

Village Of Alanson

7631 US 31 N Alanson, Mi. 49706

Regular Council Meeting Minutes

July 9, 2018

1. At 6:01 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 June 11, 2018 regular meeting. This was seconded by Trustee Marv Blumke, all in favor.
3. Visitor Comments:
 - AIG Group updated council on the boathouse with a list of items still needed to complete the project. Wayne Bloomberg of the AIG stated the bathroom and siding were the 2 items needing finished first so the building can be open to the public. Trustee Doug Larson asked about the doors to which Mr. Bloomberg stated that AIG may be able to find some money. The total to complete the boathouse is \$14527.57 which includes the doors. The AIG is asking council to approve this money. Trustee Larson asked the procedure on this grant as it pre-dates his term. President Greg Babcock stated the village could owe the grant money back if not completed. Trustee Preston Grobaski asked the deadline on the boathouse project which President Babcock stated has already passed. Trustee Dave Stepanovich stated this project should have been finished long ago. The village has many roads and other areas that are in need of repair and the resident's money should be used for these repairs. Dick Weidenhamer with the AIG stated issues arose that delayed construction as well as health of an AIG member. Trustee Stepanovich stated these issues should have been thought of sooner. A few ideas were discussed to help raise funds to finish the boat house. The boathouse fund currently has just over \$900.00 left in the fund. Trustee Marv Blumke then made a motion to approve the AIG request without the doors for a total of \$10378.27. This was seconded by Trustee Doug Larson with a roll call vote being taken:
 - Trustee Marv Blumke: Yes
 - Trustee Dave Stepanovich: Yes
 - Trustee Preston Grobaski: Yes
 - Trustee Doug Larson: Yes
 - President Greg Babcock: YesAll in favor, motion approved for \$10378.27
4. The village has received many complaints of unsafe opening and closing of the swing bridge and of leaving bridge open when no boats in river. President Greg Babcock made a motion to replace the current bridge tender, Paul Davison, this was seconded by Trustee Doug Larson 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: Yes

All in favor, motion carried.

5. President Greg Babcock advised council that Jeff Prater (who did submit an original bid in April) would be willing and available to take over the current contract as written and signed. A motion was made by Trustee Marv Blumke to appoint Jeff Prater to bridge tender for the remainder of the 2018 season, this was seconded by Trustee Doug Larson with a roll call vote following:

-Trustee Marv Blumke: Yes

-Trustee Dave Stepanovich: Yes

-Trustee Preston Grobaski: Yes

-Trustee Doug Larson: Yes

-President Greg Babcock: Yes

All in favor, motion carried.

6. President Babcock introduced Jordan Abbott as the village choice for the LAMA Rep. She has attended the last LAMA meeting and has discussed the position with current rep, Brooke Milbrandt and is interested in the position. A motion was made by Trustee Marv Blumke to appoint Jordan Abbot as the village rep to the LAMA board, this was seconded by Trustee Doug Larson with all council in favor, motion carried.

7. Committee

-Trustee Preston Grobaski did not have much to report, just that the parks are looking good.

-Trustee Marv Blumke advised of the Sewer Board meeting on Thursday and that he had received a bid and proof of insurance from Rick Gorney on some limbs and trees that need removal. Mr. Gorney will be cutting and the village DPW workers will haul away the debris.

-Trustee Doug Larson had nothing on ordinance other that he is working on a new fireworks ordinance. Trustee Larson then advised council that the Petoskey/ Harbor Community Grant committee had come to see the park and were very pleased with the results and felt that the Movies in the Park was a great accompaniment. The committee also stated they are very enthusiastic to fund future projects. They also informed Trustee Larson on grants for the Invasive species that are now being found within the village limits.

-Trustee Dave Stepanovich did not have anything to report, just wanted to make sure Jeff Prater would be available to start as bridge tender the following day.

-President Greg Babcock updated council on the DDA event, Movies in the Park. They had a much larger crowd than was expected with 172 people in attendance. President Babcock also advised council on the legalities of the bridge being opened for boaters. The coast guard rules state a bridge must be opened promptly and when requested by a boat. The village must follow this rule. A copy of the coast guard rules is on file with the village clerk.

-Allen Bersonnet (Ordinance Enforcement Officer) spoke of the fireworks issue and was advised that an ordinance is being worked on. Mr. Bersonnet also expressed concern on a vacant property with carpet rolled up on the porch, asking if he could send a letter to the property owner. After showing council the picture, President Babcock stated that when the letter was sent to please include something about the grass also needing to be cut.

8. Motion to pay monthly bills was made by Trustee Doug Larson and seconded by Trustee Preston Grobaski 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: Yes

Motion to pay monthly bills approved.

9. Public Comments: Allen Bersonnet as Ordinance Enforcement Officer will now be included in Committee reports.
10. President Greg Babcock adjourned the meeting at 6:50pm.

Chris Adams
Village Clerk