

TOWNSHIP OF SALINE

COUNTY OF WASHTENAW

SALINE, MICHIGAN 48176

*JAMES C. MARION * SUPERVISOR
KELLY L. MARION * CLERK
JENNIFER M. ZINK * TREASURER*

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1. The Regular Meeting of the Saline Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Marion on September 8, 2021 at 7:00 PM at the Saline Town Hall, 5731 Braun Road, Saline, MI 48176.
2. Members present: Supervisor Marion, Clerk Marion, Treasurer Zink, Trustee R. Marion and Trustee Hammond. Twenty-One other citizens were present.
3. Mr. Hammond led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Mr. R Marion moved, supported by Mr. Hammond that the agenda be approved as presented.
5. Mr. R. Marion moved, supported by Mr. Hammond, that the consent agenda be approved as presented.
 - a. Approve minutes from August 11th regular meeting
 - b. Receive Clerk's budget, Financial Report
 - c. Approval payroll for September in the amount of \$7,017.66
 - d. Approval accounts payable in August in the amount of \$11,574.17
 - e. Second billing to WCRC in the amount of \$61,537.10 for brine/limestone project.
6. Citizen Comments- Jorie Fox from Invenergy provided the Board and residents with the following, per the request from some of the residents that attended the Planning Commission meeting September 7: Map of what the proposed set backs would look like and an article regarding no evidence of negative real estate impact living next to a solar farm. Invenergy is asking that Board consider a middle ground set back of 300 feet from property boundaries/none participants, and not the proposed 600 feet. At 600 feet this would spread the project out further and some property owners with smaller parcels would no longer be able to participate. Joire answered the following questions: who is responsible the deconstruction when the project is no longer – **Invenergy and there will be a bond held and assessed every two years to account for inflation to insure there are adequate funds. Do they make noise- there is no detectable noise outside of the fence line and with in the fence the only noise is from the inverter with a minimal humming noise. A noise study at the state level will be performed for wildlife and Invenergy will have to comply the township and county guidelines on regulating noise.** Are there residents signed up- **yes** Jim Griffin attorney representing Invenergy asked the Board to consider making the proposed setback more consistent with other setbacks currently in place, an example would be the current setback from a slaughter house is 500ft.

7. Supervisor's Report

- a. No Sheriff's Report
- b. Andelina Farms – had a fire at the water plant, working on getting the plant improvements completed. Should be open for productions October/November. Dan Cabage to meet with MI homes for a progress update on September 13 with a follow up meeting the next week with Board members.
- c. Solar Farm Amendment to Ordinances– a **MOTION** was made by Clerk Marion and supported by Treasurer Zink to postpone the vote until the October Board meeting addressing the proposed amendments to the current ordinances; in order to do further due diligence. Mr. Hammond mentioned that there were no comments at the planning commission meeting being in favor of the 600 foot proposed setback change. Ayes 3 Nays 2
- d. Solar Farm Transfer of Authority/Special Use Permits- a **MOTION** was made by Mr. R. Marion and supported by Mr. Hammond to transfer the authority to the township Board for all special use permit requests. Aye 5 Nays 0
- e. L-4029- a **MOTION** was made by Mr. Hammond and supported by Mr. R. Marion to approve the tax rates for 2021. Ayes 5 Nays 0
- f. Huntington Woods Sidewalk – during the project a light will be placed for a one-lane road, date and time to complete the project is to be determined.

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8. Trustee's Report- See citizen comments regarding the Planning Commission meeting from September 7. Next regular meeting is October 5. WCRC has done a good job with the scrapping of the roads however Mr. Hammond has had some complaints regarding the weeds along the roads in some areas making it hard to see, Supervisor Marion to follow up with WCRC.
9. Zoning/Building Administrator Report – Mr. R. Marion currently working with attorney Fred Lucas on notifying residences with unlicensed vehicles and falling down structures that will need to be removed from their property.
10. No Fireboard Report
11. Township Hall Manager Report – light changed out front. Mary Gumtow emphasized that the lack of staff and the clean up in Detroit has our pick up date for recycling not on a regular schedule but it is being picked up once a week. Do not leave your recycling when the bin is full, and do not leave non recyclable items, the township is responsible for these items that Republic is not able to dispose of. The township Board is considering placing a camera at the hall to monitor the parking lot/recycling drop off, more discussion to follow.
12. No Board Member Comments
13. The meeting adjourned 7:50 at pm.

Kelly L. Marion
Saline Township Clerk

James C. Marion
Saline Township Supervisor

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, Kelly L. Marion, the duly qualified and elected Clerk for the Township of Saline, Washtenaw County, Michigan, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the proceedings taken by the Township Board of said Township at a regular board meeting held on the 8th day of September, 2021.

Kelly L. Marion
Saline Township Clerk