

VILLAGE OF ANSLEY
Special Meeting
August 20, 2026 – 12:00 p.m.

A special meeting of the Chairperson and Board of Trustees of the Village of Ansley, Nebraska, was held in the Municipal Auditorium on Thursday, August 20, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. Present were Chairperson Scott Rehfeld and Trustees Chris Hogg, Joel Schulte, Crystal Murrish and Rob Henry entered at 12:09 pm. Also present were Bonnie Hickenbottom, Cynthia Trimble, Jon Thorn, Mike Marsh, Dale Sampy, Cheryl Byam, Linda Miller, Juan Yanez, Jody Yanez, Jason White 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 the Board of Trustees at this meeting. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public. Chairperson Rehfeld opened the meeting at 12:02 p.m.; the Pledge of Allegiance was recited; compliance with the open meeting act was verified. There were no public comments.

Chairperson Rehfeld informed the public that the Village Board is researching the possibility of an ordinance that would charge an availability charge to properties that could be hooked up and were hooked up at one point to the Village's services i.e. electric, water, and sewer. Residents of Ansley had many questions regarding how this works, how it would be determined what properties would be charged this charge, and how this is fair to property owners. Attorney, Jason White, assured the public that this charge is to charge all properties the same whether or not they are using the services to help pay the infrastructure costs and to maintain all of the infrastructure. Trustee Hogg reassured the public that it would be a minimal fee of less than \$100. Trustee Henry reminded the public that the Village has bonds that are still being paid on to this day and continue to until 2028 and 2030 for water and sewer and even longer for the electric. Chairperson Rehfeld noted that every year the Village does an overlay project for the streets in town and that is a perk that we are able to do, but if there doesn't become an increase of source of revenue, this perk may have to be cut and we will have to put these funds towards the water, sewer, and electric. Again, it was reiterated that the Board is not going after empty lots. One concern from the public was that this was going to be implemented in the commercial district. Trustee Henry said that at this time, no. Chairperson Rehfeld commented that it will depend on how the ordinance is written. Jason White informed the Board that they will need to sit down and come up with Classifications that will also go into the ordinance. Trustee Schulte asked Jason White if we can legally charge for services that they are not using. The response was as long as there is service that runs by their property and to their property line and it is available for them to hook up to, then the charge can be charged. Chairperson Rehfeld told the public that if revenues do not start increasing, then rates will have to increase. Jason assured the Board that we are not the only community fighting this same issue.

Discussion regarding the handbook began with Michelle stating that she feels that we need to make some amendments to the current handbook to make it easier to understand and make it simple. Trustee Schulte informed the Board that he had made a call to the Department of Labor and they confirmed that if we preload hours at the beginning of the year and an employee separates from the Village, we are then required to pay out what balance there is on the preloaded hours. Jason asked Michelle if we pay overtime or if we have comp time. Michelle told Jason that yes, we do pay out overtime, but we can only earn overtime if it is in an emergency situation that is stated in our handbook. Jason suggested that him and Michelle sit down and re-evaluate the handbook and policy. The consensus was to keep the current handbook dated June 8, 2026, and work on making amendments. This will be done once budget is done.

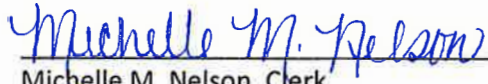
Michelle informed the Board that we received another PFAS settlement check in the amount of \$7,903.92. Trustee Hogg moved to approve the PFAS funds in the amount of \$7,903.92 be put into the existing 13-month Flex CD #6074-36840 at Flatwater Bank at the current rate of 3.65% that will mature on 6-12-27. Trustee Murrish seconded the motion and upon roll call vote, the following Trustees voted AYE: Hogg, Murrish, Rehfeld, Schulte, Henry.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairperson Rehfeld adjourned the meeting at 1:03 p.m.



Scott Rehfeld, Chairperson

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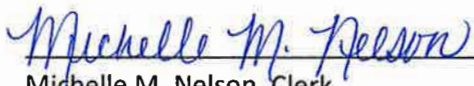


Michelle M. Nelson, Clerk

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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