the vacancy on the Board of Trustees created with the resignation of Catherine Jo W Mills. Trustee Schulte seconded the nomination and on roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Rehfeld, Schulte, Hogg, and Henry. Motion carried and Joe Vas will serve the unexpired term of Catherine Jo W Mills, which will be to December 2026.

Discussion regarding the IT company situation started with Michelle telling the board that Cody Griffith with Griffith Solutions had reached out to inform them that he had started his own company and that he would be willing to help us out, do a risk assessment to be able to see where we are at as far as security, backups, etc. and then help us to get to where we need to be. This would be an as needed situation, and he would charge the Village at a rate of \$50 per hour. The board was in agreeance to this and asked that he complete the risk assessment and report his findings and suggestions at the August meeting.

Department Head and Committee Reports – Todd reported 1) In the Northeast corner of the park, there was some land that was gifted to the Village of Ansley a very long time ago and the family would like to see a sign or plaque stating this information. The board agreed to this; 2) Things are going well.

Dallas reported 1) Received news that we did receive the Grid Resilience Grant in the amount nearly \$1.1 million. Right now, there is a lot of paperwork to finalize and working with the engineers to make sure we are all on the same page. There could possibly be some training that is needed to comply with the requirements of the grant about the Davis Bacon Rules and reporting; 2) annual generation is scheduled for Thursday, July 10 beginning at 11 am. There will be a representative from the gas company there as we try to run both units on natural gas at the same time; 3) There was some new line rebuilt with the help of City of Broken Bow in preparation for the upgrade project; 4) the tree trimmer is in town and working; 5) there are anchors that are needed for this project, however, the ones that the engineers put down are \$200 a piece, but we do not have the proper equipment to put them in. There are anchors that the engineers would approve that we can install with the equipment that we have, but they are \$300 per anchor and at least ten (10) weeks out. We can purchase the piece of equipment that will allow us to put on the digger truck and install the new anchors, but the cost is \$3,000. There are a lot of variables, and we are still in the process of researching and finding the best solution to fit our needs; 6) a preliminary drawing for new storage units was presented and the hesitation comes with the property owners wanting to fill in the west side of the ditch with culverts. There is a water main in that ditch. The board asked if the culverts would be big enough to handle the water flow. Todd reassured them that the culverts are big enough. The culverts would be the expense of the property owner and there needs to be an understanding that if for some reason we need to dig up that water line, it will also be the expense of the property owner to replace any concrete or culvert if we must dig it up due to a water main leak.

Michelle reported 1) We need to plan for the fourth and final public input meeting for the planning and zoning updates in August. Michelle will check the school calendar and try to find a date that will have the best attendance; 2) Bryan will be attending a testing clinic to obtain his license to spray mosquitos for the Village on Wednesday, July 9th in North Platte. In the meantime, if we need someone to spray, Ty Taylor works for the City of Broken Bow and is licensed to spray mosquitos. We could

contact City of Broken Bow and work something out; 3) Michelle told the board that she will be gone for Fair July 28 through August 1st; 4) overlooked paying the assistant manager the correct rate of pay when she was bumped to the co-manager position, so there will be a backpay for that, which will be in the amount of \$40.00.

Marissa reported 1) there are 6 days in July that we are short-staffed. We will either need to close the pool or hire someone to work in the office and have Marissa work as a lifeguard and the CPO manager to have the pool open. The board asked what days, and they were told July 10, 15, 17, 18, 30, 31. The board told her to proceed with this option; 2) regarding private swimming lessons, Marissa is wondering if something can be worked out to where there is an incentive for lifeguards to sign up to teach private lessons. The board discussed a couple of different options, and the agreement was to have the individuals write two (2) different checks, one will go to the Village of Ansley and the second one will go to the lifeguard minus their wages, taxes, etc.

Chairperson Rehfeld reported 1) looking into a vacant property ordinance to get some of the properties around town cleaned up, fixed up and hopefully livable again. There will be a database that will have to be created and then notice will be given if the property has been vacant for six (6) months or longer, there will be fines if nothing is done. Christena Bryant voiced concern about a property that she has that sits vacant, but she uses it as storage and wondered if that would be considered a vacant property and asked why she couldn't use it as storage. The board assured her that this is just an option that is being researched and that nothing is being passed tonight and that more than likely they are all going to be a case-by-case scenario; 2) have been doing some ordinance enforcement jobs. There are also cattle on the east edge of Ansley that run inside corporate limits. We will need to address this as well. There are chickens within the corporate limits. A letter was personally served on Saturday, July 5, 2025, telling them to remove the chickens from corporate limits.

Regarding the waterway issues behind the property located at 309 Douglas St., Chairperson Rehfeld is trying to get ahold of Eric Smith with BNSF to discuss what the options are because he feels like since the derailment, the ditch was never put back to the original state. Todd informed the board that the way the water dumps and runs right along that property has always done that and it is a natural waterway, and you can't go in there and change things without the NRD and/or Army Corps of Engineers or we will face big fines.

There was discussion about a violation of Ordinance No. 478 regarding having livestock within the corporate limits. Christena Bryant voiced her concern to the board regarding this issue stating that she was grandfathered because she has run cattle on that property before the ordinance was passed in 2011. However, according to our lawyer, the only way someone can be grandfathered is if that livestock is the same livestock that inhabited that ground before the ordinance was passed. Therefore, the cattle cannot run on that ground and must be moved out. The argument was made that by grazing the ground, you cut down on the coons, mosquitos, and all kinds of varmints. Trustee Henry would like to see the survey pins and where the city limits are and then visit with Ms. Bryant regarding some different options. Ms. Bryant mentioned selling the property. Trustee Henry reiterated that he would like to see the survey pins and then will discuss the options with Ms. Bryant.

ORDINANCE PASSAGE PROCEEDINGS

UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES

Village of Ansley, Nebraska

Trustee Henry introduced Ordinance No. 547A entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF ANSLEY, NEBRASKA, TO AMEND ORDINANCE #547, AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING PARKING ON DESIGNATED STREETS; TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE; TO PRESCRIBE THE TIME WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND TAKE EFFECT.

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, Schulte, Rehfeld. ABSENT: None. 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 Henry. The Chairperson then stated the question was "Shall Ordinance No. 547A be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the following Trustees voted AYE: Schulte, Henry, Rehfeld, Hogg. ABSENT: None. 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.

A question as to why there is no parking on Fargo St. was asked. Todd responded that the ditch is too steep to allow people to park to where they are completely off the street. Then the question was asked where vehicles of guests are supposed to park when they visit. Todd recommended they park in the yard, or they can park for a limited time, but to just use common sense. Trustee Schulte mentioned there being a time limit as to how long they can park. Andy Gibbons looked up Ordinance No. 547 and said there is no time limit listed on the ordinance. Michelle found in the zoning regulations that there is a time limit of 24 hours. There was also a recommendation to send letters out to citizens that the ordinance for no parking would affect, this way the property owners know what is going to be expected from that point forward.

Terri Gaedke asked if there was something that could be done to patch or fix the holes by the end of her driveway and in the street. Todd said that it is nearing the time of year when he will begin patching and will add her to the list. It is also on the project list to have this street overlaid this year.

Employee evaluations were completed in June for employees Todd, Dallas, Christina, and Michelle. Trustee Schulte said that all the evaluations went well. Trustee Schulte had asked Michelle to run the numbers in the budget and find out if there was room in the budget for employee raises. Michelle told Trustee Schulte that yes, there was room in the budget for raises. Trustee Henry raised concern about the budget since we added a new employee. Michelle reassured the board that when the budget was made last year, it was considered a possible raise for each employee and added to the budget for July, August and September. Trustee Schulte moved to give employees Todd Grant, Dallas Thomas, Christina Beckman and Michelle Nelson a \$1 per hour raise effective the July 2025 pay period. Total pay for Todd will be \$34.59 per hour paid at 2,080 hours to be paid evenly over twelve months; Dallas will be \$37.00 per hour paid at 2,080 hours to be paid evenly over twelve months; Christina will be \$17.25 per hour; and Michelle will be \$30 per hour. Trustee Hogg seconded the motion and on roll call vote, the following Trustees voted AYE: Schulte, Hogg, Rehfeld; NAY: Henry; motion carried.

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

JULY CLAIMS

ACE Hardware-sup	\$54.00	Altec Industries-sup	\$51.47
American Playground-mulch	\$2,200.00	Ansly Lumber-sup	\$485.72
Ansley School-paper/candy	\$627.51	Beaumont Ent.-srvcs	\$100.00
Border States-sup	\$9,228.56	Buffalo Outdoor-pts	\$126.66
Capital Bus-copier/copies	\$149.53	Cenex-fuel	\$624.73
Custer Co. Chief-adv/pub	\$46.41	Custer Federal-invst	\$9,600.00
Dept of En-en	\$1,057.70	Dutton-Lainson-sup/fees	\$2,198.85
Eakes-sup	\$70.43	Federal Tax Dep-PCOI Fee	\$6.94
First Concord-HRA fees	\$75.00	Lex Area S.W.-tipping fees	\$1,116.66
Loup City Auto-sup	\$334.06	Menards-grub control	\$384.62
Municipal Supply-sup	\$41.81	Myers Const-crushed concrete	\$641.80
NCTC-ph	\$456.50	NE Dept of Rev-state tx wh	\$851.35
NE Public Health-water sample	\$44.50	NE DEE-training	\$80.00
One Call-locate requests	\$17.18	Petty Cash-pstg	\$18.80

Refuse Truck Sales-dumpster	\$826.71	Union Bank-invt	\$9,500.00
US Cellular-tablet	\$107.45	Village of Ansley-utl	\$2,789.23
Wenquist-pts	\$90.94	Wesco-sup	\$3,764.81
BCBS-ins	\$3,572.35	Buffalo Outdoor-sup	\$175.66
Payroll-sal	\$10,808.30	Deterdings-sup	\$315.75
Federal Tax Dep-tx	\$2,886.90	League-fees	\$36.00
Municipal Supply-sup	\$85.14	Mutual of Omaha-ins	\$17.17
NE Rural Water-conf	\$250.00	NE Unem Comp-2 nd qtr	\$198.25
NE Power Review-fees	\$91.48	SE Municipal Solar-en	\$917.70
U.S. Bank-sup	\$1,925.65	Yanez Service-fuel/sup	\$1,015.04
Black Hills-utl	\$1,243.61	Payroll-sal	\$15,568.28
Fed Tax Dep-tx	\$4,108.39	Todd Grant-ph	\$25.00
Invesco-retirement	\$1,240.00	Bryan Kruger-ph/milg	\$249.70
NE DOR- sales & consumer use tx	\$3,365.44	Michelle Nelson-ph	\$25.00
Dallas Thomas-ph	\$25.00		

Trustee Henry moved to go into closed session. Trustee Schulte seconded the motion and on roll call vote, the following Trustees voted AYE: Henry, Schulte, Hogg, Rehfeld; motion carried. The board entered closed session at 7:50 p.m.

The board came out of closed session at 8:29 p.m.

There have been some recent changes; the employee handbook needs to be gone through, and some changes are made. Michelle asked the board if there was anyone that wanted to help do this or form a committee. The board asked for this to be on the August agenda.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairperson Rehfeld adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

ATTEST:

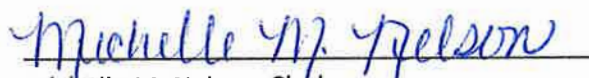

Scott Rehfeld, Chairperson


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