

Village Of Alanson

7631 US 31 N Alanson, Mi. 49706

Regular Council Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2018

1. At 6:00 pm President Greg Babcock called the meeting to order.
Village Roll Call: President Greg Babcock, Trustee Marv Blumke, Trustee Doug Larson, Trustee Visitor Preston Grobaski, Trustee Dave Stepanovich
*A motion was made by Trustee Dave Stepanovich to add Jim Benham and the Fairbairn lot Lease to the agenda and seconded by Trustee Doug Larson, all in favor.
*A motion was made by Trustee Dave Stepanovich to add a sewer back up issue to the agenda, this was seconded by Trustee Marv Blumke, all in favor.
2. Trustee Doug Larson to approve the minutes from the September 10, 2018 regular meeting, this was seconded by Trustee Marv Blumke with all in favor.
3. Visitor Comments
- Greg Tanner, owner of The Alanson Depot was in attendance to speak with council about parking lot issues he is having at the restaurant. Semi drivers are pulling in and backing out from the parking lot which is tearing up the asphalt. Mr. Tanner is wondering what can be done on this as well as having the parking lines repainted and address the drain issues he is having. President Greg Babcock advised this lot is leased by the village and ownership has changed since it was drawn up. President Babcock stated he would contact the village attorney to see if a new lease would need to be done but did ask council if they were ok with a new lease to which Trustees Doug Larson, Preston Grobaski and Marv Blumke agreed.
4. A Fireworks Ordinance was presented to council by Trustee Doug Larson, following state guidelines. A \$100.00 fine has been put in place for violations of the ordinance. An addition was made in section (C) of code 130.04 at the end of item (1). This addition states a resident can apply for special permission to have fireworks during a prohibited time. This approval will be at the discretion of the Village Enforcement officer. A motion was made by Trustee Doug Larson to approve the new ordinance with the change, this was seconded by Trustee Marv Blumke with a roll call vote:
-Trustee Doug Larson: Yes
-Trustee Preston Grobaski: Yes
-Trustee Dave Stepanovich: Yes
-Trustee Marv Blumke: Yes
-President Greg Babcock: Yes
Motion approved.
5. President Greg Babcock presented council with a land swap with Jim Benham with the Secondhand Man Antique Store. Last year when the village repaved Fairbairn Alley, a portion of Mr. Benham's property was used. After a survey was completed, it was proven Mr. Benham was correct. While Mr. Benham knows this does have to go through the proper legal channels, he is looking for a commitment on council's part. Trustee Dave Stepanovich stated that the land being swapped to Mr. Benham is a small area to which Mr. Benham has maintained for years. A motion was made to give

approval on the land swap by Trustee Doug Larson and seconded by Trustee Dave Stepanovich 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

6. Resident Mark Fairbairn has had a sewer back up issue into his house. The pump station failed causing the back up. Trustee Marv Blumke asked clerk Chris Adams to contact the village insurance to correspond with the Sewer authority insurance rep. It should be noted here that by Tuesday Morning, the 9th of October, the Sewer Authority took responsibility and have an adjuster going to the site.

7. Committee Reports:

- Trustee Preston Grobaski stated the winterization of sprinkler systems had been done.
- Trustee Marv Blumke updated council that the boathouse was almost complete with siding done, bathroom almost done and the roll up doors are on site. Trustee Blumke advised that the DPW has been busy filling in wash out from all the storms. More gravel may be needed. While out cleaning up the wash out, the broom attachment was broken, the shaft broke and froze up. With repair costs around \$1200-\$1500, Trustee Blumke stated he felt it might be better to wait to fix this until spring as the weather is changing. As Sewer rep, Trustee Blumke updated council on the work Gozling & Zoobeck have been performing in the village. The village has 44 manhole covers that need to be raised. Of these 28 are done with another 9 needing a contractor as they are either in or under the asphalt leaving another 7 still to complete.
- Trustee Doug Larson had nothing new to report
- Trustee Dave Stepanovich had nothing new to report
- President Greg Babcock stated that at the September meeting council had approved a bid from Randy August. After leaving a message for him, President Babcock stated he has yet to hear back from him. President Babcock has approached Harbor Springs Ex. for bids. President Babcock also asked clerk, Chris Adams to put an ad in the local paper for another DPW worker stating they must have a class B CDL.

8. Trustee Doug Larson made a motion to pay the monthly bills, seconded by Trustee Marv Blumke with a roll call vote:

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

Meeting Adjourned at 6:50 PM

Chris Adams
Village Clerk