

Village Of Alanson

7631 US 31 N Alanson, Mi. 49706

Regular Council Meeting Minutes

November 12, 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 Visitor Preston Grobaski, Trustee Dave Stepanovich
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
  - Rep. Bill Shorter attended and hopes to be here more.
  - Bill Culp was in attendance to ask about snow plowing on Terrace St. not being plowed all the way, Trustee Marv Blumke advised that the village is down to only one man plowing and that the village is trying to find a second man. Mr. Culp then asked about camping within village limits. President Greg Babcock advised this is not allowed at any time. Mr. Culp stated there was someone camping in the alley by Jim Becker's house. President Babcock stated that he would send the Ordinance officer, Allen Bersonnet out as soon as possible to take a look.
  - Jim Cantrell spoke of concerns regarding the truck's used. Stating the big plow truck scraps Cantrell Alley better than the regular truck.
  - Jim Allen was in attendance to update council on Bass Street Park. There are a few issues needing attention. The first is needing a new culvert and the DEQW is recommending the bigger culvert of 50-60 inches to handle the flow, drainage is another issue. A possible solution is widening McPhee Creek, lining it and putting in the sump pumps. The 3<sup>rd</sup> issue is jurisdiction. If the Corp owns the creek they will have to pay to fix these issues. If the village is responsible, Mr. Allen stated he did look for bids on the cleanup and a company out of Cheboygan came in around \$35000. Mr. Allen is still waiting on word of who is responsible. Trustee Doug Larson asked Mr. Allen to get him the specs on the project so we could try for a grant. Trustee Marv Blumke stated the village does have the "Swim at Your Own Risk" signs for when this area is ready. The Corp of Engineers is finished dredging for the season but will be back in the spring.
4. Letters from MML were given to council.
5. Mike Kolkmeier and partners were in attendance to re purpose a motion to have a provisioning center and processing center in the village. Trustee Doug Larson advised to come with your best argument for this to our next meeting, convince us to say yes. With recreational passing, Trustee Larson stated there are a few issues to consider and discuss with the village attorney, an ordinance may not matter.
6. Committee Reports:
  - Trustee Preston Grobaski had nothing new to report
  - Trustee Marv Blumke asked Rep. Bill Shorter if there were any projects on the agenda for 2019 to which Mr. Shorter replied about the same as this year. Maintenance of existing is the biggest item. Trustee Blumke also asked if an elevator was in store for The Dark Skies Park. Mr. Shorter stated it was not in the budget. Trustee Blumke then updated council on why a few bills were higher than

regular with the boathouse. As for the sewer authority, Trustee Blumke state that the raising of manhole covers is complete with the exception of the ones in asphalt which KRG will do in the spring. The televising of the lines is also scheduled for in the spring. The annual budget for the Sewer Authority is on the agenda for next month's meeting and is expected to be approved. Trustee Blumke did state the necessity of a second man for the DPW. President Babcock shared the 2 applications that were received. DPW worker Corey Withey will be taking Thursday and Friday off to hunt with weather permitting.

- Trustee Doug Larson asked the status of the properties that were sent certified letters due to nuisance. President Babcock stated out of the 5 letters sent out, 4 were signed for and received with 1 coming back undeliverable. President Babcock and Ordinance Enforcement officer, Allen Bersonnet are scheduled to meet with the village attorney to discuss the tickets that can and will be issued. Trustee Larson asked if a Community Connections packet could be included in violation letters as these packets give resident's information on where to go for help within the community. President Babcock and council agreed but President Babcock did state that resident's need to initiate contact with us and let us know the situation as well.

-Trustee Dave Stepanovich had nothing new to report

-President Babcock addressed the visit to the attorney on Friday, stating that there may be updates on the Medical Marijuana to which he will check into. President Babcock reported that Sewer Clerk, Sue Anne Kilgore had asked about verifying taps for the sewer billing as it was discovered that the Alanson Public Schools have not been adjusted in many years. Trustee Marv Blumke stated that all the businesses were done about a year ago and are all in line with where they should be. President Babcock asked council's help with decorating the Hillside for Christmas.

7. Visitor Comments:

-Bill Culp asked how residents would know the Medical marijuana was back on next month's agenda. Council advised by word of mouth as well as the agenda for the December meeting would be posted on the Village Facebook page a week before the meeting.

-Jim Cantrell asked about redoing Cantrell Alley and was advised a bid had been received from Harbor Springs Excavating with work possibly starting in the spring.

-Rep. Bill Shorter also updated council on an ad-hoc committee he developed and his support of the public transportation in our area. While the transportation issue did pass, it will not hit a property tax bill but will be paid for thru the General Fund.

8. Trustee Marv Blumke made a motion to pay the monthly bills, seconded by Trustee Preston Grobaski 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 7:15 pm