

# The Village of Alanson

## MINUTES

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7631 US 31 North, Alanson, MI 49706

Joint Meeting (Township, Village, LAMA) December 11th, 2023

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Village President Greg Babcock at 5:34pm.

**Township: Call to Order.** Damien Henning called the meeting to order at 5:34pm.

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

**Absent:** Scott Latva

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

**Township Present:** Clerk Sondra Festerling, Supervisor Dameon Henning, Treasurer Kim Shomin

**Public Comment:** N/A

### New Business:

**A. LAMA 2024 Proposed Budget:** See attached copy of the proposed 2024 budget.

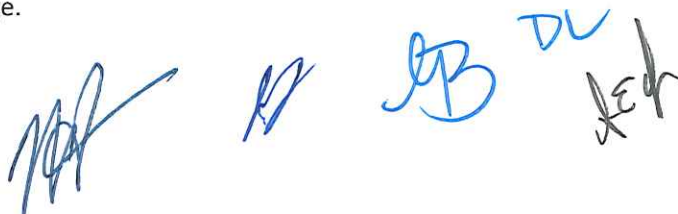
Littlefield Alanson Management Authority (LAMA) member Damian Henning presented and reviewed the 2024 budget. Henning informed the Village & Township that LAMA started the 2023 year with \$29,253. LAMA did go over budget by \$3,026.46 due to the bathroom project being more expensive than anticipated. Henning commented that using Kevin Phillips & Jason Losey for different projects has helped significantly to keep costs down versus contracting the jobs out.

Henning reported people have been dumping trash in hall dumpster. Henning said that the dumpster enclosure is falling apart. They have received quotes to have the enclosure redone which will be more secure.

Henning reported they had accomplished many projects during 2023. In addition to the bathroom project, LAMA completed the thermostat updates which came in under budget. They also purchase several new pieces of electronic equipment.

For the 2024 budget Henning anticipates a 6% increase in the utilities and Insurance expenses. LAMA plans on doing two projects in 2024. 1. Updating the security camera system with digital cameras and upgrade the storage. 2. Replace 15 tables at a cost of \$100 a table.

Henning mentioned they would like to increase the fund balance by increasing the contributions to \$8,500 from both the township & village.



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Henning mentioned that eventually the stucco on the outside of the building will need to be addressed.

Trustee Doug Larson commented that LAMA spent a lot of money in 2023, but the bathroom needed it. Discussion ensued. President Greg Babcock inquired why we're down over \$1,000 on hall rentals. Trustee Doug Larson commented that last year we had one extended rental that paid \$1,000.

Trustee Scott Latva arrived at 5:55pm.

*Motion* by President Greg Babcock to accept the proposed 2024 LAMA budget as presented. Seconded by Trustee Mark Fairbairn. Roll Call Vote. Trustee Mark Fairbairn- Yes, Trustee Doug Larson- Yes, Trustee Josh Larson- Yes, Trustee Scott Latva- Yes, President Greg Babcock- Yes. All votes in favor. 5/0 Motion carries.

*Motion* by Clerk Sondra Festerling, to accept the proposed 2024 LAMA budget as written. Seconded by Treasurer Kim Shomin. All in favor. Motion carries 3/0.

#### **B. Other Business**

The Joint Recreation plan meeting is scheduled for January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 5:30pm. The meeting has been posted.

**Public Comment:** N/A

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

*Motion* by Damian Henning to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Kim Shomin. All votes in favor motion carried. 3/0

Meeting Adjourned at 6:00pm