

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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**Regular Meeting
September 22, 2021
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1. The Regular Meeting of the Saline Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Marion on September 22, 2021 at 12:00 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. Two 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. Solar Amendments: The following questions/statements were discussed: 1. Does our current ordinance apply to residential properties and AG properties: yes same difference as industrial 2. Solar energy is a lawful use needed and an exclusionary zoning is not prohibited 3. Is there a need for it in our community: the state is requiring that DTE and Consumers have so many projects up and running by 2040 +/- 4. Will the state take over regulation on the installation of solar energy: there is a good chance they will take the ability away from the municipality if enough of them turn it down just like the they did with the oil companies. 5. If the 600-foot set back passes more land will be acquired to complete the project. 6. Still concern that once the project is completed that the landowner will be responsible for clearing the site. 7. It was mentioned that other solar farms in near by communities are not being taken care of as stated they would, the vegetation around some of the projects are nothing but weeds and dead trees. 8. There was an article out of Massachusetts that stated that living near a solar farm does devalue your home, which contradicts the article provided by Invenergy.9. Can the Board over rule the Planning Commission's decisions at this point- yes. 10. What is the incentive for the solar farms in Michigan: one example would be the financial tax break given by the government. 11. What happens if the over all project is turned down- most likely it will be a court issue with the hopes to settle. 12. If the project proceeds forward can the Board required additional conditions- yes example the Board could ask that the sites be maintained (mowed) more than twice a year.
6. Adjourned at 12:45 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 22th day of September, 2021.

Kelly L. Marion
Saline Township Clerk

