

The Village of Alanson



Minutes

Village of Alanson
7631 US 31 North, Alanson, MI 49706
Regular Council Meeting of October 14th, 2024

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by President Greg Babcock at 6:00pm.

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited

Council Present: Trustee Doug Larson, Trustee Josh Larson, Trustee Scott Latva, President Greg Babcock.

Council Absent: Trustee Mark Fairbairn

Staff Present: Jason Losey, Calcie Lucier, Jennifer Murphy, Craig Wilson

Approval of Agenda: *Motion* by Trustee Doug Larson to accept the agenda as written for October 14th, 2024. Seconded by Trustee Josh Larson. All votes in favor. 4/0 Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

- A. **Regular Meeting September 9th, 2024:** *Motion* by Trustee Josh Larson to approve the minutes as written for the Regular Council meeting of September 9th, 2024. Seconded by Trustee Scott Latva. All votes in favor. 4/0 Motion carried.
- B.

Public Comment: Charles Rehmann inquired if President Babcock ever heard back from MSU on the invoice that was received. President Babcock responded that he had heard back and MSU, stating that we should not have paid the students. Rehmann also mentioned that trying to cross the street is very difficult downtown with the traffic, even when using the crosswalks. Rehmann mentioned the cars are going 45 through town and it's impossible to cross. Rehmann asked what the law is with cars being required to stop at crosswalks. President Babcock responded that if people are in the crosswalk traffic must stop to let them across. Resident Gail Greenwell asked about putting markers or cones out to bring additional attention to the crosswalks and to slow traffic down. Babcock said that MDOT would have to approve those. Greenwell asked if the markers/cones could be put out during special events. Babcock replied in the affirmative. Trustee Scott Latva suggested getting a constable in the Village to enforce the traffic speed and to help control vandalism at the ball field. President Babcock advised that the Township would need to get a constable. Having a constable for a 1 square mile Village wouldn't work and the Village couldn't afford to pay for the position. Trustee Latva suggested it's something we should look into.

Visitor Presentation:

- A. **Calcie Lucier - Ballfield Use:** Lucier asked Council for permission to use the track at the ballfield to put on a Halloween fundraiser for the Crooked River Firefighters/Fire Department on October 26th. Lucier said there will be a beer tent & music, and they will have security on site. Babcock said that the Village would need to be on the insurance rider. Lucier plans to hold the

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event from 7pm to 11pm. Trustee Doug Larson asked if there is a sound ordinance. Discussion ensued.

Motion by Trustee Doug Larson to allow the use of the Ballfield on October 26th from 7pm to 11pm for the Fire Department Fundraiser. Seconded by Trustee Scott Latva. All votes in favor. 4/0. Motion carried.

New Business:

A: N/A

Old Business:

A. DNR Grant Update: Trustee Doug Larson reported that the revised grant application was sent in and submitted on time. Larson said we had originally received 260 points out of 500 in the first round and that we need to be around 320 points. Larson said we need to spend more money to increase the points. Larson said that unfortunately, we needed a resolution approved that we couldn't get done prior to the deadline.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Trustee Mark Fairbairn: Absent

Trustee Josh Larson: N/A

Trustee Doug Larson: Reported having submitted a grant for planters and hangers for the streetscape project for next year. Larson said the new planters would have a system where they would only need to be watered once a week. Larson said this grant cycle is very competitive.

Trustee Scott Latva: N/A

President Greg Babcock: N/A

Clerk- Treasurer Jennifer Murphy:

CLERK- TREASURER REPORT

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- Rolled Nicolet Bank CD into:

Current Term: 12 Months
New Rate: 4.330

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Product: Business Relationship CD

Tax ID: 381916237

Account Number: 5000014548

New Term: 9 Months

New APY: 4.400

Effective Date: 10/06/2024

- Met with Lucia Brzezinski for training, will meet again 10/20/2024
- Sewer Permit Application from Brian Mulcahy
- Bridge Tender Reimbursement has been received for Q2
- Bridge Inspection due in November - reached out to Rich Kathrens at Spicer Group

Deputy Clerk Craig Wilson: Wilson reported that he received a complaint from the residents at 6277 River St. The resident said someone came to their house and was very rude telling them they can't park their boat in the street. The resident said the person said they are with the Village but didn't identify themselves. President Babcock mentioned Jamie Breithaupt had stopped by and spoke with the resident. Wilson also reported the DDA is having the Harvest Hunt in the Village this Saturday from 1pm-3pm. Wilson said the DDA purchased new Message Center signs that were installed at Sanctuary Island and Morgan/ Memorial Park. Wilson also reported that at the last DDA meeting the board voted to remove Angela Papi from the board since she had not attended a meeting in almost a year.

Motion by Trustee Josh Larson to remove Angela Papi from the DDA board. Seconded by Trustee Scott Latva. All votes in favor. 4/0. Motion carried.

Street Commissioner Jason Losey: Losey reported the Spring St. project is finished. They had some additional charges of around \$6,000 for unforeseen issues that came up. Losey mentioned the swing bridge needs work. There are several things that need to be rebuilt and refabricated. Losey has contacted MDOT who gave him names of engineering firms from out on the east coast. Losey spoke to one company where he sent them photos of the issues. The firm estimated it would cost \$10,000-\$15000 for them to come here for one week to look at the bridge. Losey has been trying to get ahold of the Spicer Group to ask them who they recommend he call. Losey said that once the bridge is closed for the season, he will shut down the bathrooms. Losey reported Tri County Excavating has been working on tapping into the storm drain at the old Secondhand Man store. Losey said the amount of water to drain isn't very much. Tri County will notify Losey when they do the final hook up to the storm drain. Tri County said they had time right now if the Village wanted them to put a septic system in at the DPW building. They estimate the cost to be around \$5000- \$6000. President Babcock told Losey to have Tri County come back and look at it and firm up a price.

Monthly Bills: *Motion* by Trustee Scott Latva to pay the current monthly bills. Seconded by Trustee Doug Larson. All votes in favor. 4/0. Motion carried.

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Public Comment: Business Owners Mark Neil & Vi Keller introduced themselves. They purchased the building on River St that was the old PJ's Hair salon. Neil reported they spent last winter renovating the apartment upstairs. They now plan to update the ground level. The plan is to put in a small takeout deli/bakery. Neil said they have a few questions that he needs to know who to ask. Neil said they would like to get a dumpster for the remodel to begin in November. Babcock asked Losey where he preferred the dumpster to be located. Losey suggested putting it on River St. out front if it's only for a short period of time. Vi Keller said she lives in Charlevoix and has been in the hospitality business for 35 years. She owned Scovies in downtown Charlevoix for 20 years. Mark Neil is an executive chef and has worked at Birchwood Country club and Travato. Keller said they are looking to see what the locals need most in the village and what the best fit will be.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:26 pm.