

**Minutes**  
Village of Alanson  
7631 US 31 North, Alanson, MI 49706  
Regular Council Meeting of March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

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

**Council Present:** Trustee Mark Fairbairn, Trustee Doug Larson, Trustee Josh Larson, Trustee David Stepanovich. President Greg Babcock.

**Council Absent:** N/A

**Staff Present:** Craig Wilson, Jennifer Murphy,

**Approval of Agenda:** *Motion* by Trustee Doug Larson to approve the agenda as written for the regular council meeting of March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Seconded by Trustee Dave Stepanovich. All votes in favor. Motion carried. 5/0

**Approval of Minutes:** *Motion* by Trustee Dave Stepanovich to approve the minutes as written for the regular council meeting of February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021, with mention to add the letter from Max Putters to the March 8<sup>th</sup> 2021 meeting minutes. Seconded by Trustee Josh Larson. All votes in favor. Motion carried. 5/0

**Public Comment:** Brian Drayton from the Crooked River Firefighters Car Show, requested the council's approval to shut River Street down for the annual car show on Sept 12, 2021. The street closure will begin at 6am until approximately 4pm.

*Motion* by Trustee Doug Larson to shut down River Street on September 12, 2021 from 6am until 4pm. Seconded by Trustee Mark Fairbairn. All votes in favor. Motion Carried. 5/0.

**Visitor Comment:** N/A

**Request from Top O Michigan Boat Race:**

*Motion* by Trustee Dave Stepanovich to approve Top of Michigan's request to close the river for the boat race. Seconded by Trustee Doug Larson. All votes in favor. Motion carried 5/0.

**Amend 2021 Budget (FYE 02/28/2021):**

*Motion* by Trustee Dave Stepanovich to approve the amended 2021 budget. Seconded by Trustee Josh Larson. All votes in favor. Motion carried. 5/0.

**Adopt 2022 Budget (FYE 02/28/2022):**

*Motion* by Trustee Josh Larson to approve the suggested 2022 budget. Seconded by Trustee Doug Larson. All votes in favor. Motion carried. 5/0.

The image shows four handwritten signatures in black ink. From left to right: a signature that appears to be 'MFA', a signature that appears to be 'JL' in blue ink, a signature that appears to be 'DB', and a signature that appears to be 'JS'. The signatures are written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font.

**Advertise for Bridge Tender contract bids:**

*Motion* by Trustee Dave Stepanovich to advertise for the Bridge Tender position for the 2021 season. Seconded by Trustee Mark Fairbairn. All votes in favor. Motion carried 5/0.

**Committee Reports**

**Trustee Doug Larson** reported working on a \$6,000 grant with a \$2,000 village match, to expand the Village Holiday Lightshow. Larson also reported the LAMA Key fob will be installed before the next meeting.

**Trustee Josh Larson-** N/A

**Trustee Dave Stepanovich-** Reported having spoken to DPW about replacing the seasonal flags.

**Trustee Mark Fairbairn-** N/A

Fairbairn did inquire on paying any invoices to the Village Attorney regarding the abandoned alleys through his property. Babcock said he has been in contact with the Attorney.

**President Greg Babcock** reported that the Streetscape company sent back a revised concept plan. They put back the parking on the block in front of Bobs Place. They mentioned they will have to install some bumpouts due to safety requirements. There will be some parking lost. Trustee Mark Fairbairn inquired about installing another traffic light. Babcock reported that MDOT had previously done a traffic study and they can't install another light.

Trustee Dave Stepanovich commented that none of the businesses need to lose parking spots. Babcock also reported that Rob Burwell at the DPW is having family medical issues and needs to take his Grandmother to Wisconsin. He will be gone approximately a week. Burwell does not have vacation time or sick leave left.

**Sewer Board Report-** Babcock reported the Sewer authority plans on replacing some of their equipment. Babcock also reported that they are discussing putting up a solar farm which will potentially bring in approximately \$150,000 in income. The Sewer plant is reaching maximum capacity which may result in needing a second sewage plant.

**Treasurer Jennifer Murphy-** Reported that the settlement is officially done. Murphy reported that \$35,000 will be coming back from the county. The audit is mostly done and waiting to be reviewed. Murphy has been looking into options to invest funds to grow the Village's money to go towards the streetscape project. She has also looked into loan options for funding. Murphy was informed that a loan would need to be applied for the fall before the spring project is to begin.

**Monthly Bills:** *Motion* by Trustee Doug Larson to pay the current monthly bills. Seconded by Trustee Dave Stepanovich. All votes in favor. Motion carried. 5/0.

**Public Comment:**

**Adjournment:** *Motion* by Trustee Doug Larson to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Trustee Josh Larson. All votes in favor. Motion carried 5/0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:38 pm.