

Village Of Alanson

7631 US 31 N Alanson, Mi. 49706

Regular Council Meeting Minutes

September 10, 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 all present. Trustee Dave Stepanovich absent
2. Trustee Preston Grobaski made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 13, 2018 regular meeting, this was seconded by Trustee Marv Blumke. Trustee Doug Larson agreed. Trustee Dave Stepanovich was absent from meeting. President Babcock did not vote as he was not in attendance at the August 10 meeting.
3. Visitor Comments
 - The Alanson Area Women's Club has dissolved. The Club has donated their remaining funds to the Village Park/Playground fund. A letter of appreciation will be mailed to the Women's Group thanking them for this donation.
 - Brian Drayton with the Crooked River Fire Fighter's Association was in attendance to update council on their annual car show. There were 101 cars this year and TV coverage of the event. The Lake Life Church brought the bounce houses to the village park for this event.
4. Library Board President Joan Niewiadomski presented to council her choice for a village rep on the library board. Sue Brants has been a resident of the Village for the past 12 years residing by Two Loons Lagoon as well as being a card holder at the library during this time. Trustee Doug Larson made a motion to accept Sue Brants as the new village rep for the Library Board and this was seconded by Trustee Preston Grobaski. All council in attendance in favor. Motion carried.
5. Resident Doug Houseworth was in attendance to discuss the sewer tap-in/disconnect ordinance regarding the River Walk project. Mr. Houseworth has asked to be notified once a decision has been made between the current owner and the Village.
6. The Cheboygan Avenue ditch repair was discussed. President Babcock stated the spring storm had damaged the culvert that runs the length of the avenue as well as driveways. A bid from Indian River Contractor's owned by Randy August has been received with a bid of \$9160.00 The bid is high as there is no way of knowing what may be found once digging starts. Mr. August did include o his bid a separate section with individual price break downs for hourly rates versus a straight bid, which may be cheaper in the end. A motion was made by Trustee Doug Larson to get started on the necessary repairs which was seconded by Trustee Marv Blumke. A roll call vote was taken:
 - Trustee Doug Larson: Aye
 - Trustee Preston Grobaski: Aye
 - Trustee Dave Stepanovich: Not present at meeting
 - Trustee Marv Blumke: Aye
 - President Greg Babcock: AyeMotion to start repairs approved.

7. Bass Avenue needs a culvert repaired before winter hits. A motion was made by Trustee Preston Grobaski to seek out 3 bids for the replacement of this culvert. This was seconded by Trustee Marv Blumke with all council in attendance in agreement.
8. Cantrell Street was also discussed as this has been a problem area for some time. The village has requested bids with none being received. A motion was made by Trustee Doug Larson to receive bids for this repair and to keep it on a continuous cycle until a bid as been received. This was seconded by Trustee Preston Grobaski with all council in attendance in agreement.
9. Clerk Chris Adams presented 2 bids to council for the Complex Bridge Procedure inspection. Great Lakes Engineering came in with \$6800. A second bid was received from the Spicer Group of \$4400.00. A third company, Rowe Professional Services was also asked for a bid and declined as they would have to sub out certain areas. A motion was made by Trustee Doug Larson to accept the Spicer Group bid for \$4400.00, this was seconded by Trustee Preston Grobaski with a roll call vote being taken:
 - Trustee Marv Blumke: Aye
 - Trustee Dave Stepanovich: Not present at meeting
 - Trustee Preston Grobaski: Aye
 - Trustee Doug Larson: Aye
 - President Greg Babcock: AyeMotion approved.
10. Committee Reports:
 - Trustee Preston Grobaski had nothing to report
 - Trustee Marv Blumke
 - Trustee Doug Larson Had nothing to report
 - Trustee Dave Stepanovich was absent
 - Ordinance Officer Allen Bersonnet requested council permission to send final nuisance violation letters to 4 residences within the village. Mr. Bersonnet stated that he had contacted these home owners and feels this may be an uphill battle. A second and final warning letter can be issued if after 14 days, the violation is not corrected. President Greg Babcock advised all final violation letters be sent certified mail. A motion was made by Trustee Preston Grobaski to approve enforcement if corrections of the violations are not made within the 14 days from the date on the letter. This was seconded by Trustee Marv Blumke with all council in attendance in favor. Mr. Bersonnett also inquired of the fireworks ordinance. This issue will be on the October 2018 agenda. Another are of concern was the end of Bass Avenue. A very large, old willow tree is falling into the river over time. Trustee Blume advised he would go take a look and see what needs to be done.
11. Trustee Doug Larson made a motion to pay the monthly bills. Trustee Marv Blumke seconded with a roll call vote being taken:
 - Trustee Doug Larson Aye
 - Trustee Preston Grobaski Aye
 - Trustee Dave Stepanovich ABSENT
 - Trustee Marv Blumke Aye
 - President Greg Babcock AyeMotion to pay bills approved.
12. Visitor Comments
 - Jim Allen was in attendance to update council on the Bass Avenue Park improvements. Mr. Allen also expressed his thanks for all of the help and support council has given on this project. The park

is starting to take shape. RYBA as well as the Army Corp of Engineers have expressed interest in helping with the park as long as it was a donation basis. Mr. Allen also advised council the dredging of the Crooked River is set to start again at the end of September. Due to the dredging, the swimming hole area is deeper than past years. Mr. Allen asked about the signs for this area and President Babcock advised that had been ordered and were expected to ship out the next day. Mr. Allen then asked council if it was ok for him to send a letter to the DEQ about starting the clean up for Bass Avenue Park before the permit comes, all council in attendance agreed. Trustee Marv Blumke thanked Mr. Allen for all his time and effort on this project.

13. At 7:16 pm a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Doug Larson and seconded by Trustee Marv Blumke.