

Minutes
Village of Alanson
7631 US 31 North, Alanson, MI 49706
Regular Council Meeting of October 14th, 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: Brooke Milbrandt, Jennifer Murphy

Visitors Present: Roman Benson

Approval of Minutes: *Motion* by Blumke to approve minutes as written for the regular council meeting of September 9th, 2019. Seconded by Grobaski. All votes in favor. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Charles Rehmann requested to meet with the Ordinance Committee about the possibility of having the county Sheriff enforce a noise ordinance. Discussion ensued. Babcock to contact county regarding possibility of their enforcement services. Ordinance Committee to draft noise ordinance.

Visitor Presentation:

Appoint new member, Robert Kennedy, to DDA: *Motion* by Blumke to appoint Robert Kennedy, of the Dutch Oven Bakery, to the Downtown Development Authority. Seconded by Larson. All votes in favor. Motion carried.

Funding request for new staircase at Hillside Gardens: Donna McGill of the Alanson Beautification Center presented a plan for upgrades at Hillside Gardens. She stated that they had applied for a grant from the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation. McGill requested an in-kind donation of man hours from the Village DPW staff for removal of an old staircase. Blumke to inspect.

Adopt Ordinance for Recreational Marijuana: *Motion* by Stepanovich to adopt an ordinance opting in to recreational marijuana in the Village of Alanson. Seconded by Grobaski. Roll call vote: Blumke - no, Grobaski - yes, Larson - no, Stepanovich - yes, Babcock - no. Motion failed 2/3.

Motion by Larson to adopt the drafted ordinance to opt out of recreational marijuana in the Village of Alanson. Seconded by Blumke. Roll call vote: Blumke - yes, Grobaski - no, Larson - yes, Stepanovich - no, Babcock - yes. Motion carried 3/2. Clerk to post in Petoskey News Review.

Roman Benson to request 2020 Medical Marijuana Ballot Initiative: Roman Benson of Alternative Solutions Plus stated that he feels the council has not acted in line with the community in regard to medical marijuana. He stated he would like to see the issue put to a vote on the 2020 election ballot and would aggressively pursue such.

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Grobaski: Reported that winterizing had been completed at Memorial Park. He explained that in the future a higher ladder or tractor would be necessary.

Blumke: Reported DPW as prepped for winter but waiting for the rest of the leaves to fall before finishing fall cleanup. Not allowing anymore road fill until spring due repeated wash out. Touched on the possibility of selling or gifting excess sewer capacity to other units in the future.

Larson: Reported Bass Avenue Park grant had been completed. The Village did receive an additional \$3750 because the proposal was exemplary. The school assisted with the educational requirement of the grant, in conjunction with a physical education element backed by the affordable care act, resulting in approximately 100 kids receiving pedometers. The village covered a portion of the pedometer costs.

Stepanovich: Reported fielding a citizen complaint of a suspicious vehicle at the park. Grobaski inquired on the possibility of additional cameras.

Milbrandt: Reported that F65 was submitted to the state on 10/04/2019. Alternative office hours were in effect for the month of October and had been posted outside the building. She reached out to Municipal Underwriters of Michigan for guidance on a METRO Authority application received from ACD.Net.

Murphy: Reported that there were 77 delinquent tax accounts totaling around \$41,000. She is investigating the possibility of sending reminder notices to the delinquent accounts in an effort to collect more tax revenues directly. Murphy joined a Listserv for Treasures through MML.

Monthly Bills: *Motion* by Stepanovich to pay the current monthly bills. Seconded by Larson. Roll call vote: Blumke - yes, Grobaski - yes, Larson - yes, Stepanovich - yes, Babcock - yes. Motion carried 5/0.

Public Comment:

Adjournment: *Motion* by Stepanovich to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Larson. All votes in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.