

Village Of Alanson

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Regular Council Meeting Minutes

November 13th, 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 October 9th, 2017 meeting minutes. This motion was seconded by Trustee Marv Blumke. All in favor, motion to accept minutes approved.
3. Visitor Comments:
 - Greg Warner presented the board with an estimate for labor on the boathouse project. The estimate was received from ProMark in the amount of \$5500.00. This will rough in the main structure and roof with the Alanson Improvement Group to finish the remaining work along with other volunteer's. Mr. Warner also asked council for permission to start construction this fall. Mr. Warner advised council on 2 separate donations of \$3500.00 each to which Trustee Marv Blumke stated that one of the donors wanted their donation to cover the cost of the well. A motion to approve the rough in quote of \$5500.00 from ProMark was made by Trustee Marv Blumke and seconded by Trustee Dave Stepanovich. A roll call vote was taken with results as follows:
Trustee Doug Larson: Aye
Trustee Preston Grobaski: Aye
Trustee Dave Stepanovich: Aye
Trustee Marv Blumke: Aye
President Greg Babcock: Aye
All in favor, motion to approve carried.
 - Ryan Lutz from Bob's Place was in attendance to ask a few questions, first was to ask council about the banners and signs on the street light. The one in front of the restaurant is blocking the Bob's Place sign and Mr. Lutz asked council if these could be moved. President Babcock advised Mr. Lutz that the Sanctuary sign was placed there by MDOT and could not be touched by the village. Trustee Marv Blumke stated that the DPW would be out the next day and could lower the banner. Mr. Lutz then expressed his concerns on the Fairbairn Alley project. The contractors have left pieces of asphalt lying in his lot behind the restaurant as well as tearing up the grass. President Babcock advised Mr. Lutz he would contact Reith & Riley who performed the work about these issues. Mr. Lutz also asked if the village could make sure the snow pile is pushed as far back as possible so he could accommodate snowmobile parking. Trustee Blumke stated they would try their best and if necessary, snow could be hauled out.
 - Ron & Sue Emery came to thank the village for installing a street light on W. River St. They had requested this light along with other residents for some time. Trustee Blumke and President Babcock expressed their appreciation for Mr. & Mrs. Emery coming in and thanking the village.
4. A policy on how the council is able to vote on an issue before a scheduled meeting takes place was discussed. While the village is able to utilize modern technology for action, final approval must be at an open meeting. With this in mind council has agreed to e-mail and texting between members as well as the village clerk to keep each other in formed. There will be a time limit on a response, this being 48 hours or that council members vote will reflect as abstain. As in a normal vote, majority

will rule. No phone calls will be allowed as there must be a paper trail. President Babcock asked Clerk Chris Adams to write up a policy on this issue that can be reviewed by the village attorney and be approved by council.

5. The Fairbairn Alley repaving project was discussed with President Babcock advising that the bid from Reith & Riley had come in the day after the last council meeting and was \$3000.00 over the previous bid from Payne & Dolan. Reith & Riley's bid was for \$28975.00. However, Reith & Riley's bid was to replace the alley while Payne & Dolan's only repaved over existing asphalt. As this was more advisable, President Babcock did accept this bid with approval from 3 other council members by e-mail to which all e-mails expressing approval were printed and are on file at the village office. Council members expressing approval were Trustee Marv Blumke, Trustee Preston Grobaski and Trustee Doug Larson. It should be stated that Reith & Riley started and finished this project without setting an actual start date with the village. A motion was made by Trustee Doug Larson to approve the Reith & Riley bid of 28975.00 and seconded by Trustee Preston Grobaski. A roll call vote was taken with results as follows:
Trustee Marv Blumke: Aye
Trustee Dave Stepanovich: Present stating I am not quite going along with how this was done.
Trustee Preston Grobaski: Aye
Trustee Doug Larson: Aye
President Greg Babcock: Aye
With 4 Aye votes and 1 present, the motion to accept Reithy & Riley's bid was approved.
6. The DEQ sent a courtesy letter advising the Village that the dredging permit obtained by Dudley Marvin with Stafford's has been approved for transfer to Mr. & Mrs. Larry Williams.
7. Superintendent Dean Paul of Alanson Schools has contacted President Babcock about a street light the school plans on installing as it will face North Street at the crosswalk. Superintendent Paul asked if the village could help with the cost giving either \$1000.00 or up to \$2000.00. Trustee Preston Grobaski asked who would be paying the electric bill to which President Babcock stated it was the school's responsibility. A motion was made by Trustee Marv Blumke to help with \$1000.00 max. Trustee Preston Grobaski seconded this motion. A roll call vote was taken with results as follows:
Trustee Doug Larson: Aye
Trustee Preston Grobaski: Aye
Trustee Dave Stepanovich: Aye
Trustee Marv Blumke: Aye
President Greg Babcock: Aye
Motion to approve \$1000.00 for the street light approved.
8. A bid for security cameras in the park was received from EPS in the amount of \$1700.00. All council members showed disapproval on this bid. Cameras can be purchased at a lot lower cost. This issue is to be tabled until spring.
9. Adam Young with Wade Trim will be posting a Recreation Plan Survey onto the Survey Monkey website to get input on what residents would like to see happen within the village in the next 5 years. This rec plan is combined with Littlefield Township. Trustee Larson expressed his interest in getting the raw data so he could look for areas to apply for grant funding.
10. Committee Reports:
-Trustee Preston Grobaski reported that all flower pots have been picked. President Babcock stated that DPW worker Corey Withey has turned off the fountain at Morgan Park. Trustee Grobaski stated he had 5H come in and winterize as Mr. Withey does not have the necessary equipment to properly winterize.

-Trustee Marv Blumke updated council on the sewer board stating there are no major problems. The HSASDA is in the midst of its annual audit and in negotiations with the Union which occurs every 3 years. No update on the bond refinancing. As street commissioner, Trustee Blumke is meeting with the DPW workers every morning and has had them pick up all the flower pots, bike racks, trash cans and concrete parking blocks. They have also installed the snow fence across from the marathon station and will be doing the seasonal banners on Tuesday. New tires have been purchased and installed on the tractor. The tractor will need to go to Ginop's for repairs on the bucket lift pins. The big plow truck has been repaired, with the oxygen sensor being replaced. It seems to be working well. Trustee Blumke did tell DPW worker Corey Withey to go ahead and order extra sand and put in the lean to for when it was needed.

-Trustee Doug Larson has submitted the movies in the park grant and is also looking into a grant Harbor Petoskey Foundation that is due by March 1, 2018. With this grant Trustee Larson states the village could replace the wood chips in the park. Trustee Larson also informed council that the administrative report was in for the new ordinance book and will be presented at the next council meeting.

-Trustee Dave Stepanovich stated that DPW worker Devin Rangel needs to get his CDL as soon as possible, Devin Rangel is scheduled for the road test on the 9th of November.

-President Greg Babcock did not have much to report but did ask council members for their help in putting up the Christmas decorations on the hillside. There is one young lady who has asked to do community service within the village and President Babcock will contact her to help with the decorations. President Babcock and Trustee Marv Blumke will be at the hillside on Saturday the 18th at 12:30 to do what they can on decorations. Trustee Blumke asked what the plans were for the winter regarding the swing bridge. President Babcock advised that he had told DPW worker Corey Withey to place some plastic bags over the controls and to remove the poles. Also, Northwest Hydraulics will be doing some preventative maintenance.

11. A motion to pay monthly bills was made by Trustee Dave Stepanovich with Trustee Doug Larson seconding. All members in approval, motion carried. Trustee Marv Blumke did advise Clerk Chris Adams that as of November 5th, DPW worker Corey Withey will be paid \$50.00 extra per week for snow watch duty.
12. At 8:09 pm, Trustee Larson made a motion to adjourn, Trustee Blumke seconded with all in favor. Motion to adjourn approved.