

Minutes
Village of Alanson
7631 US 31 North, Alanson, MI 49706
Regular Council Meeting of January 13th, 2020

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:

Staff Present: Brooke Milbrandt, Jennifer Murphy, Jason Losey, Rob Burwell

Visitors Present: Joseph Lucier, Ryan Lutz, Charles Rehmann

Approval of Agenda: Babcock requested to amend the meeting agenda to strike Review & approve Amended 2019-2020 Budget, add Review & Approve Deputy Ordinance, and add Approve Heather Armock as Deputy Treasurer. *Motion* by Larson to approve the Agenda, as amended, for the regular council meeting of January 13th, 2019. Seconded by Stepanovich. All votes in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: *Motion* by Larson to approve minutes as written for the Joint Village/Township LAMA meeting of December 9th, 2019. Seconded by Blumke. All votes in favor. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Visitor Presentation:

Appoint Joe Lucier as Zoning Administrator: President Babcock reported that Zoning Administrator Bersonnet had been absent for some time. Babcock has issued an email notifying Bersonnet that he is relieved of his duties as Zoning Administrator and Ordinance Enforcement. Babcock recommended Joseph B. Lucier to fill the vacant Zoning Administrator vacancy (not to include Ordinance Enforcement). *Motion* by Blumke to appoint Joseph B. Lucier to the position of Village Zoning Administrator. Seconded by Stepanovich. Roll call vote: Blumke - yes, Grobaski - yes, Larson - yes, Stepanovich - yes, Babcock - yes. Motion carried 5/0. Lucier stated that he hopes to be of service to the Village and will do whatever is needed.

Review Noise Ordinance discussion: Larson reported that legal counsel stated there was an issue with severability and that if an ordinance were passed it would not be enforceable. Charles Rehman commented that he may explore EPA regulations or other avenues and thanked the council for their work in researching the issue.

Review Contract received from Tom Fairbairn Sr. (US 31 Parking Lot): President Babcock presented a contract from Tom Fairbairn Sr. for a parking lot lease for 2018 and 2019. Discussion ensued. Comments were made about not signing retro active contracts. No motions were made.

Approve Alanson DDA 5K Route and Chicago Street closure: *Motion* by Larson to close Chicago Street between Milton and US Highway 31 from 8:00 a.m. until noon, on May 2nd, 2020 for a 5k run sponsored by the Village of Alanson DDA. Seconded by Grobaski. Roll call

vote: Blumke - yes, Grobaski - yes, Larson - yes, Stepanovich - yes, Babcock - yes. Motion carried 5/0.

Discuss and approve 2020 Sewer rate: Blumke reported that in March of 2018 it was decided that sewer rates would increase to \$45 per month in 2019. However, the changes had never been implemented. *Motion* by Larson to increase the regular monthly sewer rate from \$43 to \$45, effective starting on the March 2020 billing cycle. Seconded by Grobaski. Roll call vote: Blumke - yes, Grobaski - yes, Larson - yes, Stepanovich - yes, Babcock - yes. Motion carried 5/0.

Review & Approve Deputy Ordinance: Larson read aloud a proposed ordinance establishing deputy clerk and deputy treasurer positions in the Village of Alanson. Clerical edits were suggested. *Motion* by Grobaski to approve, as amended, Ordinance 1 of 2020, establishing the positions of Deputy Clerk and Deputy Treasurer for the Village of Alanson. Seconded by Stepanovich. Roll call vote: Blumke - yes, Grobaski - yes, Larson - yes, Stepanovich - yes, Babcock - yes. Motion carried 5/0. *Motion* by Larson to allow a training stipend, of \$10 per hour, not to exceed \$120, for the new Deputy positions. Seconded by Grobaski. Roll call vote: Blumke - yes, Grobaski - yes, Larson - yes, Stepanovich - yes, Babcock - yes. Motion carried 5/0.

Approve Heather Armock as Deputy Treasurer: *Motion* by Blumke to appoint Heather Armock as Deputy Treasurer, to be sworn in by the Village Clerk 30 days after the newspaper posting of Ordinance 1 of 2020. Seconded by Stepanovich. Roll call vote: Blumke - yes, Grobaski - yes, Larson - yes, Stepanovich - yes, Babcock - yes. Motion carried 5/0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Grobaski: Reported a family of five turkeys living in the park.

Blumke: Reported that HSASDA is still finalizing the details of their plans to deal with capacity issues. There was discussion on the possibility of exchanging Village excess Capacity (almost 50 %) for a reduction in Bond payments. Blumke will be out of town for the February meetings - Babcock to cover HSASDA.

Larson: Has applied for two grants to fund a toddler specific addition to the playground. All work in Bass Avenue park is complete. LAMA will be holding interviews for the vacant position and should be able to recommendation at the February Council meeting.

Stepanovich: Nothing applicable.

Babcock: Reported that he is filing an application with mBank for the new Credit Card.

Murphy: Stated that the 2019/2020 Budget was being amended. Asked that all requests for the 2020/2021 budget be submitted to the finance committee.

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

Public Comment:

Adjournment: *Motion* by Larson to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Stepanovich. All votes in favor. Motion carried 5/0. Meeting adjourned at 7:01 pm.