

VILLAGE OF ANSLEY
Regular Meeting
September 14, 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, September 14, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. Present were Chairperson Scott Rehfeld and Trustees Joel Schulte, Crystal Murrish, Rob Henry, and Chris Hogg entered the meeting at 6:41 p.m. Also present were Ryan Newman, 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. Public comment was the curiosity of whether the board was staying vigilant in regard to the properties that were nuisances and had deadlines to be cleaned up. The board reassured the public that they are staying on top of this issue and making sure that it is being done, but allowing some grace since they have been working on getting things cleaned up. Trustees confirmed that they will allow seven to ten days more for clean-up and then will do a drive around to see the progress and inform Michelle if additional correspondence needs sent to property owners.

Chairperson Rehfeld opened the public hearing on the proposed Village budget at 6:36 p.m. to receive testimony, support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the proposed budget. In depth discussion and review of the budget. Our valuation increased from last year; however, we had no growth percentage. After review and discussion of the proposed budget, Chairperson Rehfeld closed the public hearing at 6:38 p.m.

Trustee Henry moved to approve and adopt the 2026-2027 Village budget as published. Trustee Murrish seconded the motion and on roll call vote, the following Trustees voted AYE: Henry, Murrish, Rehfeld, Schulte; ABSENT: Hogg; motion carried.

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

Trustee Schulte introduced Ordinance No. 569 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE BUDGET STATEMENT TO BE TERMED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BILL; TO APPROPRIATE SUMS FOR NECESSARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

and moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended. Trustee Henry seconded the motion to suspend the rules and upon roll call vote on the motion the following Trustees voted AYE: Schulte, Henry, Murrish, Rehfeld. ABSENT: Hogg. The following voted NAY: 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 Schulte moved for final passage of the ordinance, which motion was seconded by Trustee Murrish. The Chairperson then stated the question was "Shall Ordinance No. 569 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the following Trustees voted AYE: Schulte, Murrish, Henry, Rehfeld. ABSENT: Hogg. The following voted NAY: None.

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 the public hearing to set the final tax levy request for FY 2026-2027 at

6:41 p.m. for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers. Discussion commenced.

Trustee Henry introduced Resolution No. 06-2026 and moved its adoption.

**RESOLUTION 06-2026
SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST**

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1632 and 77-1633 provides that the Governing Body of the Village of Ansley passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request; and

WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of the City or Village of Ansley resolves that:

- 1. The 2026-2027 property tax request be set at:**

**General Fund: \$154,429.52
Bond Fund: \$5,600.00**

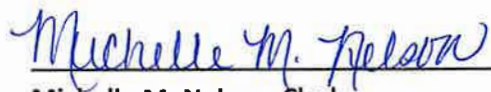
- 2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 10.4 percent.**
- 3. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property would be 0.452911 per \$100 of assessed value.**
- 4. The Village of Ansley proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be 0.5 per \$100 of assessed value.**
- 5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of the Village of Ansley will increase last year's budget by 11.83 percent.**
- 6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 15, 2026.**

Adopted this 14th day of September 2026, at Ansley, Nebraska.

ATTEST:



Scott Rehfeld, Chairperson



Michelle M. Nelson, Clerk

(Seal)

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: Henry, Murrish, Schulte, Hogg, Rehfeld. Absent: None. The following voted against the same: None. The Chairperson thereupon declared said motion carried and said resolution adopted.

Chairperson Rehfeld closed the hearing at 6:42 p.m.

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

Department Head and Committee Reports – Todd reported 1) Steve started his position today and is doing great; 2) found grubs on the football field; went to Kearney and got stuff to hopefully get rid of them; 3) Lance Rohde will be driving the trash truck. Trustee Henry questioned the plan and feels that Lance should continue to drive the trash truck and have Steve ride on the back of the trash truck helping Lance; 4) asking what the board wants to do with Christina and her hours. Todd mentioned to the board that all of the mowing that needs done is too much for just one person. Trustee Henry stated that if she has extra time, she can stop at the office and see if there is anything that needs done; 5) Trustee Henry asked if the drainage situation at the school was ever fixed. Todd said that he filled the pothole, but that the drainage issue was not resolved yet; 6) The board asked Todd if he had any news on the fish or any reports. Todd told the board that he had not heard anything about the fish or the biology report from game and parks and neither had Dallas. Michelle confirmed that she had not heard from them as well; 7) Chairperson Rehfeld asked Todd if there was a way he could fill the pothole on the south end of the community building. Todd said that wasn't a pothole but rather would need torn up and he would like to see it replaced with concrete from the street to the fence of Rich Broeder to the east of the community building.

Michelle reported for Dallas 1) there is a major washout by the lift station that could cause a power pole to fall into the creek. There is a quote from GS Earthworks with two different options for us to fix the washout. The board would like to see a few more quotes. Trustee Schulte will ask Dallas to get one from Myers Construction and Trustee Murrish will get one from a company out of Arcadia; 2) Chairperson Rehfeld asked if there was any update on the upgrade project. Michelle has no update but will email Shawn with RVW to get an update.

Michelle reported 1) changing the date of the auto-pay utility customers to the 10th of each month. The board was in agreement with this; 2) there is a community member that painted four small barn quilts and the original plan fell through and they are wondering if they could put these in the community building. The board was agreeable to this. Trustee Henry did state that he would like to see the flag hung in a frame and back on the wall and then can possibly put these barn quilts on the corners of the flag.

Chairperson Rehfeld had no report.

Trustee Schulte said that if there is money in the budget to go with managed IT support, then we need to proceed. Trustee Murrish said that she felt there isn't a way that we can go without especially with some of the close encounters we have had. There were three proposals given to the board from 1 to 1 Technologies, Eakes, and Griffith Solutions. Trustee Murrish questioned the inconsistency between them and why Eakes has nine "stations" covered and the other two only have seven. Michelle confirmed that they misunderstood and added too many. So, the quote from Eakes should be \$100 less than what it shows per month, but they do have a three-year contract and an onboarding fee. Trustee Murrish asked Michelle to have Cody look at our monthly phone bill and see if there would be cost savings if we went with voice over IP. Also, need to ask if we will need new phones and new software or what all is needed if we switch over to voice over IP. Trustee Schulte moved to approve the proposal for managed IT support from Griffith Solutions. Trustee Murrish seconded the motion and on roll call vote, the following Trustees voted AYE: Schulte, Murrish, Hogg, Henry, Rehfeld; motion carried.

The proposal for an Electric Rate Study was given to the board from JK Energy Consulting. Trustee Hogg stressed that this is a necessary item for the light department so we can hopefully start seeing the fund in the black. Michelle did inform the board that there is some money set aside at Custer Federal for the light fund in the amount of \$153,000 that we can transfer over to get the light fund out of the red but was hoping that we could dig out and leave that money untouched. Trustee Murrish moved to accept the proposal from JK Energy Consulting for an Electric Rate Study in the amount of \$9,500. Trustee Hogg seconded the motion and upon roll call vote, the following Trustees voted AYE: Murrish, Hogg, Schulte, Henry, Rehfeld; motion carried.

There are several accounts that are past due and the tenants have moved out. Multiple attempts have been made to collect the money owed on the accounts, however, have been unsuccessful. The board discussed possibly sending these accounts to collections, putting a lien on the property, or filing a special assessment against the property. Trustee Schulte moved to send accounts, 570, 531, 220, 268,

318, 560, and 569 into collections. Trustee Murrish seconded the motion and upon roll call vote, the following Trustees voted AYE: Schulte, Murrish, Hogg, Rehfeld, Henry; motion carried.

Continued discussion regarding the past due accounts and if they were renters or property owners and if the best thing to do was to send them to collections. After hearing from Katie Hogg and the process that Broken Bow does with their past due, the board decided to wait and discuss this issue with Jason in more detail before moving forward with collections. Trustee Schulte moved to rescind the motion previously approved regarding sending past due accounts, 570, 531, 220, 268, 318, 560, and 569 into collections. Trustee Henry seconded the motion and upon roll call vote, the following Trustees voted AYE: Schulte, Henry, Murrish, Hogg, Rehfeld; motion carried.

A concerned citizen reached out to Trustee Murrish regarding there being dogs in the playground area at the park with adults, but no children around. The concern is that individuals let their dogs in the playground and allow them to use the playground equipment to go to the bathroom and there are kids that play on the equipment. Trustee Murrish would just like to see a reminder to keep the dogs out of the playground areas at Ansley Park to help keep things clean for the kids that play on the playground equipment. Trustee Henry moved to order four 12" signs that state "No dogs allowed in playground area" for the playground areas at Ansley Park. Trustee Murrish seconded the motion and upon roll call vote, the following Trustees voted AYE: Henry, Murrish, Rehfeld, Schulte, Hogg; motion carried.

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, Murrish, Henry; motion carried.

SEPTEMBER CLAIMS

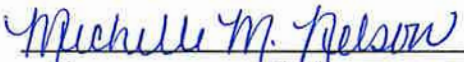
A.S.A.P. Express-wtr smpl ship	\$20.00	American Fire-inspection/fire ext.	\$216.00
Ansley Lumber-sup	\$98.52	BCBS-ins premiums	\$1,132.76
Broken Bow Mun.-services	\$1,846.00	Buffalo Outdoor-repair on mower	\$134.46
Capital Business-copier/copies	\$190.69	Cenex-fuel	\$954.82
Orin Clinger-lease	\$1,250.00	Custer Co. Chief-adv/pub	\$170.71
Custer Co. Sheriff-fees	\$86.56	Custer Federal-invtmnt	\$9,600.00
DOE/WAPA-en	\$1,063.60	Dutton-Lainson-fees/sup	\$1,471.46
Eakes-sup	\$171.77	Eakes-equip.	\$2,314.00
Michael Ferguson-pool help	\$1,080.00	First Concord-HRA mngmt fees	\$75.00
G. Smith Const.-overlay project	\$105,430.33	Guardian-ins premiums	\$34.78
KBRY FM-adv	\$150.00	KCNI/KBBN-adv	\$125.00
Kearney Hub-adv	\$177.74	Lammers, Abel, & Kaps-budget prep	\$895.00
Lex A.S.W.-landfill tipping fees	\$1,310.40	Loup City Auto-sup	\$108.00
Menards-sup	\$723.87	Miller & Associates-survey fees	\$589.06
MEAN-en	\$41,699.30	Myers Const.-crushed concrete/sup	\$2,040.38
NCTC-ph/internet	\$351.80	NE DOR-waste/recycling fee	\$25.00
NE DOR-state tax wh	\$808.84	NE Public Health-water sample fees	\$432.00
One Call-locate requests	\$4.10	Petty Cash-dep refund/reimb	\$304.50
Premier Biotech-test fees	\$68.25	Refuse Truck Sales-sup	\$2,975.00
SE Mun Solar-en	\$944.02	Sherman Co Times-adv	\$65.00
T-Mobile-tablet	\$69.52	Trotter Service-generating fuel	\$5,194.23
Union Bank-invtmnt	\$9,500.00	US Bank-sup/subscriptions	\$406.17
Village of Ansley-utilities	\$2,204.16	Jason White-attorney fees	\$391.00
Yanez Service-fuel/tires/sup	\$3,330.09	Payroll-salaries	\$5,798.89
Black Hills-utl	\$320.69	Johnson Service-sewer cleaning	\$7,430.00
NE DOR-sales/cons use tax	\$5,087.30	Village of Ansley-transfer to lt/sw/wt	\$35,000.00
Payroll-salaries	\$11,570.94	Fed Tax Dep-tx	\$5,129.84
Todd Grant-mileage/cell	\$593.83	Steve Hickenbottom-cell	\$25.00
Invesco-retirement	\$1,826.00	Michelle Nelson-cell	\$25.00
Dallas Thomas-cell	\$25.00	Village of Ansley-employee ins share	\$131.90

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairperson Rehfeld adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

ATTEST:



Scott Rehfeld, Chairperson



Michelle M. Nelson, Clerk

(Seal)

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