

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

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Village President Greg Babcock at 6:01pm.

**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, Craig Wilson, Glen Pemberton

**Visitors Present:** N/A

**Approval of Agenda:** *Motion* by Trustee Doug Larson to approve the Agenda, as written, for the regular council meeting of July 13, 2020. Seconded by Trustee Marvin Blumke. All votes in favor. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** *Motion* by Trustee David Stepanovich to approve minutes as written for the regular council meeting of June 8, 2020. Seconded by Trustee Doug Larson. All votes in favor. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** N/A

**Visitor Presentation:** Mark Fairbairn. Not present. Postponed?

**Agenda item 1: Discussion on Deputy Pay.** Treasurer Jennifer Murphy inquired on how the Deputies will be paid and asked how her medical insurance would be affected by her going on maternity leave. President Greg Babcock commented that Jennifer will maintain her benefits. Trustee Doug Larson suggested filing a FMLA request.

**Agenda item 2: MDOT/Street Scape:** Matthew Radulski and Andrew Krzysnik from MDOT presented a timeline on the future reconstruction of US 31, from Blumke Rd to North of the M-68 intersection. This would also include River St and on M-68 east to the Crooked River. Radulski discussed how Stage 1 of the rehabilitation would begin Fall of 2021. Discussion on the current issues, and possible solutions, of the 31/68 intersection. There will be a public meeting held in 2021 discussing different construction options.

Bryan Vanderbrink and Rick Stout provided information on how to proceed with a Street Scape program (adding bumpouts, etc), which is easiest to implement when coincides with an MDOT project and could be covered at 40-60% via grants. Stephanovich expressed concerns over cost. Larson and Murphy inquired about grant/funding requirements and allowances.

**Agenda item 3: Approval of Election Ordinance:** *Motion was made* by Trustee Doug Larson to accept the election ordinance Resolution #2 of 2020, as written. Seconded by Trustee David Stepanovich. Roll call vote: Blumke - yes, Grobaski - yes, Larson - yes, Stepanovich - yes, Babcock - yes. Motion carried 5/0.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Grobaski:** N/A

**Blumke:** DPW is working on filling holes. They are going to start working on the new playground equipment. There is a new agreement from the Sewer Authority allowing other communities to share the expense of the taps. Bear Creek Township has an agreement allowing them to share capacity for the sewer.

**Larson:** Playground Structure is being shipped out. Installation to begin the following Monday. Glen Pemberton commented that excavation would start on Tuesday.

**Stepanovich:** N/A

**Babcock:** Update on storm damage to the park. Insurance policy covering downed trees only covers \$1500. Invoice for cleanup was \$4000. There was a \$500 deductible.

**Treasurer:** All financial reports have been filed. Heather Armock continuing training as deputy. Tax payments are starting to come into the hall.

**Clerk:** Questioned requirements/process to run for Village Council election.

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

**Public Comment:** Charles Rehman inquired on if a person can run for local office if they don't reside in the Village. Asked to see that in writing. President Greg Babcock commented that a person not living in the Village cannot run for office.

**Adjournment:** *Motion* by Trustee Marvin Blumke to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Trustee Doug Larson. All votes in favor. Motion carried 5/0. Meeting adjourned at 7:11pm.