VILLAGE OF ANSLEY
Regular Meeting
May 11, 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, May 11, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. Present were Chairperson Scott Rehfeld and Trustees Joel Schulte, Crystal Murrish, Chris Hogg, and Rob Henry. Also present were Randy Jordan, Bryan and Cynthia Trimble, Travis Harrop, Ervie Ferguson, Andy Gibbons, Larry Newman, Karm Shafer, Makin and Amanda Shafer, Sara Parliament, Carla Kimball and LaNae Maxson with Central Nebraska Economic Development District, Kevin Gustafuson with Lower Loup NRD, Taylor Shaw with AFLAC, Todd Grant, Dallas Thomas 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. During the public comment period, Mr. Jordan inquired if the Board has been pursuing the hiring of an ordinance enforcement officer. The Board confirmed that there has been no active search for an ordinance enforcement officer, but the realization that the need for one is great.

Carla Kimball, Executive Director with Central Nebraska Economic Development District (CNEDD) thanked the Village of Ansley for the continued membership in CNEDD before starting the presentation on the Nuisance Abatement Program. This program was started by West Central Nebraska Development District and CNEDD is using the WCNDD program to start a program with CNEDD. This program began in 2026 with one community for CNEDD and will hopefully expand in 2027 and beyond. Carla discussed what the program is, what it does, and how it benefits the community. The board is interested in this program, and Carla will forward the information on when she receives the information regarding the program, application, and cost.

Kevin Gustfason with Lower Loup NRD brought to the board an update that in March the NRCS said they had the funding for the Mud Creek Watershed Project. The agreement with NRCS was signed on Friday, May 8, 2026. JEO Consulting will be doing the design and that contract was signed on Monday, May 11, 2026. The design phase of this project should be completed by 2028. There is currently no funding for the construction phase. The board asked if they had permission from the landowners. Kevin confirmed that they do not have any land rights as of right now but will work on this.

Taylor Shaw with AFLAC gave a brief presentation on what AFLAC is and what it has to offer for the Village of Ansley.

Chairperson Rehfeld opened the 2nd public hearing for the Village of Ansley's application for CDBG planning grant at 7:03 p.m. LaNae Maxson thanked the board and Village for working with her for this grant and going through the process. No public comments were received. Chairperson Rehfeld closed the public hearing at 7:06 p.m.

Trustee Hogg moved to waive reading and approve the April regular meeting minutes and special meeting minutes as presented. Trustee Murrish seconded the motion and on roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Hogg, Murrish, Schulte, Henry, Rehfeld; ABSENT: none; motion carried.

Department Head and Committee Reports – Todd reported 1) wants to sell the property that is listed. Trustee Schulte would like to see the Village keep the 16' car trailer. The board agreed that it would be a good item to keep. Trustee Henry asked Dallas if he had any utility poles or anything to go on the list. Dallas said he has a few and will get the information to Michelle.

Dallas reported 1) Unit 2 generator needs a governor and that cost is around $8,000 - $10,000. We receive the capacity payment based on the output for two hours, so this needs fixed to continue to receive the amount of capacity payment we are; 2) Have been having issues with the Dodge bucket truck. Took it to Power Solutions and had them look at the front end and diagnose. There is $4,700 worth of work that needs done. The truck has 143,000 miles. The tie-rod ends are not to the failure point, they did recommend replacing them since they will have it all torn apart. Trustee Henry asked to get another quote from someone; 3) almost completely done with the metering pole. Waiting to have the engineers come back into town to go over staking sheets to show what poles have been set already and to take them off the project for the bid that will go out.

Michelle reported 1) Municipal Accounting & Finance Conference is June 17-19 in Lincoln; 2) hand dryer estimates from Eakes show there is a range from $250 - $750. The board decided to go with the $250 hand dryer for the women's bathroom; 3) received a check from Napoli Shkolnik from the PFAS Settlement that we are a part of in the amount of $4,721.17. Dallas would like to put this into a CD like the others from this settlement. It is a 13-month flex CD at 3.65%. Trustee Hogg moved to put the funds into a 13-month flex CD with a rate of 3.65% with Flatwater Bank and Trustee Schulte seconded the motion and upon roll call vote, the following voted AYE: Hogg, Schulte, Henry, Rehfeld, Murrish; motion carried; 4) will be taking off the 13th for District Track, the 15th for Elementary Track, and depending on how the 13th goes, will be taking the 22nd off for State Track.

Todd provided a quote to the board from Bobcat on the trade-in of the skid steer. The warranty is almost up and it's time to trade. Todd reminded the board that if this program goes away, we have to purchase the current skid steer. The board inquired about how many hours are on the machine and Todd told them there are just over 500 hours. It was asked what we got with the trade-in and Todd told the board a new machine with no hours and warranty. Trustee Henry asked Michelle to get the warranty information and possibly the quote from 2025. We may need to hold a special meeting for this.

Second reading of Ordinance #565 that will increase the trash rates effective on the bills due July 1, 2026. Randy Jordan wanted clarification that we are raising rates due to the recycling center probably closing. The board reassured Randy that this was partly the cause and the other was that the landfill tipping fees were raised as of January 1, 2026. Travis Harrop mentioned that the rates at the landfill increasing were due to the state imposing a new tax of $2.25. Sara Parliament commented that she is fighting to try to keep the recycling center and encouraged others to reach out to other Board of Supervisors members to voice their concerns and opinions. The recycling center issue will be on one of the agenda items for June at the County Board of Supervisors.

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

Trustee Schulte introduced Ordinance No. 568 entitled:

An ordinance to add article 21 to chapter 91 of the Village of Ansley municipal code; to repeal any conflicting ordinances; to provide for an effective date; to order publication in pamphlet form.

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: Schulte, Hogg, Henry, Murrish, Rehfeld. The following voted NAY: None. Absent: 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 Hogg moved for final passage of the ordinance, which motion was seconded by Trustee Schulte. The Chairperson then stated the question was "Shall Ordinance No. 568 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the following Trustees voted AYE: Hogg, Schulte, Murrish, Henry. The following voted NAY: Rehfeld. Absent: None.

The passage and adoption of said ordinance failed.

Discussion regarding the list of surplus property to be listed on Resolution 04-2026 started with Trustee Schulte mentioning that we should consider taking the flatbed/car trailer off this list as it can be useful to load and haul mowers on. The board was in agreement to keep the car trailer and remove it from the list. Trustee Henry mentioned to add the utility poles and anything that Dallas wanted on there. Trustee Schulte will call Josh Blakeman with Adam Marshall and arrange a time for him to come look at everything and take pictures and then get dates to me for the Resolution. Trustee Schulte asked where everything was and Todd told him it was all at the shop other than the poles. Trustee Schulte said that he will contact Todd when they are ready to come to take pictures.

The block bathrooms at the park by the lake need attention. The door on the men's bathroom was kicked in and the toilet used while they were still winterized. Suggestions from employees were to knock the bathrooms down and fasten port-a-potties on the cement slab. The board doesn't feel we are to that stage with the bathrooms yet. Michelle was asked to get an estimate to replace 3 toilets, 2 in the women's and 1 in the men's) from Jim Nichols and Craig Nichols.

Charging the base rate of utilities on properties that are vacant was discussed. This would only be properties that have structures on them, not just vacant properties. Trustee Henry would like to see a base rate for electricity, water, and sewer charged to all vacant properties. Trustee Murrish asked how we are going to enforce and collect these fees. Trustee Schulte voiced concern about whether we can charge for the service if they aren't using it. Trustee Henry said this is an infrastructure issue and that we need to start somewhere to get these properties to help pay for the maintenance and improvements of the infrastructure. Randy Jordan mentioned that the Village of Merna does something similar to this by charging a base water rate per property. Michelle will visit with Becky from Merna, Jason White, and other clerks to get examples of Ordinances and see how they enforce and collect.

Sara Parliament brought an example of an Easement for the board to look over. The purchase of the tower is not complete yet, but when it is, they would like to have this Easement signed between the County of Custer County and the Village of Ansley. Sara mentioned that there is nothing on paper right now and it is all a verbal agreement, but they would like to have something on paper. The board agreed and said this looks good to them and when the purchase is finalized, Sara will get on the agenda and get this Easement signed. At the April meeting it was discussed that there would be a lease agreement, but due to the nature of this issue, an Easement is all that is required and not a lease agreement.

Trustee Murrish asked Michelle if she had added those paragraphs in the Employee Handbook and Michelle had not but had some other questions for the board regarding the handbook. Regarding the FR clothing allowance, Dallas doesn't feel that $500 is enough. The board asked what he wanted and Michelle said $800-$1,000. Randy Jordan mentioned that his electricians only get $500 per person per year for FR clothing. Trustee Schulte agreed that FR clothing is expensive and it is necessary to have. The board discussed the issue and came to an agreement to allow $800 per person per year for FR clothing allowance. The clothes will be purchased through the Village Clerk and shipped to the Village Clerk's Office. Another question from Michelle for the board was regarding the capping of the PTO. Trustee Murrish stated this is not a personal issue, it is strictly fiscal and financially responsible for the board to do this. Changes and additions will be made, and this will be voted on at the June meeting.

Trustee Schulte asked with the Menards claim if a rebate was filled out. Michelle informed the board that Todd brings the receipt to her and that she fills out the rebate and mails it in. There are copies in the office in the Miscellaneous Correspondence file for records.

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

MAY CLAIMS

ASAP Express-shipping wt sample	$20.00	AKRS-parts/sup	$297.43
Ansley Lumber-sup	$2,058.25	BCBS-ins prem	$2,803.81
Border States-sup	$4,200.48	BB Municipal Utl-services	$429.00
Buffalo Outdoor-parts	$49.13	Capital Business-copier/copies	$159.88
Cenex-fuel	$1,165.30	Coble Const-sup	$326.92
Custer Co Hwy Dept-patch	$1,405.80	Custer Co Chief-adv/pub	$90.09
Custer Federal-invst	$9,600.00	Dept of Energy-en	$856.80
Dutton-Lainson-sup/fees	$2,886.15	Eakes-sup	$2,129.96
Farabee-parts	$543.86	First Concord-HRA mgmt. fees	$75.00
Grainger-sup/parts	$766.55	Guardian-ins prem	$110.00
Travis Harrop-mileage	$78.30	Lex A.S.W.A.-landfill fees	$1,051.68
Menards-grub control	$479.70	MEAN-en	$30,153.84

MEAN-fees	$1,500.00	Municipal Supply-sup	$629.15
McFinishers Touch-serv	$267.75	NCTC-phone/internet	$369.12
NE DOR-state tax	$705.92	NE Public Health-test fees	$15.00
NMVCA-dues/fees	$70.00	One Call-locate requests	$17.10
Petty Cash-sup	$72.31	SE Municipal Solar-en	$809.60
Trotter Fert-chemical	$617.26	Union Bank-invst	$9,500.00
Unitech-sup	$462.50	US Bank-sup	$474.92
US Cellular-tablet	$81.72	Village of Ansley-utl	$1,594.82
Wesco-sup	$587.88	Payroll-salaries	$6,167.16
Black Hills-utl	$648.03	NEDOR-sales/cons use tax	$3,164.18
Yanez Service-fuel/tires/rep	$1,446.80	Payroll-salaries	$16,161.96
Federal Tax Dep-tx	$5,867.71	Todd Grant-cell	$25.00
Invesco-retirement	$2,156.00	Bryan Kruger-cell	$25.00
Michelle Nelson-cell	$25.00	Dallas Thomas-cell/mileage	$101.13
Village of Ansley-emp ins share	$153.74		

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairperson Rehfeld adjourned the meeting at 8:26 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