

The Village of
Alanson
Minutes

Village of Alanson
7631 US 31 North, Alanson, MI 49706
Regular Council Meeting of February 12th, 2024.

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: N/A

Staff Present: Jason Losey, Jennifer Murphy, Craig Wilson

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Trustee Josh Larson to accept the agenda as written for February 12th, 2024. Seconded by Trustee Mark Fairbairn. All votes in favor. 5/0 Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: *Motion* by Trustee Josh Larson to approve the minutes as written for the regular council meeting of January 8th, 2023. Seconded by Trustee Scott Latva. All votes in favor. 5/0 Motion carried.

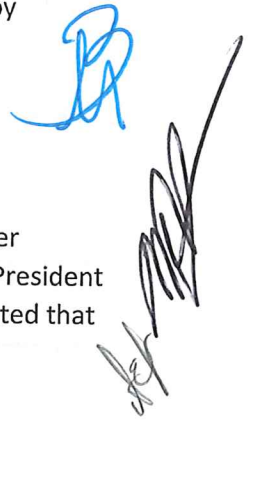
Approval of the Joint Meeting Minutes Public Hearing Parks and Recreation Plan 2023-2027:
Motion by Trustee Doug Larson to approve the Joint Meeting Minutes as written for the Public Hearing Parks and Recreation Plan 2023-2027. Seconded by Trustee Josh Larson. All votes in favor. 5/0 Motion carried.

Public Comment: Student- Daniel Osier from the Alanson Public school & SAFE program presented last fall to the council regarding doing a community project. Osier presented sketches and dimensions of the proposed Gaga Ball pit. SAFE Project Director Susan Pulaski commented that SAFE allows students to pick a community project each year with a budget up to \$2,000. President Babcock mentioned that at the prior meeting the council recommended having a more permanent structure. Discussion ensued.
Motion by Trustee Doug Larson to approve the SAFE program GAGA Ball pit project. Seconded by Trustee Mark Fairbairn. All votes in favor. 5/0. Motion carried.

Visitors: N/A

New Business:

- A. **Salt Spreader Quotes:** Street Commissioner Jason Losey presented two salt spreader quotes to the council. Losey is looking for a drop spreader to use on the sidewalks. President Babcock inquired if we could reconfigure the one we currently have. Losey commented that he can look into it.
President Babcock tabled the discussion.



B. New Street Light at Bonz & US-31 Highway –Street Commissioner Losey has received several comments that it is very dark at the new Bonz St. & US 31 intersection. Losey said to install a new light would cost \$100 and approximately \$15 a month to operate. Discussion ensued. Losey requested the council authorize signing the utility contract to install the new light.

Motion by Trustee Doug Larson to authorize President Greg Babcock to sign the utility contract to install the light at the Bonz St. & US 31 intersection. Seconded by Trustee Mark Fairbairn. All votes in favor. 5/0 Motion carried.

C. Top O Michigan Outboard Racing Club –President Babcock reported the letter from Top O Michigan Outboard racing club came in. They are requesting the “No wake” ordinance be lifted, and the swing bridge remain open during the race weekend of August 10th and August 11th, 2024, from 11am -2:00pm.

Motion by Trustee Doug Larson to approve the Top O Michigan Outboard Racing club request to lift the ‘No Wake” ordinance and have the swing bridge remain open during the weekend of August 10th & 11th from 11:00am until 2:00pm. Seconded by Trustee Mark Fairbairn. All votes in favor. 5/0 Motion carried.

Old Business:

A. 4 Way Stop sign at Bonz & Milton Intersection – Street Commissioner Losey reported that he’s done more research into stop signs for the new Bonz St. & Milton Rd. intersection. Losey found a 30x30 stop sign with 8 flashing LED lights that is solar powered for \$1,300 a sign. Discussion ensued.

Motion by Trustee Doug Larson to approve the purchase of two stop signs up to \$3,000 for the Bonz St. & Milton Rd. intersection. Seconded by Trustee Mark Fairbairn. All votes in favor. 5/0 Motion carried.

B.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Trustee Mark Fairbairn- N/A

Trustee Josh Larson- Reported he has heard concerns from residents about the safety at the intersection at Bonz street and Milton Rd.

Trustee Doug Larson- Reported that it is grant writing season and he is currently working with the Community foundation. Larson is working on a grant for the street scape to purchase banners and Christmas lights for the new lamp posts.

Larson reported the grant for the ball field project is up \$100,000 this year allowing the village to receive \$400,000 versus the previously anticipated \$300,000. Larson said the site plan is now uploaded and is awaiting DNR approval. The deadline is set for April 1st, which Larson said we are on pace to meet. Larson commented that we still need to finalize the purchase of the land with the school.

Trustee Scott Latva – N/A

President Greg Babcock- No Sewer Authority meeting this month due to a lack of agenda items. Babcock reported the purchase agreement for the ball field is going back and forth between legal counsel. The purchase should be approved by the next school board meeting next month.

Clerk- Treasurer Jennifer Murphy-

Motion by Trustee Doug Larson to amend the budget to add \$2,000 to the Local and Major street funds for street signs. Seconded by Trustee Scott Latva. All votes in favor. 5/0 Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Doug Larson to advertise the Bridge Tender position for the 2024 season. Seconded by Trustee Josh Larson. All votes in favor. 5/0 Motion carried.

Deputy Clerk Craig Wilson – Reported they did not have a DDA meeting last month. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday February 19th, where they will be discussing the budget. Trustee Doug Larson asked Wilson to let him know what the DDA would like to do for signage and banners as Larson is working on a grant for that project.

Street Commissioner: Losey commented that there are several missing, damaged and old street signs in the village he would like to update... Trustee Mark Fairbairn commented that MDOT removed the No parking sign on the corner of River St & US 31. Losey said he can get a new sign installed.

Public Comment: Resident David Stepanovich said he is missing a 20-minute parking sign near his business on US 31. He requested to have a new sign installed.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:29pm.

