ALAIEDON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
Monday, March 10, 2025

The regular Alaiedon Township Board meeting held Monday, March 10, 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, Attorney Thomas Hitch and Deputy Clerk Paulette George

Public in attendance were: Brian Sommer, Karlene Ketola, Chris Silker, Gary Bradish, Mike Matz, Ted Mether, Mike Hamel, Eric Doster, Chris Haddad, Dan Brink & Karla Ruest.

Supervisor Lott opened the Public Hearing for the University Park Drive and Alaiedon Parkway Road Improvement Special Assessment District Roll, under authority of Michigan Compiled Laws 41.721 act 188 of 1954, which grants townships the right to make improvements and assess the cost to a special assessment district.

Supervisor Lott offered a new proposed fee schedule with would use 20% of the road project value to the Commons Park Development to be split amongst the 44 owners and then the balance of the project to be divided on road frontage on the University Park and Alaiedon Parkway property owners.

Brian Sommer of 2182 Commons Parkway does not approve of the first proposed cost being split evenly among all the of the owner on University Park Dr and Alaiedon Parkway. He feels the new proposal is a much fairer proposal.

Mike Hamel of 2165 Commons Parkway recently purchased this building does not like the proposal and feels this will be a financial burden for his new purchase.

Chris Silker of 2200 Commons Parkway is not in favor of the first proposed cost of the flat fee to every owner but does feel the new proposal is fairer.

Chris Haddad of 3450 Okemos Rd feels this project needs to be completed and does not have an issue with the cost of the new or old proposal. He suggested we spread the pay back to five (5) years.

Township Attorney Hitch recommended that we spread the payment over five years and increase the interest fee to 3.5%.

Supervisor Lott closed the Public Hearing and opened the regular Township Board meeting.

Motion by Kranz, supported by Smith to approved the minutes for the February 10, 2025 meeting as printed. Motion carried

Motion by Everett, supported by Kranz, to approve the agenda of the March 10, 2025 meeting as printed. Motion carried.

Gary Bradish of Walline Rd wished to thank the Board for working so hard with both the Ingham County Road Department and Drain Commission regarding a drainage issue with the culvert on Walline Rd. The Drain Commission office plans to rectify the culvert by increasing the size of the culvert and dropping it lower so the water is able to drain into the creek.

Evan Vanderwey with Taste Coffee spoke about the proposed building improvement and how his family has enjoyed the process of building this new business in the Alaiedon Community and appreciates all the Township Board has done to help him get to this place.

The Board discussed plans to hold the second public meeting at the Board Meeting on April 14, 2025 for the proposed University Park Drive and Alaiedon Parkway Road Improvement Special Assessment District.

Bruce Wallace with PEA Group requested site plan approval for Taste Coffee new building project. The ZBA approved the variances needed for the project in August 2024 with the contingences that the property must have the required approvals from the Ingham County Health Department, Ingham County Drain Commission, Delhi Township Fire Department and the Ingham County Road Departments before the Township Board can approve the site plan. They did not have all of these items as of todays board meeting. The site plan approval was tabled until all approvals can be obtained and submitted at a future meeting.

The Board reviewed the new Employee Handbook. There were some suggestions made and to add in the new Earned Sick Time Act language.

Motion by Smith supported by Everett, to approve the letter from the Ingham County Road Department asking the Board to submit a letter to Senator Gary Peters to support an application to secure funding for improvements to Okemos Road approximately 500 feet South of Sandhill Road to Holt Road. The Board agreed this project would be an asset to the community and make traveling Okemos Road much safer.

Motion by Smith supported by Kranz, to approve Resolution #25-01 to authorized Jason & Melissa Cochran's participation in the Ingham County Farmland and Open Space Preservation program. Motion Carried.

Financial Audit service Proposals were reviewed with interest in talking with Clark Schaefer Hackett and Maner Costerisan. No motion was made and the proposals were tabled until the April meeting.

Master Plan Proposals were reviewed. The Board would like to have a workshop meeting with the Planning Commission members to review each proposal.

Supervisor Lott reported about the Board of Review meeting Monday, March 10th. They have had one petition and have three on the schedule for Tuesday. HSC Services proposed we talk with other Township Office regarding pooling together next year. HSC Services will investigate how this would work and the agreements we would need.

Supervisor Lott also reported that the Developer that is looking to build an apartment complex off Woodlake Drive will be looking closer at our Ordinance to work within the parameters of our Ordinance to build a project they think would be an asset to the community.

Supervisor Lott has received a letter from the owner of 401 Willoughby Rd with a plan to work with Michigan Demolition and Excavating to have the house taken down once Consumers has cleared it.

Supervisor Lott has requested a quote from Mr. Electric regarding a quote for a Generator Installation at the Township Building.

Trustee Smith reported she has visited the Michigan Library to find out more history about Alaiedon Township in order to help write the text for the plaque she is working on for Leek Cemetery she has been able to locate an 1838 map of the township.

Motion by Kranz, supported by Hafley, to pay the following invoices: General Fund check #17072 through #17097 and twelve electronic transfers in the amount of $40,588.22. Tax account checks #7594 through #7620 and three electronic transfers in the amount of $2,152,048.44. Trust and Agency account two electronic transfers in the amount of $4,711.11. Motion carried.

Dan Brink of Hagadorn Road asked about what Ingham Country Road Department is doing on Hagadorn Rd. He has noticed a lot of stakes along the road way and trees being trimming. He was told that Ingham Country Road Department plans to mill and resurface Hagadorn from Jolly Rd to just north of the round-about and South of the round-about to south of Harper Rd.

Motion by Everett, supported by Kranz, to adjourn. Motion carried at 9:08 p.m.

Minutes taken by Paulette George, Deputy Clerk.

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Kimberly Hafley, Township Clerk et al