

Village Of Alanson

7631 US 31 N Alanson, Mi. 49706

Regular Council Meeting Minutes

March 12th, 2018

1. At 7:00pm President Greg Babcock called the meeting to order with village roll call Trustee Doug Larson, Trustee Preston Grobaski, Trustee Dave Stepanovich, Trustee Marv Blumke and President Greg Babcock. All present
2. Trustee Marv Blumke made a motion to approve the February 12th, 2018 regular meeting minutes, the February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 Joint Rec Plan meeting minutes with Littlefield Township and the February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 Budget Meeting minutes with Trustee Preston Grobaski 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, motion carried.
3. Public Comments:
  - Wayne Blomberg with the Inland Water Route Historic Society, in appreciation, presented the council with a framed photo of the new riverboat "The Marilyn Jean". Mr. Blomberg also gave an update on the progress of the boathouse, stating work will be continuous thru the spring. He boathouse does need more windows as they only have a couple. And a quote is coming on the roll up doors. Trustee Dave Stepanovich said he had heard rumors that a Ms. Margaret O'Malley was planning on donating the cost of the bathroom. Mr. Blomberg stated he knew she was planning on donating.
  - Jim Allen was in attendance to update council on the river dredging project. New bids had been sent out with the results coming in closer to their expectation. The Ryva Company will be doing the mouth of the Cheboygan River and RBK Construction was awarded the Crooked River project. They plan on subbing to local companies to help out. The biggest issue was where to dump the excess and that issue has been resolved. Trustee Dave Stepanovich asked where the proposed dump site was to be, Mr. Allen stated Two Loons Lagoon land is to be the dump site. Equipment is to be brought in the end of March and work should start by the 1<sup>st</sup> of April with the sand bar and Two Loons Lagoon being 2 areas expected to need a lot of work. Mr. Allen stated he was going to try to get the dredging to go as far as the village docks. Mr. Allen then advised council that he along with Larry Williams were hoping to build weirs and sumps by the sand bar area and that they wish to smooth out an area and create a "beach area" making it safer for swimmers in the river in this area. If they are successful, they would ask council for their help in acquiring a park bench and some trash cans. Larry Williams then spoke of the things necessary for this project such as 2 poured head walls and a culvert. Mr. Williams estimates this project to be around \$50000.00. Trustee Doug Larson advised that if they could come up with some good drawings, he would apply for a grant for the project. Stating the Michigan DNR has an Operation Green Space Grant that could potentially bring in \$20000.00.
  - Mike Kolkmeier along with Adam Kazanowski and Michael Kazanowski presented their plan for a 3 building development just south of the Subway location. Their plan is for 1 building to be a medical marijuana dispensary, with another building to house a BBQ restaurant and the third building to be a Whiskey Distillery. They feel this would create over 30 jobs in the Alanson area. They are committed to helping the community and have plans to

make donations from profits to the Alanson School District. Mr. Kolkmeier stated that they were already in talks with the current property owner and would like to see some progress on the Village's side regarding the MMLA. Trustee Marv Blumke asked the question about construction time line and Mr. Kolkmeier replied that the dispensary was first with the BBQ restaurant second and distillery third. Mr. Kolkmeier stated they love the artesian water found here in Alanson. Trustee Marv Blumke then stated his concern was the dispensary would be built and the other 2 would not, if they Village even approved such facilities. Mr. Kolkmeier replied that with a business already in place in Petoskey, they would not do that. They do not want to tarnish their own reputation.

4. Bridge Tender ad to be placed in the Petoskey News Review for the 2018 season. Bids to be opened at the April 9<sup>th</sup> council meeting. Trustee Marv Blumke made the motion to approve the ad placement and was seconded by Trustee Doug Larson. All in favor.
5. Spring clean up to be scheduled for May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 with 50% cost split with Littlefield Township. A motion to approve was made by Trustee Doug Larson and seconded by Trustee Dave Stepanovich. All in favor.
6. Sewer Rates were discussed by council with Trustee Dave Stepanovich stating we should just make the jump to \$45.00 monthly. Trustee Marv Blumke stated council should raise to \$43.00 now and in 2019 raise to \$45.00 Trustee Doug Larson stated we need to do it, it's prudent we need to know where to be on sewer bills. Trustee Blumke stated the sewer committee needs to go over this issue. That the village should do a small increase now, let the committee do the necessary research and raise again accordingly. Prsident Babcock asked Trustee Blumke if this issue could be taken to the Sewer Board. Trustee Blumke stated not until their April meeting which would be after the Village council regular meeting, but he can speak with members of the board at any time. Trustee Marv Blumke then stated it was his recommendation to raise the rates \$2.00, changing rates from \$41.00 to \$43.00 now and draft a resolution to increase rates accordingly. Trustee Doug Larson made a motion to accept Trustee Blumke's recommendation as stated, Trustee Dave Stepanovich seconded this motion with a roll call vote following.
  - Trustee Marv Blumke: Aye
  - Trustee Dave Stepanovich: Aye
  - Trustee Preston Grobaski: Aye
  - Trustee Doug Larson: Aye
  - President Greg Babcock: AyeAll in favor, motion carried.
7. A letter from PC Lawn Care about current year rates for the sprinkler systems and fertilizer was discussed with parks committee rep, Trustee Preston Grobaski stating he was going to call a few other places including PC Lawn Care requesting in writing their current rates. Trustee Doug Larson raised the question why can't the DPW worker's take care of this issue. President Greg Babcock advised that a special license was needed and our worker's do not have this license. President Babcock then stated council should authorize Trustee Grobaski to go after these quotes/bids for the April council meeting. All council members were in agreement.
8. Eurasian Milfoil in the Crooked River was discussed. "Cake" And Tipp of the Mitt Watershed Council will begin treatment in the river starting the 1<sup>st</sup> of June. This is a 2 year treatment program. Estimated cost is between \$5200.00 and \$6200.00 with the village share 25% (\$1000.00 per year) Littlefield Township has already committed to this plan. A motion to

commit to \$1000.00 for 2018 and the possibility of another \$1000.00 in 2019 was made by Trustee Dave Stepanovich and seconded by Trustee Doug Larson. Roll call vote results:

- Trustee Doug Larson: Aye
- Trustee Preston Grobaski: Aye
- Trustee Dave Stepanovich: Aye
- Trustee Marv Blumke: Aye
- President Greg Babcock: Aye

President Babcock asked council for clarification on which account to pull this money from with Parks being approved by all council members.

9. Committee Reports:

-Preston Grobaski: As stated previously, Trustee Grobaski will be looking for bids/quotes for the 2018 season for fertilizer and the startup and closing of the sprinkler systems.

-Trustee Marv Blumke: Updated council on the sewer board, stating a new roof was going to be needed for the building with an estimated cost of \$84000.00. Page Hill sewer lines are to be replaced starting after Labor Day. And the SAW grant was approved. As for the village DPW, the building is immaculate and that there are still some Christmas light on the hillside that need to be removed. The additional DPW worker, Richard Gorney was discussed as he has requested more hours but when he has been contacted by DPW worker Corey Withey, he has stated he has other things going on. Council agreed Mr. Gorney should contact DPW worker Corey Withey to see if he is needed.

-Doug Larson: Advised council he is applying for the Community Foundation Grant for \$7000.00 which the village would match by \$5200.00. This would be for the village park improvements. The meeting on this grant is set for March 20<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Larson then handed out the new Village Ordinance books to council asking them to read it over as we will need to vote this book in at the April meeting. Trustee Larson also advised council that the survey about the MMLA was to be sent out this week to registered tax payers in the village. They have a 60 day feedback deadline, putting the MMLA vote on the June 2018 agenda for a vote.

-Trustee Dave Stepanovich has nothing to report; Trustee Blumke already spoke of the DPW areas he would have discussed.

-President Greg Babcock: Updated council that Mr. Alan Bissonette had contacted him about the Planning and Zoning Administrator position. President Babcock will be meeting with him on Friday and advised Trustee Dave Stepanovich that if he wished to attend as well, he would let him know when and where. It should be stated that Mr. Bissonette does reside within the village and has a molding injection company.

10. A motion to pay monthly bills was made by Trustee Marv Blumke and seconded by Trustee Dave Stepanovich. Roll call vote results:

- Trustee Marv Blumke: Aye
- Trustee Dave Sepanovich: Aye
- Trustee Preston Grobaski: Aye
- Trustee Doug Larson: Aye
- President Greg Babcock: Aye

Motion to pay monthly bills approved.

11. President Babcock adjourned the meeting at 8:14pm

Chris Adams  
Village Clerk