

**VILLAGE OF ANSLEY**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**April 6, 2026 – 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 6, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. Present were Chairperson Scott Rehfeld and Trustees Joel Schulte, Crystal Murrish, Chris Hogg, and Rob Henry entered at 6:48 p.m. Also present were Joel Varah, Randy Jordan, Bryan and Cynthia Trimble, Leo Garniss, Sara Switzer, Travis Harrop, Dale Sampy, Jon Thorn, Chas Fecht, Marissa Campbell, 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. During the public comment period, Mr. Jordan inquired about the issue of a junkyard by his house and the individual living in a camper by his house. Chairperson Rehfeld assured Mr. Jordan that the board is aware of the issue, and they are looking into the issue and will resolve it.

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

Mr. Joel Varah approached the board about the Spartan Youth Baseball using the ball fields. This is the first time that Ansley has hosted a tournament, and it will be on rotation every ten (10) to twelve (12) years. Hosting the tournament allows the organization to pay for expenses through the years. The dates for the tournament will be June 21-26, 2026, with June 27, 2026, as a rain date. Trustee Schulte raised concerns about the Muddy Creek Festival and to confirm that they will not use the ball fields on June 27, 2026, until 5 p.m. Chas Fecht and Joel Varah both agreed and said they would not need the fields until 5 IF they have to use them on Saturday, June 27, 2026. Joel Varah said they would need to rope off a portion of the field to collect gate money and would need to put up a fence two hundred ninety feet (290') out. It will consist of snow fence and t-posts. Todd raised concern about the safety of the kids with t-posts. Mr. Varah reassured the board that they must use certain material. A concern Mr. Varah raised is the fact that they spent \$3,500.00 last year on pro-line to put on the field and it just becomes overgrown with weeds and that the grass clippings that get on the field are not good for the field either. Trustee Hogg told Mr. Varah that they would address this issue. Chas asked the board if bathrooms can be opened. The board said once the water is turned on then the bathrooms will be opened, but unsure when that will be at this time.

Chairperson Rehfeld opened public hearing 1 at 6:39 p.m. the recommendation from the planning commission to approve the comprehensive plan for 2026-2036 was read. Chairperson Rehfeld closed the public hearing 1 at 6:40 p.m. There was no further discussion.

**Trustee Hogg introduced the following Resolution and moved its adoption.**

**VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF ANSLEY**  
**CUSTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 02-2026**

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF ANSLEY, NEBRASKA, ADOPTING A COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT PLAN PURSUANT TO *NEBRASKA REVISED STATUTE* §19-901.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHAIRMAN AND VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF ANSLEY, CUSTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA, AS FOLLOWS:

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board of the Village of Ansley ("Village Board") is in receipt of a final report of the Planning Commission of the Village of Ansley, Nebraska ("Planning Commission") recommending that the Village Board approve and adopt a Comprehensive Development Plan,

as defined in *Nebraska Revised Statute § 19-903*, for the Village of Ansley, Nebraska (“Comprehensive Plan”), said Comprehensive Plan having been prepared by Miller & Associates Consulting Engineers;

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board, pursuant to *Nebraska Revised Statute § 19-904*, was presented with and held a public hearing on the Comprehensive Plan, said Comprehensive Plan being attached to this Resolution as Exhibit “A” and incorporated herein by this reference; and

**WHEREAS**, after considering the advice of the Planning Commission and after a public hearing, the Village Board decided to approve and adopt the Comprehensive Plan.

**NOW, THEREFORE** be it resolved by the Village Board of the Village of Ansley, Nebraska, that;

1. The recitals and findings set forth above be incorporated herein; and
2. The Village Board hereby approves and adopts the Comprehensive Plan prepared by Miller & Associates Consulting Engineers for the Village of Ansley, pursuant to *Nebraska Revised Statute § 19-904*.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Village Board of the Village of Ansley, Nebraska, has passed and adopted this Resolution on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026.

Village of Ansley  
Custer County, Nebraska

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Village Clerk

Trustee Murrish seconded the motion for adoption of the resolution. The Chairperson stated the motion and the Village Clerk called the roll. On roll call the following voted in favor of the passage of said motion: Hogg, Murrish, Schulte, Rehfeld. The following voted against the same: None. ABSENT: Henry. The Chairperson thereupon declared said motion carried and said resolution adopted.

Chairperson Rehfeld opened public hearing 2 at 6:43 p.m. and the recommendation from the planning commission to approve the zoning regulations update for 2026-2036 was read. Chairperson Rehfeld closed the public hearing 2 at 6:43 p.m. There was no further discussion.

**ORDINANCE PASSAGE PROCEEDINGS  
UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES  
Village of Ansley, Nebraska**

Trustee Murrish introduced Ordinance No. 566 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF ANSLEY, NEBRASKA, TO ADOPT THE ZONING REGULATIONS AND OFFICIAL ZONING MAP FOR THE VILLAGE OF ANSLEY, NEBRASKA AND FOR THAT AREA WITHIN THE EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF ITS CORPORATE LIMITS AS PREPARED BY MILLER & ASSOCIATES CONSULTING ENGINEERS, P.C. FOR THE VILLAGE OF ANSLEY, NEBRASKA; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPEAL OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT HERewith; TO PROVIDE WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND 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: Murrish, Hogg, Schulte, Rehfeld. The following voted NAY: None. Absent: Henry. 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 Murrish moved for final passage of the ordinance, which motion was seconded by Trustee Schulte. The Chairperson then stated the question was "Shall Ordinance No. 566 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the following Trustees voted AYE: Murrish, Hogg, Schulte, Rehfeld. The following voted NAY: None. Absent: Henry.

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.

Chairperson Rehfeld opened public hearing 3 at 6:45 p.m. and the recommendation from the planning commission to approve the subdivision regulations was read. Chairperson Rehfeld closed the public hearing 3 at 6:46 p.m. There was no further discussion.

**ORDINANCE PASSAGE PROCEEDINGS  
UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES  
Village of Ansley, Nebraska**

Trustee Hogg introduced Ordinance No. 567 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF ANSLEY, NEBRASKA, TO ADOPT THE SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS FOR THE VILLAGE OF ANSLEY, NEBRASKA AND FOR THAT AREA WITHIN THE EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF ITS CORPORATE LIMITS AS PREPARED BY MILLER & ASSOCIATES CONSULTING ENGINEERS, P.C. FOR THE VILLAGE OF ANSLEY, NEBRASKA; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPEAL OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT HERewith; TO PROVIDE WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.**

and moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended. Trustee Schulte seconded the motion to suspend the rules and upon roll call vote on the motion the following Trustees voted AYE: Hogg, Schulte, Rehfeld, Murrish. The following voted NAY: None. Absent: Henry. 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 Hogg moved for final passage of the ordinance, which motion was seconded by Trustee Murrish. The Chairperson then stated the question was "Shall Ordinance No. 567 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the following Trustees voted AYE: Hogg, Murrish, Schulte, Rehfeld. The following voted NAY: None. Absent: Henry.

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.

Department Head and Committee Reports – Todd reported 1) the dump truck broke down and might be a good idea to look at replacing it with a dump trailer and we could sell or auction off the dump truck, car trailer, and a few other miscellaneous items. Trustee Henry told Todd to figure out what he wants and bring the numbers and information to the next meeting. Trustee Henry also stated that Todd needs to gather a list of equipment that he wants to put on auction and get the items listed. Michelle questioned if we are able do that and maybe we need to look at the steps needed to be taken for the

Village to put things on an auction. Trustee Henry stated we can do it, but Trustee Hogg told Michelle to find out what the steps are to do this the right way.

Trustee Hogg reported for Dallas 1) the digger truck had to get 2 new tires; 2) Ervie looked at the transmission and said that it was full of froth and metal filings; 3) with regard to the upgrade project, the total cost of the project is \$2.5 million, and \$1.4 million is the Village's responsibility. However, we have paid to-date over \$700,000 and there will be another \$100,000 going out in wires on Wednesday, April 8, 2026. The board wants Dallas to get prices of all materials and/or supplies that he is wanting/need for the project so we can move forward with the project.

Michelle reported 1) the lineworker apprenticeship for Bryan is a way for him to keep earning certificates and improving in his line of work. The board said that if Dallas can find it in the budget to get Bryan signed up, then go ahead.

Sara Parliament with the Custer County Board of Supervisors approached the board asking if they are still in agreement to go into an agreement with them in regards to the communications tower that is currently owned by Region 26, but Custer County Board of Supervisors wish to put a bid in to buy the tower from Region 26. Region 26 is no longer the main point of contact for them, it is Custer County Communications. It was stated that County Attorney, Steven Bowers, will draw up the agreement. The board asked that it be a 99-year lease.

Trustee Henry started discussions on the car port at 1009 Fargo St. that is there "illegally" as it has no permit and needs to go. Trustee Schulte voiced concern about letting citizens put structures on Village property or right-of-way. Todd voiced his opinion about a fence in the north part of town that was put up with no permit and that if the car port has to go, then the fence needs to go until there is a permit. Chairperson Rehfeld said he would work with Todd on the fence issue and that yes, we are trying to be equal for everyone and follow the zoning regulations for all across the board. The board was in agreement with the fact that the car port is not permitted to be there and needs to be move and then a new application for a permit needs to be turned in and if they would like to try for a variance, then it would have to go in front of the planning commission at a public hearing and then back to the Village Board at a public hearing.

The first reading of Ordinance No. 568 included intense discussion among the public and board. Most citizens feel this is overreach and they shouldn't be told how they can or can't use their property. Chairperson Rehfeld wants the public to see how this would be beneficial for the Village in creating revenue and renovations to houses to bring people back into Ansley. Trustee Schulte voiced that he is and will continue to be strongly against this ordinance. Trustee Hogg said that with this ordinance, it feels like a homeowner's association and he doesn't want that. This is why we live in a small town. One concerned citizen raised a concern regarding how the ordinance reads that it will allow people to enter homes to label them as vacant. Chairperson Rehfeld responded that they would have to have permission to enter the property. Cynthia Trimble suggested that the enforcer from Central City, who has many years of experience and has cleaned up Central City, come to answer questions for the public. We need to hear from the experts. Mrs. Trimble offered to contact the individual and pay for mileage for her to come speak at the May meeting.

Resolution 03-2026 Facility rates for the auditorium, park building and RV spots were discussed. Discussion included the thought of closing the campground from October or November to April due to there being no water or sewer during the winter months. Trustee Hogg moved to postpone the passage of Resolution 03-2026 to the May meeting. Trustee Murrish seconded the motion and on roll call vote, the following Trustees voted AYE: Hogg, Murrish, Henry, Rehfeld, Schulte; motion carried.

The first reading of Ordinance No. 565 – Trash Rates included the ordinance with the new proposed trash rates being read to the public. No further discussion.

The 2026 swimming pool season will be here before we know it. There have been applications submitted for manager and lifeguard positions. Chairperson Rehfeld formed a committee consisting of Trustee Schulte and Trustee Murrish to meet with applicants. We will hold a special meeting to complete the hiring process for the manager and discuss wages at that point.

A comparison of the surveillance camera systems was given to the board. After some discussion, Trustee Hogg asked if it was in the budget or needed to wait until the next budget year. Michelle said we could squeeze it in, but it would be better if it waited for the next budget year. Trustee Henry asked if the avenue of Ring camera or something smaller would work. Trustee Henry moved to allow Michelle to research and purchase a camera system in the amount of no more than \$600 for equipment. Trustee

Hogg seconded the motion and on roll call vote, the following Trustees voted AYE: Henry, Hogg, Schulte, Murrish, Rehfeld; motion carried.

Trustee Murrish has been working with Michelle to update the employee handbook and did ask for some recommendations from the board regarding the PTO. Trustee Henry moved to postpone the discussion and approval of the handbook to the May meeting. Trustee Hogg seconded the motion and on roll call vote, the following Trustees voted AYE: Henry, Hogg, Murrish, Schulte, Rehfeld; motion carried.

A Special Designated License (SDL) was presented to the board for the Ansley Fire & Rescue to do a beer garden during the Muddy Creek Festival within the Community Building, the parking lot and the grassy lot to the southeast. This would all be double fenced with 6' cattle panels and they would check ID's and put wristbands on. Trustee Hogg moved to approve the SDL for the Ansley Fire & Rescue for the Muddy Creek Festival. Trustee Schulte seconded the motion and on roll call vote, the following Trustees voted AYE: Hogg, Schulte, Rehfeld, Murrish, Henry; motion carried.

The Village Board of Trustees reviewed the planning documents and found that Miller & Associates' services were satisfactory, and the comprehensive plan that includes the housing study, zoning regulations, and subdivision regulations have been approved. Trustee Hogg moved to approve the claims from Central Nebraska Economic Development District in the amount of \$3,000.00 and Miller & Associates in the amount of \$20,000.00 regarding the CDBG planning grant. Trustee Murrish seconded the motion and on roll call vote, the following Trustees voted AYE: Hogg, Murrish, Henry, Rehfeld, Schulte; motion carried.

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

#### APRIL CLAIMS

ASAP Express-shipping wt sample	\$40.00	ACE Hardware-sup	\$42.98
AG-Land-battery	\$215.98	Ansley Lumber-sup	\$637.57
Big A Construction-crack fill/seal	\$14,999.55	BCBS-ins	\$2,803.81
Capital Bus-copier/copies	\$150.99	Cenex-fuel	\$749.81
Custer Co. Chief-adv/pub	\$155.61	Custer Federal-invst	\$9,600.00
Custer Public Power-lagoon fee	\$560.31	DOE-en	\$948.00
Dutton-Lainson-fees	\$619.83	Eakes-office sup	\$13.28
First Concord-HRA mgmt fees	\$75.00	Guardian-ins	\$110.00
LASWA-landfill tipping fees	\$968.46	Loup City Auto-sup	\$499.00
MEAN-en	\$31,308.49	MEAN-reporting fees	\$1,250.00
MEAN-SLEIS/COC	\$1,750.00	Myers Const-crushed concrete	\$638.81
National Sign-street signs	\$470.21	NCTC-phone/internet	\$369.12
NE DOR-state tax wh	\$686.07	NE Public Health-fees	\$854.00
NeRWA-dues	\$250.00	NE Unemployment Com-1 <sup>st</sup> qtr	\$500.40
NE Machinery-parts	\$175.84	One Call-locate requests	\$15.46
Petty Cash-postage/refund	\$12.90	SE Municipal Solar-en	\$918.25
Shafer's Diesel-truck maint.	\$260.00	Star Seed-fertilizer	\$1,359.60
Union Bank-invst	\$9,500.00	US Cellular-tablet	\$81.72
Utility Parts Central-parts	\$667.67	Village of Ansley-utl	\$1,817.52
Wenquist-oil	\$32.07	Jason White-fees	\$537.50
Yanez Service-fuel/main/parts	\$654.74	City Payroll-salaries	\$7,661.83
Black Hills-utl	\$723.36	NE DOR-sales/cons use tax	\$3,337.61
US Bank-sup	\$623.87	City Payroll-salaries	\$10,967.79
Fed Tax Dep-tx	\$5,237.44	Todd Grant-ph	\$25.00
Invesco-retirement	\$2,200.00	Bryan Kruger-ph	\$25.00
Michelle Nelson-ph	\$25.00	Dallas Thomas-ph	\$25.00
Village of Ansley-emp ins cost	\$153.74		

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairperson Rehfeld adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

ATTEST:

Scott Rehfeld  
Scott Rehfeld, Chairperson

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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