

VILLAGE OF ANSLEY
Regular Meeting
November 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, November 10, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. Present were Chairperson Scott Rehfeld and Trustees Joel Schulte, Chris Hogg and Rob Henry. Trustee Joe Vas entered the meeting at 6:35 p.m. and left the meeting at 7:52 p.m. Also present were Bryan and Cynthia Trimble, Terry Ritchie, Crystal Murrish, Gary & Deanna Peterson, Lynn & Kinsy Ryan, Nate Slagle, Rich Broeder, Lanette Doane, Bob & Jana Myers, Sara Parliament, 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 6:30 p.m.; the Pledge of Allegiance was recited; compliance with the open meeting act was verified. There were no public comments.

Trustee Hogg moved to waive reading and approve the October regular meeting minutes as presented. Trustee Henry seconded the motion and on roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Hogg, Henry, Schulte, Rehfeld; ABSENT: Vas; motion carried.

Chairperson Rehfeld opened the public hearing at 6:32 p.m. for discussion regarding the expansion of the extra territorial jurisdiction (ETJ) from the current half mile to the full one mile as allowed by Nebraska State Statute 17-1001. Gary Peterson began the discussion asking what tax benefit the Village will gain and stated that there is no tax benefit and that within that extra half mile, there is only liability that would fall on the Village with no compensation. He also said that as of right now, the County is regulating that other half mile and if the Village feels as though they are not doing their job, then the Village needs to hold them accountable. In Gary's opinion, the County is better suited to "control" that half mile jurisdiction. Scott informed the public that there has been a half mile jurisdiction for many years and that we are just trying to forward plan to help protect the Village of Ansley and the residents. Kinsy Ryan asked the board where their representation is. Deanna Peterson asked if they even have a say in what happens. Trustee Vas asked what her problem was and told them that no one wants to change anything or control anything. Lynn Ryan voiced his concern that he can be told what to do, but he can't tell the Village what to do. Chairperson Rehfeld reassured the concerned citizens that the Board is not going to control, nor do they want to control what is currently happening, but to prevent something that could be a nuisance from happening within a mile of the Village of Ansley. Again, if there is a feedyard that wants to come within the mile from Ansley, the County doesn't care what happens, but the Board does and the citizens of Ansley do. Gary and Deanna Peterson said that is untrue, the County does care and that there are strict zoning regulations and state regulations that would prohibit that from happening. Lanette Doane mentioned that prior to 2011, the Village had a full mile extra territorial jurisdiction, but that was reduced in 2011. Lanette also stated that the "extra" half mile is zoned as transitional ag and that if the Village would take that, it would just be zoned as Ag for the Village of Ansley. Trustee Henry stated that he feels there are State and Federal regulations that will prohibit the nuisances from happening. But what if they want to start bringing in the wind farms and they surround Ansley at the half mile? Todd Grant mentioned that there was an individual wanting to put a pot wash right at the viaduct and that would have created a whole mess and smell, but since there was a half mile extra territorial jurisdiction in place, the Village was able to fight it and keep that from happening. If that hadn't been in place, there would have been no stopping it and we would have a mess right by the town. Trustee Hogg mentioned that the County having the "other" half mile and regulating that, he's not sure that the Village wants that headache. Trustee Schulte agreed with Trustee Hogg. Trustee Henry asked when this issue could be revisited and asked if there could be communication between Miller & Associates to determine the answer. There being no further discussion, Chairperson Rehfeld closed the public hearing at 6:54 p.m.

Chairperson Rehfeld moved to extend the extra territorial jurisdiction (ETJ) from the current half mile to a full mile per Nebraska State Statute 17-1001, per the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Trustee Vas seconded the motion and on roll call vote, the following Trustees voted AYE: Rehfeld, Vas; NAY: Henry, Hogg, Schulte; motion fails.

Claimant, Nathan Slagle, brought to the board a claim that he filed on August 21, 2025, regarding the power outage ruining his refrigerator. The Board had asked him in September to bring a written statement from the repair man that states that the cause of the failure was due to the power outage to the October meeting. Nathan has been unsuccessful in obtaining this information from Staab's Repair.

Trustee Hogg said that the Board needs more information before they can decide. Nathan understood and said he would continue to try to get the information needed. This will be on the December Agenda.

Discussion regarding the issue of livestock running on a property just inside city limits on Douglas Street began with Bob Myers stating that it is cut and dry, cattle are not allowed inside city limits. Chairperson Rehfeld said that there are maps that show where the city limits are and that the property owner can put up a fence at that point and run cattle on the south side of said fence, outside of city limits. Gary Peterson, attorney for tenants of said property, said that there is litigation in process, and curious if there will be a letter from the Village Attorney stating that all litigation will be dismissed? Chairperson Rehfeld said that we will follow up with the attorney, and he will be seeing something soon. Gary said that he will advise his clients of what to do for the future.

Lanette Doane came before the Board to present a proposal for the Village to partner with the Ansley Area Rotary and the Ansley Public School to bring a digital sign to Ansley. The total cost of the sign is \$33,000 plus the labor to dig the hole and the electricity to run the sign. The Rotary Club did fill out an application for a grant from the Custer County Tourism Visitors Committee and was awarded \$12,000 for this project. The sign will be leased for four years and will have payments of \$550.00 per month, \$6,600 per year. Rotary is asking the Village to partner and help pay for the sign at a cost of \$2,200 per year until the sign is paid in full. The location is still to be determined, but the options are either at the junction of Highways 2, 92, and 183 by the viaduct, pending approval from the property owner, or at the junction of Highway 2 and Main Street on Mike Marsh's property. The contract will need to run through the Village of Ansley due to the sales tax exemption. Trustee Hogg brought up the fact that if the Village signs the contract, then that money must run through our budget. Lanette responded, "not necessarily". Hopefully, the school will also partner, and the Village would write a check to Rotary for our share and Rotary will write the check to the sign company. Lanette is also asking that the Village donate the electricity to run the sign. The Board agreed to do that. The Village would also have to add the structure to our insurance. With the grant that was received, there is enough funds for the first two years, because the Rotary Club understands that the Village and School already have their budget completed for this next fiscal year. Trustee Vas moved to sign the contract and to partner with the Ansley Area Rotary Club for a digital sign and to provide labor to hook up the sign and provide the electricity for the sign. Trustee Henry seconded the motion and on roll call vote, the following Trustees voted AYE: Vas, Henry, Hogg, Schulte, Rehfeld; motion carried.

Sara Parliament, County Board of Supervisors, met with the Board regarding the Custer County Recycling program. She brought an expense report for the Board to see what the expenses are for recycling. The County is met with a tough decision and needs to cut costs and they are looking at getting rid of the recycling program or asking the towns/villages to take on part of the expense of this program. Trustee Henry asked if the County has a plan. Sara said that if this was to go to a vote today, unfortunately, the recycling program would be gone. Trustee Hogg asked if the County wants the communities to bite this off. Sara did say that they are all meeting with the communities to find out if there is willingness to contribute to or take over the recycling program. Lanette mentioned that at the Board of Supervisors meeting, they had said the deficit was \$120,000 to \$130,000. After much discussion, there was no decision made at this time.

Department Head and Committee Reports –

Michelle reported 1) There was another settlement check received from the PFAS settlement in the amount of \$18,757.48. The CD that has this money was closed and a new one was opened with the first check, \$5,182.02 plus the accumulated interest, \$53.67 and this check, \$18,757.48, for a total of \$23,993.17. This CD is a 13-month flex; 2) we also received an additional check for the PFAS settlement in the amount of \$4,792.05 and asked to put into a new CD rather than having to close out the other CD. The Board agreed that we take the funds of \$4,792.05 and open a new CD that is "tagged" the same way and have the same stipulations and hopefully the same mature date or close to the same; 3) The annual audit is scheduled for December 17th at the office.

Chairperson Rehfeld reported 1) attended a Central Nebraska Economic Development District annual meeting where they had done a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) Analysis. These were handed out to the Board and Chairperson Rehfeld asked that they be completed and returned by Monday, November 17th; 2) there was a review done for Bryan and that will be on the December agenda; 3) the Village received a water security grant to put a security fence around the reservoir.

Trustee Vas left the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

The engineer, RVW, for the upgrade project is currently going through and tabulating the bids that were opened on October 30th to make sure they meet the requirements. Once this is complete, it will come to the Board for bid approval.

There are and will be old electrical poles that are being replaced with the upgrade project that the Board would like to see be sold rather than just give away. Dallas informed a few board members that the poles are not worth anything and that is why he has been giving them away. The Board agrees that the poles shouldn't be given away and that we need to gather information and visit with a representative of Adam Marshall and get them on one of their sales. Lanette mentioned that we will have to do this by Resolution or sealed bids and have all information on the Resolution, stating how they will be sold, where, and how many.

Discussion on selling the piece of property that is located on Main Street revolved around having the ability to allow this property to be used by Muddy Creek Celebration and that it is an asset for the Village. Trustee Henry moved to not sell the property at this time. Trustee Schulte seconded the motion and on roll call vote, the following Trustees voted AYE: Henry, Schulte, Rehfeld, Hogg; ABSENT: Vas; motion carried.

Having a security surveillance at the office was brought up for discussion. Trustee Schulte and Hogg asked if it was something that the Clerk/Treasurer wanted, and Michelle said that she didn't find it necessary and not sure that the money spent is needed right now. Concerned citizens mentioned that it would be a great idea to at least have some sense of security and would take away he said, she said in many situations. Trustee Schulte will look into cameras. No decision was made, and this will be on the December agenda.

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

NOVEMBER CLAIMS

Ansley Lumber-sup	\$259.29	Ansley Post Office-stamps	\$1,098.00
Arrow Seed-seed/fert	\$181.37	Beaumont Ent.-srvcs	\$200.00
BCBS-ins prem	\$2,803.81	Border States-sup	\$2,527.62
B.B. Municipal Utl-srvcs	\$2,689.00	Buffalo Outdoor-sup	\$34.18
Capital Business-copier/copies	\$145.72	Cenex-fuel	\$753.61
C.C. Chief-adv/pub	\$340.93	Custer Federal-invstmts	\$9,600.00
DOE/WAPA-en	\$852.80	Dutton-Lainson-sup/fees	\$3,154.22
Eakes-sup	\$601.79	Echo Group-parts	\$56.36
Elliott Equip-repairs	\$4,912.66	First Concord-fees	\$75.00
Floyd's Truck-repairs	\$964.93	Gary Smith Const-overlay	\$87.00
Guardian-ins prem	\$122.80	Travis Harrop-mileage	\$75.60
Heartland Hosting-fees	\$70.80	Industrial Chem-chem/sup	\$598.83
Lex Area S.W.-tipping fees	\$997.52	Loup City Auto-sup	\$146.81
Mendards-sup	\$89.82	MEAN-training fees	\$334.75
MEAN-fees	\$150.00	Municipal Supply-water mtrs	\$3,970.98
NCTC-phone	\$414.59	NE DOR-state tx wh	\$789.26
NE Public Health-fees	\$15.00	NeRWA-dues	\$250.00
Oak Creek Engineering-srvcs	\$1,300.00	One Call-locate fees	\$9.37
Paulsen-concrete blocks	\$520.00	Petty Cash-fees/reimb.	\$87.00
Sandhills Custom Creations-sup	\$35.99	Sandhills Energy-solar en	\$719.80
Trotter Service-fuel	\$1,222.00	Union Bank-invstmts	\$9,500.00
Unitech-sewer treatment sup	\$462.50	US Cell-tablet	\$107.45
USA Blue Book-sup/parts	\$139.07	Village of Ansley-utl	\$1,366.45
Wenquist-parts	\$25.66	Wesco-sup	\$4,279.98
Jason White-fees	\$52.00	Yanez Service-fuel/repairs	\$855.94
Payroll-salaries	\$7,235.73	Village of Ansley-emp ins share	\$78.47
Black Hills-utl	\$832.11	NE DOR-sales/cons use tax	\$2,928.58
US Bank-sup	\$1,237.80	Payroll-salaries	\$12,867.40
Fed Tax Dep-tx	\$5,654.34	Todd Grant-ph	\$25.00
Invesco-retirement	\$1,240.00	Bryan Kruger-ph	\$25.00
Michelle Nelson-ph	\$25.00	Dallas Thomas-ph	\$25.00
Village of Ansley-emp ins share	\$78.47		

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