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
DEAN R. MARION * TRUSTEE

Regular Meeting
September 10, 2025

1. The Regular Meeting of the Saline Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Marion on September 10, 2025, at 7:00 PM at the Saline Town Hall, 5731 Braun Road, Saline, MI 48176.

2. Members present: Supervisor Marion, Treasurer Zink, Clerk Marion, Trustee Hammond and Trustee D. Marion. Fifty-nine other citizens were present.

3. Trustee Tom Hammond led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Treasurer Zink moved, supported by Trustee Hammond that the agenda be approved as presented.

5. Trustee Hammond moved, supported by Trustee Marion that the consent agenda be approved as presented.
   a. Approve minutes from the August 13th regular meeting.
   b. Receive Clerk's budget, Financial Report
   c. Approve accounts payable for September in the amount of $19,339.42
   d. Approve payroll for September in the amount of $11,312.90
   e. Approve payment to WCRC in the amount of $60,401.30 for limestone project.
   f. Approve accounts payable for June-July from expense card in the amount of $752.97

6. Citizen Comments- The public had many questions and concern regarding the Data Center project: traffic, water usage/management of storm water, pollution, screening, effect on power usage, sound, cooling system and expansion of the project was among many of concerns. Residents also attended the meeting to express their view on being in favor the project.

7. Supervisor's Report
   a. Sheriff's Report- no report.
   b. Andelina Farms- looking for a reduction in the performance guarantee. Repairs requested to resolve the water flow issue on the east side have been started.
   c. Data Center- a MOTION was made by Treasurer Zink and supported by Trustee Marion to deny the project. Ayes 4 Nays 1 Clerk Marion voted against the motion. Motion was denied for the following reasons: see attached as part of the minutes.
   d. Jupiter – a MOTION was made by Trustee Hammond and supported by Trustee Marion to enter into the Host Community Host Agreement Ayes 5 Nays 0
   e. Invenergy- a MOTION was made by Treasurer Zink and supported by Trustee Hammond to enter into the Host Community Host Agreement Ayes 5 Nays 0

8. PA 116 Termination- a MOTION was made by Trustee Hammond and supported by Trustee Marion to table until the October Board meeting.

9. Trustee's Report- tree removal at cemeteries to start. October 7 a public hearing on the Event Barn ordinance. Fall cleanup September 13 8am- 1:55pm.

10. No Zoning/Building Administrator Report

11. No Fireboard Reports

12. Township Hall Manager Report- Trustee Hammond to follow up on the fire extinguishers. Clerk Marion to get an estimate for AC.

13. Board Member Comments- Treasure Zink, last day to pay taxes September 15 from 9am-5pm.

14. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

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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 10th day of September 2025.

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Kelly L. Marion
Saline Township Clerk

Motion to **deny** the conditional rezoning proposed by RD Michigan Property Owner I LLC as recommended by the Planning Commission. Denial is based on public hearing comments, the information provided by the applicants, the Carlisle/Wortman Associates review letter dated August 4, 2025, and the findings that the rezoning **does not meet** the Section 12.04(E) standards for approval as follows:

1. The rezoning is inconsistent with the Master Plan. The subject site and adjacent properties are categorized as "Agriculture" in the Township Master Plan's Future Land Use Map. The primary objectives of the Agriculture designation are to "maintain existing and promote additional agricultural activities in designated areas of the Township" and to "limit the intrusion of non-agricultural uses into agricultural areas." Approval will result in the loss of at least 250 acres of farmland.

2. The subject site is prime farmland if it is adequately drained. The US Department of Agriculture's Soil Survey Geographic Database classifies most of the subject site's soils as Mollisols, which have a high organic matter content.

3. The Township is concerned that the Saline Area Fire Department and other emergency responders do not have the equipment and training to respond to a fire or other emergency event at the data center.

4. Vacant properties are available within the Master Plan's Urban Service Boundary. The Master Plan envisions industrial development within the Urban Service Boundary.

5. Conditions have not changed within the Township since the Master Plan was adopted. The demand for data center development is regional. There is no specific demand for data center development in the Township.

6. Approval undermines the Master Plan's farmland and environmental preservation objectives.

7. An intensive industrial use and noise from the data center equipment would negatively impact surrounding properties.

8. The Bridgewater Township Master Plan's future land use map designates the properties along the shared boundary as "Agricultural Preservation Area" and "Public/Quasi Public." Industrial uses are not compatible with these categories.