

ALAIEDON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
Monday, April 10, 2023

The regular Alaiedon Township Board meeting held Monday; April 10, 2023, was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Supervisor Steven Lott. Members present: Supervisor Steven Lott, Treasurer Scott Everett, Trustee Beth Smith, Trustee Kurt Kranz, and Deputy Clerk Virginia Coffman. Clerk David Leonard was absent.

Also in attendance were Heather Goupil, Debora Bloomquist, Chris Waltz, Scott Dumstra, Mark & Jan Urban-Lurain, Drew Howard, Tom Horton and Karla Ruest.

Motion by Kranz, supported by Everett, to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2023, meeting as printed. Motion carried.

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

Heather Goupil, Head Librarian of the Mason Library and Scott Dumstra 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 them for coming.

Mark Urban-Lurain attended the meeting to request clarification regarding Dobie Road improvements. Specifically, he was concerned about the rationale for the project, the approval process and when impacted citizens have an opportunity for input.

Supervisor Lott explained that annually the Ingham County Road Department presents a list of recommended township road improvements which are review at a Township Board meeting, the township board members travel these roads, and after the costs are determined, The Board determines at one of its meeting which roads will be improved. This year the Road Department was asked to provide the cost to improve Dobie Road with the expanded shoulder because of safety concerns related to the limited sight distance, number of walkers and bikers that use Dobie Road. The Board has not yet received all the projected costs of the road improvements for this year.

Other concerns from the Urban-Lurain's were how drainage would be affected. If the Board does not proceed with the widening of Dobie Road due to budget concerns who pays for the work that has been done.

Supervisor Lott explained that the work so far is in the maintenance budget of the Road Department and the drainage culverts should be replaced so that the road will not be have to be redone. Another option of preserving the road is a process called fogging that the Board has requested along with recent chip sealing.

Drew Howard attended the meeting to talk about the walking trail to the east of the cemetery. He does not feel that the Board needs to develop this property to the north of his home and believes the 40 acres the Township owns on Dobie Road would be a more appropriate place for development.

Tom Horton attended the meeting to inquire whether the Board has done any studies for the impact on the trees in the Cemetery if the development of the 5.86 acres to the east of the cemetery proceeds.

Supervisor Lott said that the proposed pavilion, parking and columbarium will not be in the original northeast corner of the cemetery abutting up to Mr. Horton's home to the north. The improvements will be closer to the cemetery building.

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Mr. Horton would be receptive to a walking trail in the woods with wood chips rather the original proposed limestone.

The Board received the March 20, 2023 Planning Commission minutes.

Trustee Smith reported to the Board about the updated changes in the Zoning Ordinance addressing Commercial Wind Energy.

Motion by Everett, supported by Kranz, to approve the Planning Commission recommendation to adopt Ordinance #103-17 an amendment for the current zoning ordinance to modify current requirements for Wind Turbines in the Township. Motion carried.

The Board received the March 2023 Treasurer's report.

Motion by Kranz, supported by Smith, to extend the HSC Inc Assessing Contract for another year in the amount of \$3,300.00 per month beginning August 1, 2023. Motion carried.

Motion by Kranz, supported by Smith, to renew the contract with Lawns and More for the maintenance of the small cemeteries in the amount of \$140 for the Dubois, \$55 for the Rockwell-Foote and \$85 for the Strickland per mowing when requested. Motion carried.

Motion by Smith, supported by Kranz, to renew the full-time employee health insurance contract with PHP. Motion carried.

Motion by Smith, supported by Kranz, to approve the contract renewal with Granger Waste Services Inc for the 4-yard dumpster at the Township Hall, the 2-yard dumpster at the Leek Cemetery, and the monthly trash and recycling services. The contract will expire on September 30, 2026. Motion carried.

Motion by Kranz, supported by Smith, to pay the following invoices: General Fund check #16201 through #16237 and ten electronic transfers in the amount of \$44,033.61. Tax Account check #7280 through #7289 and one electronic transfers in the amount of \$717,261.90. Trust and Agency Account three electronic transfers in the amount of \$5,835.53. Motion carried.

Motion by Kranz, supported by Everett, to adjourn. Motion carried at 9:43 p.m.

Minutes taken by Virginia Coffman, Deputy Clerk.

David Leonard, et.al