

Village Of Alanson

7631 US 31 N Alanson, Mi. 49706

Regular Council Meeting Minutes

June 11, 2018

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 approve the minutes from the May 14, 2018 regular meeting. This was seconded by Trustee Doug Larson, all in favor.
 3. Visitor Comments:
 - Mike Kolkmeier updated council on his group's plan for a medical provisioning center and 2 other types of businesses.
 - Pennie Reid asked council the status of the One Way sign for the alley she had requested last fall. President Babcock advised that the sign had been put out for bids with no response. The village will resubmit it for bids. Mrs. Reid also expressed concern on the "trench" alongside the road that is causing her property issues. This was caused by heavy washout when it rains and she had thought there were plans to fix this issue.
 4. Council has no interest in joining Protec
 5. A letter from MDOT was read advising the village of a wetland mitigation site to be located on the corner of Banwell Rd and Smith Rd.
 6. The MMLA survey results were read aloud. There were 385 surveys mailed with 16 returned undeliverable, 3 yes votes but revisit in one year, 19 yes votes and 30 no votes. President Babcock asked council if they had a chance to look over the surveys with Trustee Larson, Trustee Stepanovich and Trustee Grobaski stating they had looked over the surveys.
 7. MMLA Ordinance, President Babcock advised council that we could adopt as is, adopt with changes or vote no. Trustee Marv Blumke asked if his question about churches had been brought to the attorney. Trustee Doug Larson stated the attorney advised against this as it could create a scenario where the village would be liable and could be sued. Trustee Dave Stepanovich asked where the ordinance committee had come up with only 1 dispensary and why can't we charge more for the license than the cost of the paperwork? Trustee Stepanovich also stated he believed as the state has not issued any licenses yet, council should wait and see what the state goes with. Trustee Doug Larson stated that he along with President Babcock make up the ordinance committee and that was just the figure they came up with. After much discussion Trustee Dave Stepanovich made a motion to approve the MMLA ordinance as written with the addition of 3 provisioning centers instead of 1. Trustee Preston Grobaski seconded this motion with a roll call vote following:
 - Trustee Marv Blumke: No
 - Trustee Dave Stepanovich: Yes
 - Trustee Preston Grobaski: Yes
 - Trustee Doug Larson: Present
 - President Greg Babcock: No
- 2 No votes, 2 Yes votes and 1 Present, motion does not carry.

8. Fireworks ordinance #90.1A5: President Babcock advised council that the Village Ordinance Enforcement officer, Allen Bersonnett, had been receiving many complaints about fireworks within the village limit. As of the date of this meeting, the current ordinance address's firecrackers only. Trustee Doug Larson spoke of how obsessive the fireworks use ids within the village. Trustee Larson advised council of the state regulations of allowing fireworks a day before a holiday, the holiday itself and the day after, with a limitation on the hours such as no fireworks between the hours of 11:59 pm to 8 am just as an example. Trustee Larson then suggested the village take the same policy. All council agreed o have the ordinance rewritten and to vote on the new ordinance at the July 9, 2018 meeting.
9. Council was updated about a car versus rock incident that happened within the village and advised Clerk Chris Adams to submit the necessary paperwork to the Village insurance company.
10. Committee Reports:
 - Trustee Preston Grobaski advised council he had placed mulch at Morgan Park and was in need of ordering more. Trustee Doug Larson brought up the mulch that is in need of being placed in the park and asked Trustee Grobaski if he would like to schedule a joint work bee within the next few weeks, Trustee Grobaski was in agreement with this.
 - Trustee Marv Blumke advised of the upcoming HSASDA meeting. Trustee Blumke then updated council on the status of the swing bridge, a new motor was ordered as the old motor was discontinued and parts were not available to fix it. This motor is here but caused a wiring issue that is being worked on by Wayne;s Electric and they hope to have everything ready to go before the weekend. A card of thanks was received from a village resident regarding DPW workers, stating they appreciate all the hard work that went into fixing the plow damage alongside the roads within the village. Trustee Blumke also advised council the guide cable on the island ferry would need to be looked at and fixed.
 - Trustee Doug Larson updated council on the Community Foundation grant he had procured for the village. The recyle bins and water fountain are already in service within the park and as stated above, a work bee is being planned to place the mulch under the play area.
11. A motion to pay the monthly bills was made by Trustee Doug Larson with the exception of the Young, Graham & Wendling attorney bill, this was seconded by Trustee Marv Blumke with a roll call vote following:
 - Trustee Doug Larson: Yes
 - Trustee Preston Grobaski: Yes
 - Trustee Dave Stepanovich: Yes
 - Trustee Marv Blumke: Yes
 - President Greg Babcock: YesMotion to pay bills carried (At the time of these minutes being written, the Young, Graham & Wendling bill has been voided by Young, Graham & Wendling)
12. Public Comments:
 - Resident Dick Weidenhamer spoke of his belief that the medical marijuana is necessary for certain people but should sold thru a drug store/pharmacy.
 - Resident Bryan Burley told council he applauded their decision to send out the survey and listen to the results. Mr. Burley then asked when this issue would be back on the agenda to which President Greg Babcock stated he personally wanted to wait and see what the State and the Federal Government decided. There is no road map for this.

-Resident Tom Earhart expressed his concern about the handling of the MMLA vote, stating it seemed like council was voting on an amended ordinance, President Babcock stated that the vote was on the original ordinance with an addition. Mr. Earhart then advised he was selling his property.

-Resident Tom Fairbairn Jr. stated he would like to reiterate what Mr. Burley had said. Stating he believed the council made a great decision, that they had made the right decision. Thank You

-Resident Jim Allen updated council on the dredging of Crooked River, this is to start on the 18th of June starting from the locks and going to the swing bridge. AAs time allows they will go further with more dredging to take place this fall. Mr. Allen also advised that they are referring to the "beach" area as Bass Avenue Park and that they are trying to save the weirs and looking into the sump pumps to help with the erosion. McPhee creek needs to be cleared from the river up to the park. Mr. Allen will update council at a later date.

-Resident Pennie Reid did thank council for the MMLA survey but addressed the fact a lot of residents did not receive the survey. Surveys were sent to property owners, not people who actually live in the village such as renter's. In the future, we need to address that.

13. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Doug Larson and seconded by Trustee Dave Stepanovich. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm

Chris Adams
Village Clerk