

**Minutes**  
Village of Alanson  
7631 US 31 North, Alanson, MI 49706  
Regular Council Meeting of October 9th, 2023

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

**Pledge of Allegiance-** Recited

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

**Council Absent:**

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

**Approval of Agenda:** *Motion* by Trustee Doug Larson to accept the agenda as written for October 9th, 2023. Seconded by Trustee Josh Larson. All votes in favor. 5/0 Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** *Motion* by Trustee Scott Latva to approve the minutes as written for the regular council meeting of September 11th, 2023. Seconded by Trustee Mark Fairbairn. All votes in favor. 5/0 Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** Charles Rehmann presented a handout from the Michigan State University College of Engineering regarding the Sanctuary Island Ferry. Discussion ensued. The group visited Alanson during the DDA's Fall Fest to engage with the community. They are currently working on the ferry project.

**Visitor Presentation:**

A.

**New Business:**

A. **Village of Alanson TAP Grant Contract Number 23-5309 Resolution Certification Approval & Execution-**

*Motion* by Trustee Doug Larson to adopt the Tap Grant Resolution Contract #23-5309. Seconded by Trustee Mark Fairbairn. All votes in favor. 5/0 Motion carried.

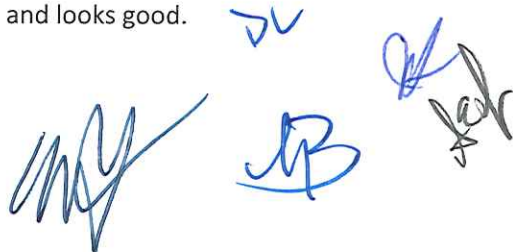
**Old Business:**

A. N/A

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Trustee Mark Fairbairn- N/A

Trustee Josh Larson- Mentioned the bike station is installed and looks good.

Handwritten signatures in blue ink, including initials 'DL', 'JB', and a signature that appears to be 'Larson'.

**Trustee Doug Larson-** Reported that he is working on finalizing the grant reports now that Jason Losey has all of the projects completed. The Holiday Light show setup is scheduled for Saturday November 18<sup>th</sup> at 9am.

**Trustee Scott Latva** – Asked Street Commissioner Jason Losey when the culvert on Cheboygan St will get cleaned out? Losey said it's on the list to look at. Trustee Mark Fairbairn commented that the corner is filling up with dirt. Losey said he would look at it.

**President Greg Babcock-**Reported that the Sewer Authority meeting is this Thursday. Babcock also reported that he and Damien Henning met with Wade Trim to update the Recreation Plan. They are waiting for a proposal to come back. Babcock said that should be done by the end of the year or the beginning of next year.

**Clerk- Treasurer Jennifer Murphy-** N/A

**Deputy Clerk Craig Wilson** – Wilson reported the DDA had their Fall Fest over the weekend. He felt it was a good turnout for the first year with inclement weather. Wilson also reported they had the Planning & Zoning Board meeting last Monday. The board approved to begin updating the Village Master Plan.

**Street Commissioner: Jason Losey.** – Reported he doesn't need road gravel this year. Losey mentioned he wants to pull the Swing Bridge cylinders and have all the seals redone. Losey also reported the new bike rack is installed. Losey said he plans to put snow markers out on the bump outs for snow plowing. Losey plans to winterize the bathrooms next month. Losey also reported he did some tree trimming. Losey received a quote from Ginops to purchase a commercial snowblower with a cab. The quote is less than \$17,500. This would allow Losey to snow blow the bump outs and fit under the new street signs. Losey received a couple of other quotes for a tractor and blower for around \$40,000. Discussion ensued. Trustee Fairbairn asked Losey to get another quote from Skinners. President Babcock tabled the discussion until next month.

Trustee Fairbairn asked Losey to get a quote from A1 on the culvert cleanout project.

Losey reported he was contacted by the owners of Spankys and asked not to pile up snow to the north of the Secondhand Man store. Losey inquired as to if the asphalt there is Village property. President Babcock responded "yes". Babcock asked Losey to try and keep the Boat House parking lot open as long as we can. Babcock asked Losey to do diagonal parking in the Boat House parking lot next spring.

Trustee Fairbairn commented that the property owners next to the post office have been parking their trailers in the street all summer and that it looks bad. President Babcock commented that we can ask them nicely not to. People can park in the street except overnight during the winter.

Losey mentioned the Fire department's Open House is this Wednesday, October 11th from 6-8pm.

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

**Public Comment:** N/A

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:32pm.

