

ALAIEDON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
Monday, June 14, 2021

The regular Alaiedon Township Board meeting held Monday, June 14, 2021, was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Supervisor Steven Lott. Members present: Supervisor Steven Lott, Clerk David Leonard, Treasurer Scott Everett, Trustee Kurt Kranz, Trustee Beth Smith, Township Attorney Thomas Hitch and Deputy Clerk Virginia Coffman.

Public in attendance were Emerson Hyde, Heather Goupil, Sally Trout, Debora Bloomquist, Scott Duimstra, Randy Maiville, and Evan & Jen Vanderwey.

Motion by Kranz, supported by Smith, to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2021, meeting as printed. Motion carried.

Motion by Smith, supported by Leonard, to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried.

Heather Goupil, Head Librarian of the Mason Library attended the meeting to advise the Board on the recent updates, current happenings, and recent growth of the Capital Area District Libraries in Ingham County. The Board thanked her for coming.

Attorney Hitch invited Mr. Hyde to discuss his recent zoning violation letter. He had been advised to create an LLC for liability reasons and hoped to recoup some costs for maintenance of the equipment and did not realize he was violating the zoning ordinance by advertising and renting equipment. The Board advised Mr. Hyde that he is not allowed to engage in this business in the A1 Agriculture district. He agreed that he will no longer advertise or rent equipment.

Attorney Hitch also discussed his attendance at the June 7, 2021, Planning Commission meeting. He is advising on rescinding the current SLUP for wind turbines, zoning ordinance amendments for residential solar and event barns, and the event barns licensing ordinance. The Board has placed a moratorium on construction of wind turbines until January 2022.

Motion by Leonard, supported by Smith, to approve the 20 sq ft free standing sign at 3056 Okemos Road, Mason, for Alaiedon Collective owned by Evan Vanderwey. Motion carried.

Motion by Smith, supported by Everett, to approve the 38 sq ft on building sign at 3056 Okemos Road, Mason, for Alaiedon Collective owned by Evan Vanderwey. Motion carried.

Mr. Vanderwey is planning to request a SLUP for a Coffee Camper at 3056 Okemos Road, Mason. He was advised as a point of information, that a coffee camper could be considered a food truck, and the zoning ordinance being silent on food trucks, it is construed they are not allowed. The Planning Commission will be addressing the proposed SLUP at their quarterly scheduled September meeting.

Mr. Vanderwey also asked for additional signage using the business logo above guest and staff entrances. The Board verified he is allowed one free standing and one on building sign.

Randy Maiville, Ingham County Board Commissioner, attended to update the Board on the County Covid State of Emergency. Ingham County will be lifting restrictions at the end of the month. Ingham County has received 57 million dollars of Covid money, and he advised the Board to contact the Controller on steps to participate.

Motion by Smith, supported by Kranz, to reappoint Kim Hafley and Laurie Koelling for another 3 years to the Planning Commission terms expiring July 23, 2024. Motion carried.

The Board received the June 7, 2021, Planning Commission minutes. Trustee Smith informed the Board that the event barns zoning ordinance amendment and event barns licensing ordinance had a few minor changes from Attorney Hitch and would be ready for Public Hearing. They are prepared to hold a public hearing for the residential solar zoning ordinance amendment. For future consideration, the Planning Commission is trying to coordinate a meeting of the Planning Commission, Township Board, and members from other jurisdictions regarding the implementation of Wind Energy regulation.

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Motion by Smith, supported by Kranz to approve the Planning Commission recommendation to approve the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance amendment that incorporates Commercial Solar Energy Systems into the B-1, G-0, OW, I-1 and I-2 zoning with a special land use permit. Motion passed.

Motion by Smith, supported by Kranz, to approve the Planning Commission recommendation to approve the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance changing permitted principal uses in Industrial Districts by adding plant based agricultural commodities and allowing the processing and manufacturing with plant based agricultural commodities. Motion passed.

The Board received the May 2021 and June 14, 2021, Treasurer’s report.

Motion by Kranz, supported by Smith to approve the Budget Expenditure amendments for May 31, 2021, as follows:

		Budgeted	Increase
Cemetery:			
Property & Land Improvements	101-276-974.000	\$ 5,000.00	
Amended to		\$45,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
New tree purchase			
Office:			
Supplies	101-299-727.000	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 400.00
Public Works:			
Resident trash pick-up	101-526-803.000	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 2,200.00
Building Inspection:			
Inspector Salary	101-380-702.000	\$10,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
ZA/BI Travel	101-380-806.000	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 400.00

Motion carried.

Motion by Kranz, supported by Smith, to approve the 2021 Summer Informational letter. Motion carried.

Motion by Kranz, supported by Smith, to approve the 2021 Summer tax bill messages. Motion carried.

Motion by Smith, supported by Leonard, to approve sending the following delinquent fire runs to collections: Megan Vasey, Alana Salinas, Christina Osborne, and Van Thang. Motion carried.

Officers Report:

Supervisor Lott reported on the progress of the 2021 Road repair.

Motion by Kranz, supported by Leonard, to include the fogging process in the contracted road repair. Motion carried.

Motion by Kranz, supported by Smith, to pay the following invoices: General Fund checks #15431 through #15469 and fourteen electronic transfers in the amount of \$52,017.34; Trust and Agency three electronic transfers in the amount of \$4,561.74. Motion carried.

Motion by Smith, supported by Kranz, to adjourn. Motion carried at 9:49 p.m.

Minutes taken by Virginia Coffman, Deputy Clerk.

David Leonard, et.al