

Village Of Alanson
7631 US 31 N Alanson, Mi. 49706
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2019

1. At 6:01 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 January 14, 2019 regular meeting minutes. This motion was seconded by Trustee Marvin Blumke. All in favor, motion to accept minutes approved.
3. Trustee Doug Larson made a motion to accept the minutes from the January 11, 2019 joint meeting with LAMA & Littlefield Township. This motion was seconded by Trustee Preston Grobaski. All in favor, motion carried.
4. Visitor Comments: None
5. The Charter franchise fee renewal was discussed. Clerk Chris Adams had sent out request for local rates with no response. The Charter rep stated the average rate was 2.5%. Trustee Doug Larson made a motion to raise the Charter Franchise fee to the 2.5% rate. This motion was seconded by Trustee Marvin Blumke. All in favor, motion carried. This rate is effective for the next 10 years.
6. The Top O Michigan Outboard Racing Club made their annual request for the "No Wake Zone" for the National Championship races scheduled for August 10th & 11th 2019. A motion was made by Trustee Doug Larson and seconded by Trustee Dave Stepanovich. All in favor, motion carried.
7. New all-season tires for the big yellow plow truck were discussed with 2 quotes coming in with in \$15.00 of each other. A motion was made by Trustee Dave Stepanovich to purchase the tires from Richard's Tire in Petoskey, this was seconded by Trustee Doug Larson will a roll call vote following:
 - Trustee Doug Larson: Yes
 - Trustee Preston Grobaski: Yes
 - Trustee Dave Stepanovich: Yes
 - Trustee Marvin Blumke: Yes
 - President Greg Babcock: YesTrustee Doug Larson asked if there were plans to put green lights on the plow truck, Trustee Marvin Blumke said he would price them.
8. Security cameras for the DPW building and surrounding area were discussed. President Greg Babcock presented council with a package of 6 camera's and external storage and expandable for \$850.00. Trustee Doug Larson made a motion to purchase the security camera's, this was seconded by Trustee Marvin Blumke with a roll call vote following:
 - Trustee Marvin Blumke: Yes
 - Trustee Dave Stepanovich: Yes
 - Trustee Preston Grobaski: Yes
 - Trustee Doug Larson: Yes

-President Greg Babcock: Yes

9. A new pick up truck was discussed as the current truck is continuously having issues. 2 quotes were received on this, one was for a GMC with plow and sander with a 6.0-liter engine for \$39836.00 delivered by and the seconded was for a Ford F250 with plow and sander and 6.2-liter engine for \$41421.00 from Gorno Ford out of Woodhaven, Mi. Both have warranties. After much discussion, it was decided to keep the old truck as back up for the dump box and hauling the cold patch machine. Financing was also with discussed. Trustee Doug Larson asked Trustee Dave Stepanovich which truck he recommended with Trustee Stepanovich stating the Ford as it has a bigger engine and stiffer rear end. Trustee Doug Larson then made a motion to purchase the Ford F250 paid in full, this motion was seconded by Trustee Marvin Blumke 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: Yes

All in favor, motion carried.

Trustee Dave Stepanovich did request setting up a maintenance schedule and having one person working on the village vehicles. All council did agree.

10. The 2019/2020 budget was presented to council in rough draft. The rough draft shows expenditures of \$466411.20 and income of \$467911.48. A motion was made by Trustee Doug Larson to accept the rough draft with final budget approval to follow in March, this motion was seconded by Trustee Preston Grobaski with a roll call vote following:

-Trustee Marvin Blumke: Yes

-Trustee Dave Stepanovich: Yes

-Trustee Preston Grobaski: Yes

-Trustee Doug Larson: Yes

-President Greg Babcock: Yes

All in favor, motion carried.

11. Committee Reports:

-Trustee Preston Grobaski: Nothing to report

-Trustee Marvin Blumke: DPW getting heat for snow banks, but we are dealing with it. Maintenance on the big yellow plow truck should include replacing fuel filters every year. Truck & Trailer repaired the conveyor chain on the big yellow plow truck but did recommended replacing with a new one within a year. Emmet County Road Commission is starting to run low on salt and sand. Nothing new to report on the sewer other than the discontinuance letters have been received and are on file at the village office.

-Trustee Doug Larson reported the completion of the Community Foundation Grant. A grant has been awarded to the Village to improve the Bass Avenue Park for \$15000.00 with a \$8000.00 match from the village. Trustee Larson is looking into another grant for \$7000.00 for this project as well. The full project total for the Bass Ave. Park is \$39000.00

-Trustee Dave Stepanovich spoke of Frank Adams who was able to come to the DPW and repair the fuel filters on the big yellow plow truck. He recommends him for all maintenance on the village equipment. Trustee Stepanovich suggested having Frank set up a regular schedule for maintenance and to give us a supply list of items that should be on hand for such repairs. President Babcock suggested an October/April overhaul on all village vehicles.

-Ordinance Enforcement Officer Allen Bersonnet did not have much to report, but when spring comes this will change. Allen is trying to avoid any legal fee's but some may be necessary to clean up the blight.

-President Greg Babcock advised council of a phone call received from Tom Erhart about the old burley building on US 31. Mr. Erhart has rented the building to a registered medical marijuana care giver. President Babcock advised council he had contacted the village attorney and was advised the village can not do anything at this time. Mr. Erhart is legally allowed to do this at this time.

12. 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: Yes

All in favor, motion carried.

At 7:09 pm meeting was adjourned

Chris Adams
Village Clerk