

Minutes
Village of Alanson
7631 US 31 North, Alanson, MI 49706
Regular (rescheduled) Council Meeting of March 16th, 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, President Greg Babcock

Council Absent: Trustee David Stepanovich

Staff Present:

Visitors Present:

Approval of Agenda: *Motion* by Grobaski to approve the Agenda for the regular (rescheduled) council meeting of March 16th, 2020. Seconded by Blumke. All votes in favor. Motion carried 4/0.

Approval of Minutes: *Motion* by Grobaski to approve minutes as written for the regular council meeting of February 10th, 2020. Seconded by Larson. All votes in favor. Motion carried 4/0.

Public Comment: Nothing applicable.

Visitor Presentation: Nothing applicable.

Approve July 4th Parade & road closure: Glen Pemberton of Alanson Littlefield Fire Department was present to seek permission to hold the July 4th Parade, which would require road closures for portions of M-68, US-31, and River Street during parade time. *Motion* by Blumke to allow the July 4th Parade with permission to close portions of M-68, US-31, and River Street. Seconded by Grobaski. All votes in favor. Motion carried 4/0.

Approve Top O Michigan Boat Races: *Motion* by Grobaski to approve the removal of no-wake restrictions on the crooked river August 8th - 9th2020, and keep the swing bridge open from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., on August 9th 2020, for the Top O' Michigan boat races. Seconded by Blumke. All votes in favor. Motion carried 4/0.

Bridge Tender Contract 2020: There was discussion on the 2020 Swing Bridge operator contract - stipulations to be the same as previous contract. Position subject to drug testing, will receive a 1099, and must be available 30 minutes before and after the bridge opens. *Motion* by Blumke to submit requests for sealed bids, for the 2020 Swing Bridge Tender contract, to the Village website, Village Facebook page, and Petoskey News Review, to be opened at the regular council meeting of April 13th, 2020. Seconded by Grobaski. All votes in favor. Motion carried 4/0.

Approve hire of Deputy Clerk, Craig Wilson Jr.: *Motion* by Blumke to hire Craig Wilson Jr. for the position of Deputy Clerk. Seconded by Grobaski. Roll call vote: Blumke - yes, Grobaski - yes, Larson - yes, Babcock - yes. Motion carried 4/0.

Approve payday amendment: *Motion* by Grobaski to switch payday from Tuesday to Friday, with pay period to remain Sunday to Saturday. Seconded by Blumke. All votes in favor. Motion carried 4/0.

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Grobaski: Nothing applicable.

Blumke: Waiting for snow to clear out for spring cleanup. Guys are moving some of the snowbanks back. Discussion on where to dump snow. Agreed that we need to move snow behind the DPW, not in the park.

Larson: Two grants submitted - one to the community foundation for \$11,000 and another to the Rotary Club for \$4,000. Secured funds from Littlefield for \$5,000 for the playground structure. Additionally, Greg and Doug met with the Health Department of Northwest Michigan to apply for the AARP Foundation grant to work on ADA compliance in the Village park including sidewalk construction and a handicap accessible swing. Grant is in progress.

Stepanovich: Absent

Babcock: Nothing applicable.

Monthly Bills: *Motion* by Grobaski to pay the current monthly bills. Seconded by Blumke. Roll call vote: Blumke - yes, Grobaski - yes, Larson - yes, Babcock - yes. Motion carried 4/0.

Public Comment: Nothing applicable.

Adjournment: *Motion* by Larson to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Blumke. All votes in favor. Motion carried 4/0. Meeting adjourned at 6:17 pm.