

TOWNSHIP OF SALINE

COUNTY OF WASHTENAW

SALINE, MICHIGAN 48176

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

*TOM P. HAMMOND * TRUSTEE
ROBERT J. MARION * TRUSTEE*

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1. The Regular Meeting of the Saline Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Marion on October 13 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-six 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 with one addition (e) American Rescue Plan Act
5. Mr. R. Marion moved, supported by Mr. Hammond, that the consent agenda be approved as presented.
 - a. Approve minutes from September 8th regular meeting
 - b. Receive Clerk's budget, Financial Report
 - c. Approval payroll for October in the amount of \$7,017.66
 - d. Approval accounts payable in October in the amount of \$12,467.06
 - e. Second quarterly payment to Saline Area Fire Department for operating in the amount of \$36,361.31.
6. Citizen Comments- Mr. & Mrs. Wagstaff voiced there concerns on a solar farm project for Saline Township and asked the Board to vote yes on the proposed 600-foot setback. Mrs. Wagstaff has concerns regarding the proposed amendment being different then what was posted on the website. Attorney Jim Griffin asked that the Board reconsider the 600-foot set back to be more compatible with other ordinances currently in place in the AG district, the proposed setback is out of proportion and a 300 foot setback is more consistent and on a day to day basis there is no negative impact. Jorie Fox stated that there is interest in this project from the residence/environmental groups; a 600-foot setback will exclude smaller parcels and stated that residents should be able to have some say in the use for their land. The 600-foot set back would expand within the electrical grid south of the transmission lines. Jorie asked the Board to reconsider the 600 foot to something in between that and their proposed 300 foot and the Board's proposed 600 foot. One resident was looking for clarification on where the set back is measured from. Marie Mahler asked the Board to vote no on the proposed 600-foot setback.
7. Supervisor's Report
 - a. Sheriff's Report- no major incidents.
 - b. Andelina Farms – treatment plant still needs to be tested, to take place later this month, Dan Cabbage to have an update at the November meeting. The City and the developer are in talks regarding annexing the project. No new update regarding development of the Edwards property.

- c. American Rescue Plan Act- Saline Township has been designated to receive \$235,295, a few examples these funds can be used for are, communications, Broad Band, utility improvements. A **MOTION** was made by Mr. R. Marion and supported by Mrs. Zink to have Washtenaw County Drain Commission move forward with the application for the American Rescue Plan. Ayes 5 Nays 0
- d. Solar Farm Zoning Ordinance Amendments – Attorney Fred Lucas clarified a few items that were mentioned during the citizen’s comments: The Board did follow the Enabling Act Law with the proper publication of the proposed set back ordinance. The Board is not required to act on what was published or placed on the website, the Board can vote on the ordinance as written, not vote, make changes and or send back to the Planning Commission. The set back requirement will be measured from the property line not the road right of way. A **MOTION** was made by Mr. R. Marion and supported by Mrs. Zink to amend the solar ordinance to a 600-foot set back. Ayes 3 Nays 1 Mr. Hammond abstained due to conflict of interest. Clerk Marion addressed the residences on why she voted against the amendment: she stated that she is not in favor of the current set back of 100-foot and that her vote doesn’t mean she is in favor of a project in which she has not even seen a proposal for but that she did not want to see the project spread further throughout the township. She also spoke out to Invenergy regarding all the calls that came from a central location in the township, all from the same number and when that number was called back it said you were reaching the Saline Township Trustees, she felt this was misleading leading to the residences regardless if they were in favor or not in favor of the set back change.
- e. Huntingwood’s Sidewalk- a light has now been placed while the sidewalk is being installed, completion of sidewalk should be November 15.

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8. Trustee's Report- There was nothing on the agenda at October Planning Commission meeting, next meeting December 7.
9. Zoning/Building Administrator Report – Mr. Robert Marion reported that there has been a lack of response from the residences that need to have their falling down structures removed, Attorney Fred Lucas to send a second letter.
10. Fireboard Report – new equipment needed, also looking for a full time and two part time firefighters.
11. Township Hall Manager Report – the recycling is now being picked up on a regular scheduled, Republic was able to hire additional staff. Residents are still leaving non-recycling items.
12. Board Member Comments – Mr. Hammond mentioned that a memorial will be held for Taylor Jacobson on October 30 at 1 pm, Taylor was a pillar of the community!
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 11th day of August, 2021.

Kelly L. Marion
Saline Township Clerk