

ALAIEDON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES

Monday, June 9, 2025

The regular Alaiedon Township Board meeting held Monday, June 9, 2025, was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Supervisor Steven Lott. Members present: Supervisor Steven Lott, Clerk Kimberly Hafley, Treasurer Scott Everett, Trustee Beth Smith, Trustee Kurt Kranz, and Deputy Clerk Paulette George.

Public in attendance was: Jenny Marr, Brian Baer, Heather Goupil, Thais Rousseau, Karla Reust & Gary Bradish.

Motion by Trustee Smith, supported by Trustee Kranz Hafley to approve the minutes from the May 12, 2025 meeting as printed. Motion carried.

Motion by Clerk Hafley, supported by Trustee Kranz, to approve the agenda of the June 9, 2025 meeting as printed. Motion carried.

Persons from the Floor

Heather Goupil Head Librarian of the Mason Library, Jenny Marr Executive Director, Brian Baer, Thais Rousseau from Capital Area District Libraries (CADL) attended the meeting to inform the Board on the recent updates, current happenings, and recent growth of the Capital Area District Libraries in Ingham County. The Board thanked them for coming.

Old Business

Motion by Trustee Kranz, supported by Trustee Smith to approve the Alaiedon Township Employee Handbook as written. Motion carried.

New Business

Motion by Trustee Kranz, supported by Trustee Smith to approve Ordinance no. 2025-03 to declare a Moratorium on the construction of farm structures, including, without limitation, silos, barns, pole barns and structures, sheds, lean-tos, or the like, while the Township considers updating the regulations regarding farm practices and the placement of farm structures on farms within the Township of Alaiedon. Motion carried.

TOWNSHIP OF ALAIEDON
INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-03

AN ORDINANCE TO DECLARE A MORATORIUM ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF FARM STRUCTURES, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, SILOS, BARNs, POLE BARNs AND STRUCTURES, SHEDs, LEAN-TOS, OR THE LIKE, WHILE THE TOWNSHIP CONSIDERS THE UPDATING OF THE REGULATIONS REGARDING FARM PRACTICES AND THE PLACEMENT OF FARM STRUCTURES ON FARMS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF ALAIEDON.

The Township of Alaiedon ordains:

SECTION 1. Findings and Purposes. The Township of Alaiedon hereby finds and declares the purpose of this ordinance to be as follows:

- (A) The Board, after discussion, finds that the current regulations regarding farming and agricultural uses within the Township are inadequate to protect the environment and neighboring properties, and the general public health and welfare of the Township.

- (B) In evaluating its ordinances, the Township is considering the regulation of practices and locations of buildings that would be consistent with State regulations regarding farming with enhancements where permissible to further protect the public health and welfare of the citizens of the Township.
- (C) The Township, through its planning commission and its Board, desire to explore the appropriateness of regulations regarding the intensity of farming, location of structures, and other farm management practices that would enhance the public health and welfare.
- (D) The Township Board recognizes that the Planning Commission and the Board would need a reasonable time within which to study and implement any new regulations.
- (E) The Township Board has concluded that a moratorium on the construction of farm structures including, without limitation, silos, barns, pole barns and structures, sheds, lean-tos, and the like, for a limited period of time to meet its goals to engage in a reasonable process to determine, in consideration of the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens of the Township, whether such regulations should be implemented or not.

SECTION 2. Establishment of Moratorium. The Alaiedon Township Board of Trustees hereby declares a moratorium on the farm structures as identified above for nine (9) months from the effective date of this ordinance.

SECTION 3. End of Moratorium. Upon the expiration of the nine (9) month period, the Township Board may let this ordinance lapse, or may, in its sole discretion, extend it for some further reasonable period of time, if it makes findings that such an extension meets the requirement of protecting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Township.

SECTION 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall go into effect on the day after publication as provided by law.

The foregoing ordinance was moved for adoption by Trustee Kranz and seconded by Trustee Smith, with a vote thereon being as follows:

Yes	Supervisor Lott, Clerk Hafley, Treasurer Everett, Trustee Smith, Trustee Kranz
No	None

Ordinance No. 2025-003 declared adopted this 9th day of June, 2025.

Motion by Trustee Smith, supported by Trustee Kranz to approve the renewal of the Township Liability Policy with the David Chapman Agency for policy term of June 1, 2025 – May 31, 2026. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Smith, supported by Trustee Kranz to approve the following budget amendments:

	Current	Increase
101-191-930.300 Computer Maintenance	\$3,500.00	\$3,465.80
101-256-716.000 Insurance	\$17,500.00	\$215.00
101-265-740.000 Township Operating Supp.	\$1,500.00	\$500.00
101-336-801.300 Delhi Bldg. Inspections	\$1,000.00	\$500.00
101-567-805.300 Leek Cem (LAP)	\$9,000.00	\$1,455.50
101-567-931.000 Cemetery Repair & Maint.	\$8,000.00	\$1,200.00

Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Kranz, supported by Trustee Smith, to approve the Summer 2025 Informational letter to be sent with the summer tax bills. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Smith, supported by Trustee Kranz to send Michelle Erwin, Cracker Barrell Old Country Store, Loretta Robbins to collections for unpaid fire runs. Motion carried.

Board Reports

Supervisor Lott recommended Bryan Martin to fill the vacant position on the Zoning Board of Appeal and Board of Review. Motion by Trustee Kranz, supported by Clerk Hafley to appoint Bryan Martin to the Zoning Board of Appeal and to the Board of Review. Motion carried.

Supervisor Lott reported the Taco Bell on Jolly Road will be doing an interior remodeling project in the near future.

Supervisor Lott also reported that he has been contacted about a proposed storage facility to sit on three parcels on Atrium Drive that would require a Special Land Use Permit. The individual was advised of their next steps to make an application for the Special Land Use.

Supervisor Lott also reported that ITC has reached out to inform us they are in the beginning stages of working on a new transmission line from South of Grand Ledge to North of Fowlerville. Over the next months they will be collecting information to help with a proposed route.

Treasurer Everett reported that he and his son Rhett were able to clean up the down trees on the Lott Oesterle walking path in Leek Cemetery.

Clerk Hafley reported that she was able to renew several mature bonds with the Townships Fidelity Investments Account.

Clerk Hafley also reported that she has placed an employment ad with Indeed for an additional office staff person in the township office.

Trustee Smith is working on and interpretive sign for the Lott Oesterle Trail. Foresight Supersign has submitted an estimate for the installation of the new sign. The sign is to be located on the North side of the new trail where the gravel path meets the mulch path at the wood lot line. The sign will be 24" (H) x 36" (W) single sided. The fee for this sign will be paid with the grant money we received from the Ingham County Park.

Public Comments

Karla Reust Ingham County Commissioner reported on recent changes to Ingham County Fee increases for public parks, Septic Fee Inspections and many more items. Ingham County is planning to ask the voters for several new millages in the upcoming elections.

Claims

Motion by Trustee Kranz supported by Clerk Hafley, to pay the following invoices: General Fund check #17165 through #17198 and fourteen electronic transfers in the amount of \$72,128.79. Tax account checks #7653 through #7659 and one electronic transfers in the amount of \$490.55. Trust and Agency account two electronic transfers in the amount of \$11,476.97. Motion carried.

Motion by Treasurer Everett supported by Trustee Smith, to adjourn at 9:11 p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes taken by Paulette George, Deputy Clerk.

Kimberly Hafley, Township Clerk et al