

ALAIEDON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES

Monday, June 8, 2026

The Alaiedon Township Board of Trustees meeting held Monday, June 8, 2026 was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Supervisor Steven Lott.

Members present: Supervisor Steven Lott, Clerk Kimberly Hafley, Trustee Kurt Kranz, Trustee Beth Smith and Deputy Clerk Paulette George. **Absent:** Treasurer Scott Everett.

Others present:

Community Members: Deb Bloomquist, Brian Baer, Emerson & Charlene Hyde, Karla Ruest, Jason Orton, Thais Rousseau, Heather Goupil, Jenny Marr, Michael & Pam Green, Marty Adams, Gary Bradish and Greg Ingle.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Trustee Kranz, supported by Clerk Hafley, to approve the May 11, 2026 Board of Trustee minutes meeting as printed.

Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Trustee Smith, supported by Trustee Kranz, to approve the revised agenda for the June 8, 2026 Board of Trustee meeting, including correspondence from ITC regarding the proposed high wire transmission line project and the May 2026 Ingham County Sheriff's report.

Motion carried.

Correspondence

Received the Ingham County Sheriff reports for May 2026. No discussion.

Received information from ITC regarding the seven proposed routes to come through Alaiedon Township. No discussion.

Received the May 2026 Revenue and Expenditure Report. No discussion.

Persons from the Floor

Heather Goupil, Head Librarian of the Mason Library; **Jenny Marr**, Executive Director; **Deb Bloomquist**, **Brian Baer**, and **Thais Rousseau** from the Capital Area District Libraries (CADL) attended the meeting to provide the Board with updates on recent activities, current initiatives, and the continued growth of the library system throughout Ingham County. They also reported that CADL recently opened a new facility on University Park Drive in Alaiedon Township to house the History Collection previously located at the downtown branch. The Board thanked the representatives for their presentation and for taking the time to attend the meeting.

Michael Green, a resident whose property is located near four of the proposed routes for the new ITC high-voltage transmission line, addressed the Board regarding his concerns about the project. He expressed

concern that the proposed line could be located less than 200 feet from his home and that the removal of trees between his property and the I-96 expressway would eliminate the existing buffer for noise and visual screening. The Board acknowledged his concerns and recommended that he attend the public listening sessions planned by ITC for July 2026 to provide input on the proposed routes as well as communicate with the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) if his property remains on the ITC route submitted to the MPSC. Supervisor Lott and Board members said they would be attending upcoming public sessions and would be submitting follow up correspondence to ITC and MPSC to communicate concerns.

Jason Orton, of the David Chapman Agency attended the meeting to present the Township's 2026 Municipal Insurance Renewal proposal. He reported that he had marketed the Township's insurance coverage in an effort to obtain more competitive pricing. However, the quotes received from other carriers were significantly higher than the Township's current premium. Based on those results, he recommended renewing the current policy and revisiting the marketplace again next year to evaluate future options.

Public Comment:

Karla Ruest, Ingham County Commissioner, provided the following updates:

- The Ingham County Road Department has hired a new Director who started June 1.
- Funding from the new state road budget is expected to begin reaching the County in late fall 2026 or early 2027.
- She reported that she and other County Commissioners have been working with the Ingham County Drain Commissioner to help convey concerns that large drain assessment districts can create significant financial burdens for local families and may affect their ability to remain in their homes.
- She informed the Board that four millage proposals will appear on the August 2026 ballot. Three of the proposals are renewal millages, and one is a new millage request.

Charlene Hyde, asked whether Alaieton Township has a noise ordinance and, if so, whether it would apply to data centers. The Board explained that the Township does have a noise ordinance; and as part of the upcoming ordinance update process, the Township will be reviewing and considering additional provisions specifically addressing data centers and their potential.

Old Business

The Board tabled consideration of IT services. This continues to be tabled and will further be discussed during our budget workshop and preparation for the 2026/27 fiscal year.

The Board tabled consideration of the purchase of a new Township server. This continues to be tabled and will further be discussed during our budget workshop and preparation for the 2026/27 fiscal year.

The Board tabled consideration of Microsoft Office 365 GCC G3. This continues to be tabled and will further be discussed during our budget workshop and preparation for the 2026/27 fiscal year.

New Business

Motion by Trustee Smith, supported by Trustee Kranz, to approved the 2026/2027 renewal of the Township's Municipal Insurance Policy through the David Champman Agency in the amount of \$20,841.00. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Smith, supported by Trustee Kranz, to approve the sign permit application submitted by Gregory Ingle, owner of Benedictus Farms, located at 1192 Hagadorn Road. The approved sign will be 24.5 square feet in area and located 33 feet from the centerline of Hagadorn Road.
Motion carried.

Motion by Clerk Hafley, supported by Trustee Kranz, to reappoint Trustee Smith and current Planning Commission member Jason Buher to the Alaiedon Township Planning Commission for new three-year terms, with terms expiring in July 2029.
Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Smith, supported by Trustee Kranz, to renew the Township's membership in the Michigan Townships Association (MTA) for the 2026 term, with dues in the amount of \$4,800.17. Motion carried.

Motion by Clerk Hafley, supported by Trustee Smith, to request a month-to-month contract with VC3, the Township's current IT provider, while additional information is gathered regarding the Townships current IT service needs. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Smith, supported by Trustee Kranz, to continue collection efforts for unpaid fire runs fees with Ingham County Small Claims Court.
Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Kranz, supported by Trustee Smith, to approve the Summer 2026 Informational letter to be sent with the summer tax bills.
Motion carried.

Board Reports

Supervisor Lott: reported that the ball field lighting project has been completed and is operating successfully. The new lighting system utilizes approximately 27 amps of power across all four poles.

He also noted that the Township has issued building permits for four new homes so far this year, along with several deck permits and a few pool installations.

Supervisor Lott further stated that he recently spoke with ITC, which confirmed it is continuing forward with the project and has issued notices regarding seven proposed transmission line routes through the Township. ITC will be hosting additional community engagement events in July 2026.

Lastly, he reported that there has been no recent update from the Ingham County Road Department regarding the start date for the 2026 road project on Lamb Road from Walline Road to Every Road.

Trustee Smith: Ingham County Parks and Trails millage supports new wayfinding signage for trails in our area. She plans to talk with the Ingham County Parks and Trails and propose a sign be placed near the North drive entrance of Leek Cemetery pointing out our new Lott Oesterle Walking Trail.

Clerk Hafley: reported that she and Paulette George have completed the required Board of Elections training over the past several weeks and are current with their election credentials.

She also noted that she will be transferring funds from existing investments in order to expand the Township's investment opportunities.

Additionally, she reported that the Township continues to move forward with updates to its website to ensure compliance with ADA requirements by 2028.

Public Comment

Charlene Hyde asked if the MTA resources are available to anyone. It was suggested to check Capital Area District Library (CADL) to see if they have a subscription to the MTA monthly magazine.

Claims

Motion Trustee Kranz, supported by Trustee Smith, to pay the following invoices:

- General Fund: Checks #17585 - #17612 and electronic transfers #1624- #1637, totaling \$145,545.28.
- Tax Account: Electronic transfers #95, totaling \$91,707.37.
- Trust & Agency: Electronic transfers #391-#394, totaling \$9,223.28.

Motion carried.

Motion by Clerk Hafley, supported by Trustee Kranz, to adjourn at 9:17 p.m.

Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by:

Paulette George, Deputy Clerk.

Kimberly Hafley, Township Clerk