

Village Of Alanson

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Regular Council Meeting Minutes

October 9th, 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 made a motion to accept the September 11th, 2017 meeting minutes. This motion was seconded by Trustee Doug Larson. All in favor, motion to accept minutes approved.
3. Visitor Comments:
 - Mike Kolkmeier along with his business partner's Adam Kazanowski and Michael Kazanowski addressed the board on their desire to open a Medical Marijuana Dispensary within the village limits of Alanson. Mr. Kolkmeier provided some input on how the new laws will affect the running of such facilities and after much discussion and questions by the board, it was determined and agreed upon by all board members that a public hearing should be held in order to get village resident's input before the board decides on voting in a new ordinance to allow such facility.
 - William Culp asked on the status of the village ordinance book to which Trustee Doug Larson advised that the Administrative Report has been delayed due to the attorney working on it went on maternity leave. It has been passed to another attorney and should be received by the village within a week or two.
 - Monique Kilmer was in attendance to turn in Lamar Eby's resignation letter and to express her concern on filling the position for zoning administrator. Mrs. Kilmer feels this position should be filled by a qualified resident of the village who will care about the work they are doing. She states that there are classes available to help with this position.
4. Lamar Eby has submitted his resignation letter as Village of Alanson zoning administrator effective December 8, 2017 unless a replacement is found sooner. He states that due to health reasons, he will be out of the state 3 months per year and does not feel this would be in his or the village's best interest to stay on in the position. A motion to accept Mr. Eby's resignation was made by Trustee Marv Blumke and seconded by Trustee Dave Stepanovich. All in favor, motion to accept approved. Council has decided to post the position to the village facebook page and website for 2 weeks after which time, it will be determined if anyone has applied and an ad will be placed in the local paper.
5. Committee Reports:
 - Preston Grobaski had nothing new to report. President Babcock did ask if everything was shut down for the winter to which Trustee Grobaski stated yes.
 - Marv Blumke updated council on the DDA. They have ordered new winter banners for the light poles and will need to set up as time to install them with the DPW worker's help. Trustee Blumke also advised that he will be going thru the Christmas lights and buying replacements for those that are burnt out. Trustee Blumke would like to have a work bee one day next month on the hillside to put up all the Christmas decorations. This would be easier and quicker than the 2 weeks it took last

year to do by himself. The Christmas in Alanson is scheduled for Friday December 8th. DDA member Heather Armock is distributing letters of participation to the local businesses and they are planning on the Petoskey steel drum band to be in attendance. Trustee Blumke then advised the board on the upgrades to Page Hill/Harbor Springs sewer line. An 1800 feet area of pipe needs to be replaced. At the Thursday, October 12th meeting, the HSASDA board will be presented with an estimate for this needed upgrade. Trustee Blumke did state this upgrade will bear no expense to the village. It will be paid for by Little Traverse Township and the city of Harbor Springs. Also on the agenda for the October 12th meeting is a union contract for the sewer employee's. THS HSASDA board will also be looking for bids on a roof replacement for the storage building. The current roof is over 30 years old and in need of repair.

-Doug Larson reported that the final report on the Basketball/Tennis court grant has been filed. Trustee Marv Blumke asked the cost of repairs that were needed to be done after someone had hung on the new hoop. Trustee Larson stated it cost the village about \$100 and the money came from the parks fund. This cost did give the village extra parts in case this should happen again. Trustee Blumke asked if we knew who had damaged the hoop yet to which President Babcock stated that unfortunately, no. No cameras were on the area. President Babcock advised that Dan Plasecia with LAMA says our security system could accommodate 2 additional cameras. For the minimal fee they would cost, council wishes to have these ordered by Dan and installed. Dave Stepanovich had nothing new to report but did express his interest in the MMJ facility. Council members all expressed the desire for the village residents to be able to give input on this issue. A public meeting is to be set within the next 2 months.

-Greg Babcock along with fellow Trustee, Doug Larson sat in on a meeting of The Tipp of the Mitt Watershed Council at the end of September. This meeting was again to discuss the invasive milfoil that is affecting the Crooked River. The Watershed Council is handing their results over to the Antrim Conservation District for recommendations. Littlefield township was also in attendance and expressed their desire to help. Trustee Larson stated that the survey that was presented was done in 2014. And he was not impressed with the presentation.

6. A motion to pay the monthly bills was made by Trustee Preston Grobaski and seconded by Trustee Dave Stepanovich. All in favor, motion to pay bills approved.
7. Visitor Comments: Monique Kilmer asked council about a community watch program. She states that there used to be one here within the village limits. Trustee Preston Grobaski asked what this watch program did and Mrs. Kilmer advised that it just keeps an eye on the neighborhood and could call for the authorities if needed. All members of the watch program would have to undergo a background check and be finger printed. It is a way to police the area without law enforcement being present.
8. At 7:59 pm a motion was made by Trustee Doug Larson to adjourn the meeting. This was seconded by Trustee Marv Blumke. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Chris Adams
Village Clerk

