

Village Of Alanson

7631 US 31 N Alanson, Mi. 49706

Regular Council Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2019

1. At 6:00 pm President Greg Babcock called the meeting to order.
Village Roll Call: President Greg Babcock, Trustee Marvin Blumke, Trustee Doug Larson, Trustee Preston Grobaski and Trustee Dave Stepanovich
2. Trustee Dave Stepanovich made a motion to accept the November 12, 2018 regular meeting minutes. This motion was seconded by Trustee Doug Larson. All in favor, motion to accept minutes approved.
3. Visitor Comments: None
4. Sewer clerk Sue Anne Kilgore presented council with rate reductions for the following: (All rate reductions are approved only upon notice of signed letter stating request.)
 1. B&S Rentals reduce from 9 units to 7 motion made by Trustee Marvin Blumke, seconded by Trustee Doug Larson with a roll call vote being taken:
 - Trustee Doug Larson: YES
 - Trustee Preston Grobaski: YES
 - Trustee Dave Stepanovich: YES
 - Trustee Marvin Blumke: YES
 - President Greg Babcock: YES **All in favor, motion carries.
 2. Michael Lambert reduce from 8 units to 2 motion made by Trustee Doug Larson and seconded by Trustee Marvin Blumke with a roll call vote being taken:
 - Trustee Marvin Blumke: YES
 - Trustee Dave Stepanovich: YES
 - Trustee Preston Grobaski: YES
 - Trustee Doug Larson: YES
 - President Greg Babcock: YES **All in favor, motion carries.
 3. Alanson Public Schools reduce from 22 units to 18 with a yearly student head count due each October to reduce/increase units yearly with no tap in fee if an increase is due, motion to approve was made by Trustee Marvin Blumke and seconded by Trustee Preston Grobaski with a roll call vote being taken:
 - Trustee Doug Larson: YES
 - Trustee Preston Grobaski: YES
 - Trustee Dave Stepanovich: YES
 - Trustee Marvin Blumke: YES
 - President Greg Babcock: YES **All in favor, motion carries.
 4. James Benham eliminate 1 account completely. Trustee Marvin Blumke has inspected and cap is in place. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Dave Stepanovich and seconded by Trustee Marvin Blumke with a roll call vote being taken:
 - Trustee Marvin Blumke: YES
 - Trustee Dave Stepanovich: YES
 - Trustee Preston Grobaski: YES
 - Trustee Doug Larson: YES

- President Greg Babcock: YES **All in favor, motion carries.
5. Charter franchise fee is up for renewal. This is an event that takes place every 10 years. Current rate is 0.06%. Council asked clerk, Chris Adams to call other local municipalities and see what the average rate is in the area and request an extension from Charter on submitting our rate request until the February meeting. A motion was made by Trustee Doug Larson to call for comparison and target the 2.5% range if not able to extend to the February meeting, this was seconded by Trustee Marvin Blumke.
 6. Committee Reports:
 - Trustee Preston Grobaski nothing new to report
 - Trustee Marvin Blumke updated council on the plow truck repairs, the conveyor belt was broke and Truck & Trailer moved others aside to get the truck fixed asap for the village. President Babcock asked if regular maintenance would have prevented this to which Trustee Blumke stated DPW worker Corey Withey does power wash the inside area every spring but maybe oiling the chain would be beneficial.
 - Trustee Doug Larson submitted a grant to the Health Department that could help with McPhee Creek culvert for \$15000.00 with a \$7000.00 commitment from the village.
Trustee Larson also advised continuing the bottle cap program with the Alanson Public schools could help and another grant opportunity is available in March with the Community Foundation.
 - Trustee Dave Stepanovich advised council he has spoken with DPW worker, Corey Withey over an incident where the workers were being harassed for moving snow banks. If this issue arises again, Trustee Stepanovich has advised the DPW workers to call him and he will come and stay on sight as the workers should not be harassed for doing their job.
 7. A motion to pay the monthly bills was made 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 Marvin Blumke: Yes
 - President Greg Babcock: YesAll in favor, motion to pay bills carries.
 8. Public Comments: None
 9. At 7:46 pm Trustee Doug Larson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Marvin Blumke

Chris Adams
Village Clerk