

## Minutes

Village of Alanson

7631 US 31 North, Alanson, MI 49706

Regular Council Meeting of June 10, 2019

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Village President Greg Babcock at 6:02 pm.

**Council Present:** Trustee Marvin Blumke, Trustee Preston Grobaski, Trustee Doug Larson, Trustee David Stepanovich, President Greg Babcock

**Council Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Brooke Milbrandt, Allen Bersonnet

**Visitors Present:** Roman Benson of B&B LLC, Stuart Fenton, Art Drayton, Jason Losey

**Public Comment:** Stuart Fenton, Emmet County Prosecutor & Ponsheawaing resident stated he was in attendance just to listen.

**Visitor Presentation:** Roman Benson of B&B LLC presented information on his company's endeavors and recent approval by the state of Michigan to run a licensed medical marijuana facility. He stated that the next step in the process was local approval. He presented a packet of information and hopes for future approval to operate in the Village.

**Clerk office hours:** Discussion on Clerk's office hours. *Motion* by Larson to change the Clerk's office hours to Fridays from 10 am, to 2pm, through the end of 2019, contingent upon the new hours being listed on the Village Website and answering machine. Motion seconded by Grobaski. All votes in favor.

**Consumers Energy Contract:** Preseident Babcock reported that a new service contract was received from Consumers Energy regarding upgrading to LED bulbs. The Contract stated work started in November of 2018 and 6 bulbs had been changed to date. There was discussion over why work was done before contract was issued, and how the upgrade process and fees would work. Motion by Larson to table the issue until more info could be obtained. No second. No other motions.

**Fairbairn Alley property dispute:** President Babcock stated that the Village had received a letter from James Benham concerning the removal of asphalt from his property. Babcock advised that it was time for the council to make a decision on how to remedy. Discussion ensued. *Motion* by Larson to notify Mr. Benham that active steps to move are underway, including bids on various options to remedy and asking him to remove the hazard from the alley way in the meantime. Seconded by Grobaski. Four votes in favor, one (Stepanovich) opposed. Motion carried.

### Committee Reports:

**Grobaski:** Reported that he was pleased with the updates and flowers at the sign.

**Blumke:** Reported a citizen complaint on bathroom conditions at the park – he has since been checking every evening since, without further issue. Gave updates on all the work being done around town: potholes, street painting, flower baskets, new mower parts. Stated the Boat House is ready for opening ceremony but Prater needs to be paid for engraving boards.

**Larson:** Benches and tables for the Community Foundation Grant were ready and needed to be picked up in Indiana.

**Stepanovich:** Expressed the need to look into hiring a deputy for the Treasurer and Clerk.

**Bersonnet:** Asked for clarification on whether all of Aloha drive was within the Village. Stated that E. Winding Pine is in need of enforcement – Stepanovich offered to assist.

**Milbrandt:** Reported that the Parade Permit had been acquired for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

**Babcock:** Reported that work ad begun on Cantrell Alley and West Street. Culverts were ordered with Cheboygan Street scheduled for install.

**Monthly Bills:** *Motion* by Larson to pay the current monthly bills. Seconded by Blumke. All votes in favor. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Adjournment:** *Motion* by Stepanovich to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Grobaski. All votes in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:48 pm.