

Minutes

Village of Alanson

7631 US 31 North, Alanson, MI 49706

Regular Council Meeting of July 8th, 2019

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Village President Greg Babcock at 6:00 pm.

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

Council Absent: None

Staff Present: Robert Burwell, Art Drayton, Jason Losey, Brooke Milbrandt, Jennifer Murphy,

Visitors Present: Roman Benson of B&B LLC, Diana Yockey, Kathleen Bunse, Charles Rehmann, Charles Mulholland

Public Comment: Roman Benson of B&B LLC asked what was necessary for the council to make a decision on his previous proposal to operate a medical marijuana facility within the Village. Council advised that he would need to go through proper channels to request to be added to a future meeting Agenda. Charles Rehmann was in attendance to state concerns over the need for a noise ordinance and was hoping to get council approval to apply for grant money to have a lawyer draft such. Kathleen Bunse stated that she called 911 due firework noise and was told an ordinance was needed. Councilman Larson explained that citizens need to contact the Ordinance enforcement officer, Allen Bersonnet. Charles Mulholland stated concern over the need for a noise ordinance regarding truck braking and ATVs. Discussion ensued over the current ordinances, who may enforce them, and the need for additional ordinance. Larson stated that he could draft a noise ordinance.

Visitor Presentation:

Consumers Energy Contract: Clerk Milbrandt discussed the options presented by Consumers for billing and contract updates regarding expired street lights being updated. *Motion* by Larson to allow the Village President to sign an annual contract with Consumers Energy for upgrading street lights to LED. Seconded by Blumke. All votes in favor. Motion carried.

Fairbairn Alley property dispute: There was discussion over the two bids received to relocate the alley. *Motion* by Blumke to accept the bid from Blumke Brothers Excavating to move the alley and prep for asphalt. Seconded by Stepanovich. All votes in favor. Motion carried.

Bid for Tree work: *Motion* by Larson to accept the \$1695 bid from Vieau's Tree service to trim trees in alley, remove a dying maple from US-31, and remove a maple on Bass avenue, with stumps ground. Seconded by Stepanovich. All votes in favor. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Grobaski: Inquired on the sprinkler system settings in Memorial Park – 5H had turned the system on but it was not programmed, settings need to be checked.

Blumke: Reported that 5 loads of Afton stone had been delivered to the boathouse and another 2 loads to Milton Rd. Planter baskets were all up and being water daily. DPW crew hoping for a tool upgrade in the amount of \$125. A sewer line had been mismarked and hit by excavating equipment – HSASDA may cover the cost.

Larson: Stated that he is working on a policy for travel expenses, as well as another for employee annual reviews. Reported that the current grant cycle is ending so he is compiling the necessary info for those reports and planning to push for funding for a toddler park in the next cycle.

Stepanovich: Reported hearing positive feedback on the new benches. Stated concern over confusion on Facebook regarding how the boathouse dedication had been funded.

Murphy: Reported that Summer tax bills had been mailed. Reported concern over how sewer billing inquiries were handled, due a recent issue with misinformation. Babcock suggested inquiries be submitted in writing moving forward.

Milbrandt: Reported that the Township Assessor is no longer acting as the Village Land Division officer. Stated there would be meeting with Primerica to discuss retirement benefits on July 12th at 10 a.m.

Art Drayton: Reported on turnout and numbers for the July 4th parade. Said it is time to start exploring alternate routes for in the future.

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

Public Comment: None.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:09 pm.