

Village Of Alanson

7631 US 31 N Alanson, Mi. 49706

Regular Council Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2019

1. At 6:00 pm President Greg Babcock called the meeting to order.  
Village Roll Call: All council present
2. Trustee Preston Grobaski made a motion to accept the March 11, 2019 regular meeting minutes. This motion was seconded by Trustee Doug Larson. All in favor, motion to accept minutes approved.
3. Visitor Comments:
  - Stuart and Laurie Fenton, area residents were in attendance
  - Art & Brian Drayton with the Crooked River Fire Fighters were in attendance to discuss the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and September 8<sup>th</sup> car show. For the 4<sup>th</sup> a motion was made by Trustee Marv Blumke to donate \$250 for the parade. This was seconded by Trustee Doug Larson 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: YesMotion carries
  - The annual car show is scheduled for September 8, 2019. A motion to close River Street from US 31 to the swing Bridge, including Warren St. for this event was made by Trustee Doug Larson and seconded by Trustee Dave Stepanovich with all council approving, motion carried.
  - Art Drayton did advise council at this time that the Crooked River Fire Fighter's would not be at Riverfest this year.
4. The annual spring clean up date with Littlefield Township has been scheduled for Saturday, May 4, 2019 from 8 am until 2 pm. A motion to participate with the township was made by Trustee Preston Grobaski and seconded by Trustee Doug Larson. All council agrees, motion carried. President Greg Babcock will contact Parkey's and Little Traverse Disposal.
5. Bridge Tender Bids: Only one bid was received from Jeff Prater of Alanson for \$16400.00  
A motion to accept this bid for the 2019 season was made by Trustee Doug Larson and seconded by Trustee Marv Blumke with a roll call vote following:
  - Trustee Marv Blumke: Yes
  - Trustee Dave Stepanovich: Yes
  - Trustee Preston Grobaski: Yes
  - Trustee Doug Larson: Yes
  - President Greg Babcock: YesAll in favor, motion to accept bid approved.
6. President Greg Babcock presented council with a benefit package for full time employees. After much discussion on this, it was decided to have the insurance representative come and give an

informational presentation before a final decision would be made. It should be noted that Trustee Doug Larson is in favor of adopting an annual or bi-annual employee evaluation to which President Greg Babcock and Trustee Dave Stepanovich agreed.

7. A bid from harbor Springs Excavating for the resurfacing of Cantrell Street for \$14599.00 was discussed with President Babcock advising that this total could change if there are drainage issues in this area. A request for bids on this project were sent to 2 other companies, Indian River Excavating and Tri County with no response from either company. A motion to approve the Harbor Springs Excavating bid for \$14599.00 was made by Trustee Marv Blumke with Trustee Doug Larson second and a roll vote following:
  - Trustee Doug Larson: Yes
  - Trustee Preston Grobaski: Yes
  - Trustee Dave Stepanovich: Yes
  - Trustee Marv Blumke: Yes
  - President Greg Babcock: YesAll in favor, motion carries
8. President Greg Babcock advised council a resident is requesting a street light on Armock Road between Aloha Drive and Winding Pine Court as this is a very dark area. Trustee Doug Larson stated he drives this way to work every day and agrees. A motion to contact Great Lakes Energy for a bid on a street light was made by Trustee Doug Larson and seconded by Trustee Marv Blumke with all council approving. President Babcock stated he would contact Great Lakes for the bid.
9. Clerk, Chris Adams has turned in a resignation letter effective April 30,2019. A motion to accept her resignation was made by Trustee Doug Larson and seconded by Trustee Preston Grobaski. Trustee Dave Stepanovich opposed this motion with all other council approving, motion to accept resignation approved.

Brooke Milbrandt was in attendance as she will be looking to take over the clerk position. She advised council she has been employed as a Title searcher but has just recently become a licensed assessor and has worked in the village over 5 years. She also stated she would do her best and learn what she does not know. A motion to appoint Brooke Milbrandt to the Village Clerk position was made by Trustee Preston Grobaski and seconded by Trustee Dave Stepanovich with a roll call vvote following:

  - Trustee Marv Blumke: Yes
  - Trustee Dave Stepanovich: Yes
  - Trustee Preston Grobaski: Yes
  - Trustee Doug Larson: Yes
  - President Greg Babcock: YesAll in favor, appointment of Brooke Milbrandt as Village Clerk approved.
10. Treasurer Jennifer Murphy spoke of her concerns on the village having all bank accounts in the same bank as the FDIC insures only 250000.00. A representative from Citizens Bank, Rebecca Aper, stopped to see Jennifer and left her with some literature. After some discussion, a motion was made by Trustee Doug Larson to defer to Jennifer Murphy to figure out the best way to go and present to council at the May 13, 2019 meeting, this was seconded by Trustee Dave Stepanovich. All council in favor.
11. Committee Reports:
  - Trustee Preston Grobaski: Information from PC Lawn Care stated same prices as last year. Trustee Grobaski also spoke of the flowers, last year it as a hot summer and the flowers wilted. Will be

looking into mulch instead this year. Trustee Marv Blumke spoke about the 2 planters and the welcome sign outside the hall needing some work.

-Trustee Marv Blumke: DPW is working at cleaning up all the brush around town, getting equipment prepped and ready and the new sander is at Truck & Trailer. Hanging baskets are being looked into for round town with Charlie Rehman looking into prices for ruffled petunias. 12 plants would be needed. DPW worker can water along with any flower's Trustee Grobaski plants. There is options with a watering system, Tractor Supply has a 15 gallon sprayer for \$99 if the village wants to purchase a system. There is also a concern of people dumping household garbage at the recycle center behind the DPW building. President Babcock and Trustee Doug Larson advised that the security cameras are in place and they will take a look to see if the person illegally dumping can be seen. Trustee Blumke advised that the DPW would be responsible for the opening of the 2 public bathrooms (1 at the hall 1 at the boathouse) and that he would lock up at night to which Trustee Doug Larson suggested a schedule for all council to help with the locking up of the bathrooms.

-Trustee Doug Larson: Advised council he believes we will get the grant for the Bass Avenue Park, recycle bins will be needed there as well as trash receptacles. Trustee Larson advised that he along with Parks Chair, Preston Grobaski need to meet with Jim Allen about the park. Trustee Larson also asked if anyone was available to meet with the Health Department Grant Rep, Kristy on May 13<sup>th</sup> as he will be unavailable. Trustee Grobaski stated he would if no scheduling conflict exists for him.

-Trustee Dave Stepanovich: Nothing to report

-President Greg Babcock: Trustee Dave Stepanovich and President Babcock will be doing interviews for the DPW position next week.

-Treasurer Jennifer Murphy: Advised council all of the audit entries have been made and cuts cut between the accounts per the Village Auditor's adjustments and that she is actively working on the state codes required for each account.

12. Trustee Doug Larson made a motion to pay the monthly bills with Trustee Preston Grobaski seconding. A roll call vote followed:

-Trustee Doug Larson: Yes

-Trustee Preston Grobaski: Yes

-Trustee Dave Stepanovich: Yes

-Trustee Marv Blumke: Yes

-President Greg Babcock: Yes

Motion carries

13. Public Comments:

-Jeff Prater spoke of his concerns about North Pine Street asking council if there were plans to pave this road, President Babcock advised this was a much bigger project than Cantrell Street but that council would look into it.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:59 pm

Chris Adams

