

VILLAGE OF ANSLEY
Regular Meeting
September 8, 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, September 8, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. Present were Chairperson Scott Rehfeld and Trustees Joel Schulte and Chris Hogg. Absent were Trustees Joe Vas and Rob Henry. Also present were Andy Gibbons, Crystal Murrish, Nate Slagle, Melissa Schulte, Matt Hansen, Cody Griffith with Griffith Solutions, Jason White, Village Attorney, 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 August regular meeting minutes as presented. Trustee Schulte seconded the motion and on roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Hogg, Schulte, Rehfeld; ABSENT: Vas, Henry; motion carried.

Melissa Schulte visited with the board regarding bringing the carnival back to town for the Muddy Creek Festival in 2026, but there are some things that they require that she needs to ask permission for prior to signing any contract. First, the carnival would set up on Main St. and we would need to close Main Street from the east side of Fargo St. to the West side of Douglas St. This would change the parade route back to its original route being

They will also need five (5) RV spots for Thursday, June 25, 2026, through Sunday, June 28, 2026, and Melissa said that she can find sponsors to pay for those spots if they City didn't want to "donate" the cost of those RV hookups. She also knows we do not take reservations for RV spots but did ask if she could reserve these spots. And lastly, she wants permission to use the grassy area that the Village owns that is just behind the cardboard recycling trailer to host a goat roping during the Muddy Creek Festival on Friday night. The board discussed everything in detail and unanimously agreed to allow Melissa to reserve the five (5) RV spots and to use the grassy area for goat roping. Michelle did inform the Board that the youth baseball tournament that will be held in Ansley in June 2026 will not interfere with Muddy Creek Festival. The tournament will either run Sunday-Thursday or Monday-Friday, but they will stay away from the Saturday, June 27, 2026 date. Trustee Schulte moved to close Main Street, the east side of Fargo St. to the West side of Douglas St. from Thursday, June 25, 2026, to Sunday, June 28, 2026, for the carnival to set up. Chairperson Rehfeld seconded the motion and on roll call vote, the following Trustees voted AYE: Schulte, Rehfeld, Hogg; ABSENT: Henry, Vas; motion carried.

A tort claim that was filed by Nathan Slagle with the Village regarding a damaged refrigerator due to the planned power outage on August 19, 2025, was discussed by the Board. Jason White gave the Board an explanation of the Tort Claims Act and the options that were available to handle the claim. The Board can approve, deny or ignore the claim. If the claim is denied, the claimant can file a suit against the Board immediately. If the claim is ignored, the claimant is required to wait six (6) months before a suit can be filed. The Board asked to see any written proof that the damaged refrigerator was the fault of the planned power outage. Nathan Slagle said he would have his repair man put something in writing. The Board asked him to get that to Michelle at his earliest convenience. Trustee Hogg moved to postpone the decision of the tort claim pending proper information until the October meeting. Trustee Schulte seconded the motion and on roll call vote, the following Trustees voted AYE: Hogg, Schulte, Rehfeld; ABSENT: Vas, Henry; motion carried.

Cody Griffith with Griffith Solutions gave the Board his recommendation of what is needed for the Village computers and software. At this time, Cody would recommend to update/replace the secondary computer that was discovered to be the file server (Lanette's old computer), update the Windows License on the laptop (Michelle's computer) to Windows 11 Pro and to add hardware to boost Dallas's laptop performance. Cody also recommended the upgrade of the Microsoft 365 licensing to Business Standard. This would allow Dallas and Michelle and the entire board to have an email address that was our domain name, i.e. clerk@ansleyne.com, utility@ansleyne.com, chairperson@ansleyne.com, etc. Trustee Hogg moved to upgrade the computer, Windows 11 licensing, and the hardware in this fiscal year and to upgrade the Microsoft 365 licensing in the next fiscal year. Trustee Rehfeld seconded the motion and on roll call vote, the following Trustees voted AYE: Hogg, Rehfeld, Schulte; ABSENT: Henry, Vas; motion carried.

Jason White gave an update on some of the new Open Meetings Act and what it means for the Board. Mainly, the Board cannot be discussing any Village business that is not in the Open Meeting.

Department Head and Committee Reports –

Michelle reported 1) We have a CD at Flatwater Bank that renews on September 23, 2025, and will be looking into what rates are available at Flatwater Bank and Custer Federal Bank; 2) interest on the electric bond will be paid via wire on Friday, September 12, 2025, in the amount of \$7,460.00; 3) the grant for the upgrade project will require more reporting and tracking than we realized. There will be training required for Dallas and Michelle that will be an hour two days per week for four weeks; 4) Reminder that I will be gone on Tuesday, September 9, 2025.

Chairperson Rehfeld reported 1) There is a County Board of Supervisors meeting that will take place on Tuesday, September 9th that he will attend and has asked Lanette to attend as they are talking about cutting the recycling program out for Custer County; 2) there will be a fundraiser for the pool again during junk jaunt in the garage of Flatwater Bank (old Fire Hall). They will be serving cabbage burgers (Bierocks) and all proceeds will go to the Ansley Swimming Pool fund that is held at the Custer County Foundation. Michelle reported that the balance as of Friday, September 5th was \$3,634.75.

The swimming pool water loss results were received and reported. The loss was not as significant as originally thought. Larry with Miller & Associates stated that he feels the majority of the water loss was coming from the baby/wading pool since it does not have its own circulation system. Larry gave the Board some recommendations to help the pool. They will take this under advisement and make the decisions as they come up and are needed.

A preliminary/draft budget was given to the Board and there was discussion. At this time, we will not get a new mower or new/used loader. The Board would like to see the purchase of a utility/pole trailer put into the budget for Dallas, especially with the upcoming upgrade project. Chairperson Rehfeld did question the dollar amount on page 2 of the 25-26 draft budget as to why it isn't as high as the previous year. Michelle will check into this with the auditors/accountants. The budget hearing was scheduled for Wednesday, September 24th at 7:30 p.m.

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

SEPTEMBER CLAIMS

American Fire-inspections	\$311.00	Ansley Lumber-sup	\$243.73
Barco-sup	\$722.30	BCBS-ins	\$2,803.81
Border States-sup	\$1,081.69	Capital Bus-copier/copies	\$289.64
Cenex-fuel	\$642.68	Orin Clinger-lease	\$1,250.00
Coble Const-wellhouse repairs	\$120.00	C.C. HWY Dept.-bridge planks	\$522.48
C.C. Chief-adv/pub	\$240.24	Custer Federal-invtmnts	\$9,600.00
Dept of Energy-en	\$1,001.45	Dutton-Lainson-sup	\$1,660.33
Eakes-sup	\$140.46	First Concord-HRA fees	\$75.00
Gary Smith Const-overlay	\$81,232.00	Guardian-ins	\$106.80
Industrial Chem Labs-sup	\$189.79	Lex A.S.W.A.-tipping fees	\$1,051.91
Loup City Auto-sup	\$298.04	Municipal Supply-sup	\$27.41
Myers Const-crshd concrete	\$1,954.88	NCTC-ph	\$378.23
NE DOR-state tx wh	\$843.47	NE DOR-reduction/recycling fee	\$25.00
NE Public Health-fees	\$311.00	One Call-locate requests	\$11.83
Petty Cash-postage	\$32.70	Refuse Truck Sales-trash totes	\$680.00
SE Municipal Solar-en	\$813.96	Union Bank-invtmnts	\$9,500.00
US Cellular-tablet	\$107.45	Utility Parts-sup/pts	\$2,453.35
Village of Ansley-utl	\$2,296.04	Village of Ansley-tnsfr	\$40,000.00
Jason White-fees	\$68.36	Yanez Service-fuel/maint.	\$769.61
Payroll-sal	\$7,479.54	Federal Tax Dep-txs	\$2,167.21
Bryan Kruger-mileage	\$254.10	Village of Ansley-emp ins cost	\$76.87
US Bank-computer/hardware	\$852.94	Payroll-salaries	\$11,846.02
Federal Tax Dep-tx	\$3,444.92	Todd Grant-cell	\$25.00
Invesco-retirement	\$1,240.00	Johnson Service-swr clng	\$9,787.95
Bryan Kruger-cell	\$25.00	Michelle Nelson-cell	\$25.00

Dallas Thomas-cell

\$25.00

Village of Ansley-emp ins cost \$76.87

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairperson Rehfeld adjourned the meeting at 8:16 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