

Village Of Alanson

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Regular Council Meeting Minutes

August 14th, 2017

1. 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 and Trustee Dave Stepanovich
2. Trustee Dave Stepanovich requested changes to the July 10th meeting minutes as well as President Greg Babcock wanting a small change. Trustee Doug Larson made a motion to accept the July 10th, 2017 meeting minutes with the requested changes. This motion was seconded by Trustee Preston Grobaski. All council members in favor? Aye. Motion to accept minutes approved.
3. One bid was opened and read for the repaving of Fairbairn Alley. This bid was from Payne & Dolan in the amount of \$25150.00. President Babcock stated the engineer who wrote up the specifications put on the spec sheet that he believes the job should cost around \$10000.00. Village Resident Tom Fairbairn Jr. asked council to look into the cost of traffic control cost before dismissing the bid from Payne & Dolan's as with all the business' surrounding the alley this area will need to be addressed while the alley is being repaved. As only one bid has been received, council has decided to table this issue for now.
4. Visitor Comments:
 - Ryan Lutz who is the new owner of Bob's Place was in attendance and asked council if they might be interested in leasing his back lot which is currently a grassy area and turn it into a parking lot. Mr. Lutz thought that the village could pave this area when the Fairbairn Alley is being repaved. Trustee Dave Stepanovich stated that the prior council had discussed this but the new council was not aware of this. Council will discuss this issue and let Mr. Lutz know when it will be on an agenda for voting. Mr. Lutz also asked council about how the sewer billing is figured for his restaurant. President Babcock advised Mr. Lutz that his bill is based on the number of chairs in the restaurant. Mr. Lutz stated that if his bill would go up, he won't open the back room of Bob's Place. Trustee Marv Blumke, who is the village rep with the sewer authority, advised Mr. Lutz that all sewer costs are based on a residential table set up by the sewer authority. At this time, the village is not looking to raise his bill unless the board decides otherwise as both the Riverside Bar and the Depot Restaurant are being billed the same as Bob's Place.
 - Resident Chris Goldsmith was in attendance to discuss his property line. He has contacted attorneys and the county of Emmet on this matter and was advised it was up to the village to enforce his encroachment issue with his neighbor, Todd Page. He also brought to council's attention that Mr. Justin has a fence that is in the alley. President Babcock advised Mr. Goldsmith that council has got the advice of the village attorney and as the area in question is between the two properties; the village is not to get involved. However, we can do something about the fence that is in violation in the alley.
 - William Culp asked council where we were at on our ordinance book being published and was told by Trustee Doug Larson that we should be receiving administrative letter from the publishing company, once received the village has 60 days to review. As Mr. Culp has brought up a noise complaint, an ordinance can be added but would add an additional 30 days to the publishing of the book. Mr. Culp's noise complaint was concerning the Jakeway property next to him. He states that

there is loud music at all hours of the day and night as well as foul language. This noise is so loud he states that he has to close his windows, turn on his a/c and have his TV as loud as it goes and he still has problems hearing the TV. The Police have been called on numerous occasions. President Babcock advised Mr. Culp that council will send a letter to Mr. Jakeway stating he is in violation of the village noise ordinance.

-Tom Fairbairn Jr. was present to discuss the lease on the Fairbairn lot. After much discussion, it was determined the lot is owned by Mr. Tom Fairbairn Sr, not by the WW Fairbairn Hardware Store. Mr. Fairbairn did threaten to shut down the parking lot and the snowmobile trails if the village did not honor the lease. President Babcock advised Mr. Fairbairn that the village would be honoring the current lease.

-Brian Drayton with the Crooked River Fire Fighter's Association was in attendance to make sure council still wished to give away a trophy at the car show the association is having. Council stated they would and would like to present the Village Choice Trophy. President Babcock asked if it was ok for the gates to be closed on the bridge but for the bridge to be left open for pedestrians to cross. This was ok with Ryan.

5. Committee Reports:

-Trustee Preston Grobaski reported that a complaint had come in that the park was dirty. Trustee Grobaski went and checked out the park and bathrooms and advised council that the DPW workers have been cleaning the bathrooms and taking care of the trash but this is a busy time of year.

-Trustee Marv Blumke reported that on August 22 the sewer authority board was planning on holding a special meeting with a rep from the bank that holds the bonds. The HSASDA board is looking to refinance the loan and is looking at options. There is an area by Roaring Brook and Page Hill in Harbor Springs where the ground is collapsing and around 1400 feet of sewer pipe will need to be replaced. HSASDA is getting estimates.

-Trustee Doug Larson reported that the ordinance book should take around 90 days before council can vote on accepting it, as an updated noise ordinance may be needed. Resident William Culp asked about his complaint and getting a different ordinance in the book. Trustee Larson advised Mr. Culp that right now all council can do is send a letter. A new ordinance will need to be drafted and Trustee Larson asked for ideas on this to which resident Tom Fairbairn JR. stated that council may wish to use decimals as his company install's air conditioning units in townships and associations that have noise ordinances that are based on the decimals. Trustee Larson has received a rough draft and advised council that all members should read it over before voting as once council votes on this, it will supersede past ordinance books.

The posts and nets for the park have been purchased and Hennco is to start the resurfacing of the courts on Tuesday, August 15th. Trustee Larson stated he has received lots of positive feedback on the sunscreen dispenser.

6. A motion to pay monthly bills was made by Trustee Doug Larson and seconded by Trustee Marv Blumke. All in favor? Aye motion carried

7. A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Doug Larson and seconded by Trustee Preston Grobaski. All in favor? Aye Meeting adjourned.

Village Clerk