

Village Of Alanson
7631 US 31 N Alanson, Mi. 49706
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
January 9th, 2017

- I. At 7:00 pm President Greg Babcock called the meeting to order.

Village roll call: President Greg Babcock, Trustee Marv Blumke, Trustee Doug Larson, Trustee Preston Grobaski, Trustee Dave Stepanovich

Street Commissioner Jim Becker, Treasurer Jennifer Carson & Clerk Chris Adams

Guests: Brooke Milbrandt, Dan Plasencia and Elisa Seltzer

2. Marv Blumke made the motion to accept meeting minutes from the December 12th, 2016 joint meeting with LAMA and Littlefield Township. Dave Stepanovich seconded. All in favor. Motion carried
3. Dan Plasencia with the LAMA board presented to the board that he had asked Sue Anne Kilgore to step down from her position with LAMA at a meeting he had with her on December 29th, 2016. Sue Anne was in agreement with this and turned over paper work and keys to Dan at that time. Dan also asked the board to approve appointing Brooke Milbrandt as the village's new representative on the Lama Board. Dave Stepanovich made the motion to accept Sue Anne Kilgore's resignation. Marv Blumke seconded this motion. All in favor. Motion carried. Preston Grobaski made the motion to appoint Brooke Milbrandt to the LAMA board as the Village representative, Dave Stepanovich seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. Elisa Seltzer with the Emmet County Recycling center presented to the board options for recycling within the community. A bin and 2 totes would be given to each household that wishes to participate with pick up on a monthly. A rough estimate of \$14723.00 per year for a 5 year agreement was given and as this service is paid for by the village, council asked for a more accurate count of customer's who the village would be billed for this service. Ms. Seltzer agreed to do a more thorough count and present her findings at a later date. Council did discuss different options on paying for this such as adding cost to tax roll. It was also suggested by Doug Larson to send out a questionnaire to village residents to see how much interest is in curb side recycling. Dave Stepanovich also suggested this be discussed at the next budget meeting.
5. BS&A software update for our Sewer billing was discussed. Our current software is no longer eligible for an upgrade and should be updated to current version. The price for this upgrade was estimated at \$ 1600.00 with \$850.00 of this for training which the company stated could be cut in half if the trainer is only here for 4 hours. A motion to do this upgrade was made by Doug Larson. Motion was seconded by Preston Grobaski. All in favor. Motion carried. President Greg Babcock will contact BS&A to get this upgrade schedule for some time in March.
6. Council discussed merging bank accounts in to 2, one for the General Fund and one for the Tax account. Treasurer Jennifer Carson has looked into both Chemical Bank and First Federal. First

Federal comes in with less fee's and hidden costs and a specialist on staff who deals with municipalities. First Federal is the recommendation made by Jennifer Carson. Dave Stepanovich made the motion to close village accounts with Chemical Bank and to consolidate all village accounts as described with First Federal. This motion was seconded by Preston Grobaski. All in favor. Motion carried.

7. Holiday pay for DPW worker's was discussed and tabled until such time as a policy review can take place.
8. Computer sharing for treasurer Jennifer Carson and clerk Chris Adams was tabled until the February meeting as the bid from Racc Enterprises was not received yet.
9. Public comments: Dan Plasencia advised council about the hall's boiler system. He has received 5 bids on replacing the boiler which LAMA will thru and award. He believes as of this this meeting that Ballard's Plumbing & Heating is the cheapest. Dan also asked when the village was planning on making their switch to Charter Internet as they may make this switch at some point. President Greg Babcock advised Dan this switch was could happen as early as mid-January and that Charter would be installed a splitter in anticipation of LAMA switching.
10. Street Commissioners report: The tractor for moving snow had a broken area that was welded and seems to be holding. Jim Becker stated that the replacement part would cost around \$1400.00 so he is hopeful the weld will hold for this winter season. Jim also asked council to approve paying this bill for the weld when he receives it. Council asked for an e-mail from Clerk Chris Adams when this bill comes in so they know the total.

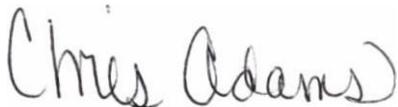
As Mr. Becker was receiving many complaints about the snow removal from the last few days, he went around the village to see if there were any issues he could find. He believes the DPW workers are doing the best they can with what they have, there simply is no place to put the snow. He will be contacting Blumke Brothers to have them move snow behind the DPW building.

Committee Reports: Marv Blumke suggested as soon as the snow is gone council needs to remove the Christmas lights from the hillside as they are buried under snow right now. Next Christmas season we may need to buy new lights.

Doug Larson with the ordinance committee stated that a teacher from the school, Donna Magill had asked councils advice on raising and selling rabbits at the school. Mr. Larson advised her of the village ordinance that they must have 5 acres and get written approval from all house surrounding the school.

Doug Larson is also getting a free quote from American legal publishing on a cost for cleaning up and putting on to book format all village ordinance's. He will present this to the board at a later date.

11. Motion to pay monthly bills was made by Doug Larson and seconded by Dave Stepanovich. All In favor. Motion carried.
12. At 8:20 pm meeting was adjourned.



Chris Adams-Village Clerk

