

Minutes
Village of Alanson
7631 US 31 North, Alanson, MI 49706
Regular Council Meeting of August 10th, 2020

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Village Trustee Marvin Blumke at 6:00pm.

Council Present: Trustee Marvin Blumke, Trustee Preston Grobaski, Trustee Doug Larson, Trustee David Stepanovich.

Council Absent: President Greg Babcock

Staff Present: Brooke Milbrandt, Craig Wilson, Heather Armock

Approval of Agenda: No Changes.

Approval of Minutes: *Motion* by Trustee David Stepanovich to approve minutes as written for the regular council meeting of July 13th, 2020. Seconded by Trustee Doug Larson. All votes in favor. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Charles Rehman from the Crooked River RV park, presented a proposed way of financing a streetscape project to run the utilities underground by looking at various franchise fee opportunities that are charged to utility companies. Charles suggested writing an ordinance establishing the franchise fees for using the right of ways. Trustee Larson commented that the current ordinance only allows a franchise agreement with Telecommunication companies. Currently the village has an agreement with Spectrum.

John Sarzynski of 6270 West St inquired on the boardwalk development and current status of the project. Trustee Blumke commented that the boathouse boat lift still needs completion. The Boardwalk park is otherwise completed. The Sanctuary Island boat was damaged by ice last year and needs to be disconnected and pulled out of the water.

John also inquired on manpower for the Littlefield Fire Department. Trustee Blumke replied that he would need to speak to the Littlefield Township board on that matter. He added that the Fire department does have 3 new members and are doing trainings. Trustee Larson commented that he understands the fire department is operating at a minimum, but the emergency response is back open.

John Sarzynski also commented on how nice the park is looking and appreciates how well it's being taken care of. However, he has concern that the park does get used after hours and can be a bit "lively".

Visitor Presentation: N/A

Approve New Member to the DDA Board: Trustee Blumke presented that Sue Anne Curnow requested to be re-instated as a DDA board Member. Council verbally agreed, unanimously, without formally making a motion. Blumke - yes, Grobaski - yes, Larson - yes, Stepanovich - yes, Babcock - Not Present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Grobaski: N/A

Blumke: Reported that he will be attending the sewer board meeting on Wednesday. He also commented that with the last big storm there was a lot of wash out and that the DPW needs more gravel.

Larson: Trustee Larson commented that the park construction is almost complete. They are waiting on a plastic barrier to be installed and the mulch to be put down. One piece was missing from the new playground structure that will be installed in a couple of weeks.

Larson also mentioned that he is working on a ribbon cutting ceremony.

Stepanovich: N/A

Babcock: Not present.

Murphy: Not present.

Milbrandt: N/A

DPW: Not present.

Monthly Bills: *Motion* by Trustee Preston Grobaski to pay the current monthly bills. Seconded by Trustee Doug Larson. Roll call vote: Blumke - yes, Grobaski - yes, Larson - yes, Stepanovich - yes, Babcock - Not present. Motion carried 4/0.

Public Comment: Josh S inquired as to what committees are there in the village. Each Trustee took turns reporting what committee they oversee.

Adjournment: *Motion* by Trustee Doug Larson to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Trustee David Stepanovich. All votes in favor. Motion carried 4/0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:37pm.