

MINUTES  
Village of Alanson  
7631 US 31 North, Alanson, MI 49706  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes from June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by President Greg Babcock at 6:04pm.

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

**Staff Present:** Jason Losey, Brooke Milbrandt, Craig Wilson, Jennifer Murphy

**Approve minutes of May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Regular meeting:** *Motion* by Stepanovich to approve the minutes as written for the regular council meeting of May 11, 2020. Seconded by Grobaski. All votes in favor. Motion carried 5/0.

**Public Comment:** Sue Fisher- Running for State Representative for this region wanted to introduce herself and leave a brochure.

**Visitor Comment:** Nothing Applicable

**Decide on July 4<sup>th</sup> parade:** President Babcock reported that the Fire Department was having a meeting in regard to whether or not to have the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. Babcock commented that the permits have been filed and are ready. Trustee Larson questioned the State Order on people gathering. He suggested putting up signage on social distancing around the event.

*Motion* by Grobaski to make the decision on whether to have the parade based on the decision from the Fire Department. Seconded by Blumke. Votes 4/1 (Larson), motion carried.

**Approve ordinance to correct election terms:**

President Greg Babcock reported that the Village Attorney is working on the ordinance. Should be ready by the July meeting.

**Approve pothole repairs on Lake Street:**

Trustee Grobaski reported receiving concerns from a local resident on the bad road conditions on East St. Trustees Stepanovich and Blumke also reported receiving concerns.

*Motion* by Blumke to allow DPW to purchase gravel to fill the holes and make repairs on East St. Seconded by Stepanovich. All votes in favor. Motion carried 5/0.

**Discuss Street Scope plan:** President Babcock reported that he has been in contact with the firm Fleis & Vandenbrink Engineering Inc and that they will be here in July to meet with the Council and staff and to look at the US 31 Hwy and M-68 intersection plus a portion of River Street. The firm submitted a bid of \$13,300 for them to put together a street scape proposal and handle the grant applications. President Babcock suggested that the DDA possibly could contribute funds to the project. Trustee Larson suggested leveraging some grant money for sidewalks in the park. *Motion* by Larson to move forward with the proposal for \$13,300 for grant writing and streetscape and to set up a meeting in July with Fleis & Vandenbrink Engineering Inc. Seconded by Grobaski. All votes in favor. Motion carried 5/0.

**Discuss playground structure location:**

Trustee Larson reported on the progress of the playground structure project. Location need to be determined. The Quote came back within budget. *Motion* by Stepanovich for the DPW staff to decide on the best position for the playscapes structure. Seconded by Grobaski. All votes in favor. Motion carried 5/0.

**Monthly Bills:** *Motion* by Larson to pay the monthly bills. Seconded by Grobaski. All votes in favor. Motion carried 5/0.

**Committee Reports:**

**Grobaski-** Inquired on locating the key for the information boxes around town. They need updating.

**Stepanovich-** Reported that he had two complaints on the Bridge operator and reported that he has spoken to him about the issues. Trustee Blumke added that he had a complaint as well.

**Blumke -** Reported that pump station 11 & 12 failed and had to be replaced at a cost of \$12,000. Authorized by Blumke to be paid out of the R&R fund. Blumke also reported a sewer overflow on Lagoon Drive due to a breaker shut off. Overflow reported to the State.

**Larson- LAMA-** Still working on the key card access to the building. Hall Rentals still on hold.

**DPW/Losey** questioned the policy on boat docking limits at Memorial park. He asked if he could purchase and post signs. It was noted that the last slip towards the Riverside is not a Village Slip.

**Murphy** reported that tax bills will need to be printed. She is currently working on the Act 51 report which will be completed in the next two weeks.

**Milbandt-** Asked IT to set up a new email for the Clerk/Deputy Clerk. Annual MDOT Permit obtained, Parade permit submitted but pending. Reported responding to a FOIA request on solid waste removal procedures. Had a tele meeting with mBank regarding ACH account. Bank fees were waived they will now be billing us monthly fees. Form 4029 has been filed with county for 2020 millage rates. Received letter for a fraudulent unemployment, having trouble getting feedback from UIA.

**Public Comment:**

**Adjournment:** Trustee Larson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Stepanovich. All in favor. 5/0 Adjourned 6:48pm.