

ALAIEDON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
Monday, September 12, 2022

The regular Alaiedon Township Board meeting held Monday; September 12, 2022 was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Supervisor Steven Lott. Members present: Supervisor Steven Lott, Clerk David Leonard, Trustee Kurt Kranz, Trustee Beth Smith, and Deputy Clerk Virginia Coffman. Treasurer Scott Everett arrive at 8:01 p.m.

Also, in attendance were: Susan Tavernier, Gabe Ording, Julie Brixie, Allison Hanks, Heidi Irving and Robert Ford.

Motion by Smith, supported by Leonard, to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2022 minutes with the amendment about entering into a tolling agreement with the Quintela's of 2576 Dobie Road, Mason, MI. "This is related to the construction of the home." Motion carried.

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

Julie Brixie attended the meeting to introduce herself as a State Representative candidate for the 69th district. The Board thanked her for coming.

Robert Ford of Landscape Architects and Planners (LAP) attended the meeting to update the Board on the progress of the work on the 5- year recreation plan and the timeframe for continuing towards the public survey and grant applications. Mr. Ford presented a survey and timeline for the 5-year recreation plan.

Supervisor Lott feels February 1, 2023 will not work for the Board. A goal of February 1, 2024 for the 5-year recreation plan seems more realistic at this time. The proposed time frame is too aggressive for this year with the ambulance service change setting precedence over any other present Board action currently.

Mr. Ford also discussed the work that has been done for the Leek Cemetery trail project. The trail has been marked and the compliance for ADA will need some work but most of the trail has dead trees so moving forward not as much fill will be needed as currently anticipated.

Treasurer Everett said we should include the question about ambulance services when we do the recreation plan survey.

Susan Tavernier of 2769 Sandhill Road, Mason, MI attended the meeting to discuss with the Board the concern about the proposed roundabout at the corner of Sandhill and Hagadorn Roads. She has gathered 83 signatures against this proposal. The neighbors would like to see a four way stop instead. The last traffic survey was done in 2020 which would not be a true reflection of the traffic since most people were working from home. Michigan State University has taken out all of their roundabouts.

Supervisor Lott feels a letter to the Road Department would be appropriate from the Board asking to try a four-way stop and do another traffic study if necessary.

Motion by Smith, supported by Kranz to extend the wind energy moratorium another 9 months to June 12, 2023. Motion carried.

Motion by Kranz, supported by Smith to approve the Business Use Permit for 2813 Jolly Road to details cars of Serra Works. This will be a maximum of 3 years. Motion carried.

Motion by Leonard, supported by Kranz, to approve the 2.56 sq ft sign for Associated Retinal Consultants (ARC) in the tenant sign at 2140 University Park Drive, Suite 230, Okemos, MI. Motion carried.

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Trustee Smith presented the information she has compiled on wind energy from other jurisdictions for the Planning Commission and would like to have the Board's feedback. The Board determined the 400' maximum height in the present zoning ordinance for commercial wind energy is acceptable. Changes suggested placement density should be increased to approximately 1300 feet or ¼ of a mile apart. Shadow flicker, escrow account costs factoring in inflation. Trustee Smith will work with attorney Hitch on the wording before the next planning commission meeting Monday October 24, 2022 at 6 p.m.

Motion by Everett, supported by Kranz to approve the bid from JH Construction for the replacement of concrete in front of the Township Hall garage in the amount of \$14,476.50. The cost includes removal and haul away of the existing concrete, replacement of the drainage trench and will be 8" thick with rebar to accommodate the weight of the weekly trash truck servicing the dumpster. Motion carried.

Motion by Leonard, supported by Kranz to put the pickle ball court bid for the Township Hall on hold at this time. Motion carried.

Motion by Kranz, supported by Leonard to approve the replacement of the Leek Cemetery two commercial garage doors for the cost of \$1,650.00. Motion carried.

Motion by Kranz, supported by Smith to pay the invoices for LAP in the amount of \$3,500.00 for work to day on the Leek Cemetery Development and \$3,500.00 for the recreation plan. Motion carried.

Delhi Township Fire Chief Brian Ball attended the meeting about the closing of Mason Area Ambulance on September 30, 2022. They have been handling the EMS (ambulance service) for Alaiedon Township. Chief Ball is proposing that Delhi Township and Meridian Township handle this service for Alaiedon Township until the 1st of December. They would divide the township at Willoughby Road for EMS services. The City of Mason Fire Department does not have EMS service. After this period, they will have a better understanding of the calls to propose a change in the current contract with the Township for a full-service fire department. Presently the Township is paying a standby fee for fire service in the amount of \$31,820.00 in 12 monthly installments and is billed \$900.00 for the 1st hour of each fire run call with additional fees over one hour as they happen. The full-service proposal would include fire protection, commercial property inspections and plan reviews for fire suppression. Also, the addition of EMS. Delhi Township would take over the billing and collections of services for fire runs, commercial building inspections and plan reviews for fire suppression and EMS service. Presently Alaiedon Township bills for the fire runs and commercial plans reviews of fire suppression and commercial property inspections.

Motion by Everett, supported by Kranz to pay the following invoices: General Fund check #15935 thru 15971 and eight electronic transfers in the amount of \$33,621.61. Tax Account check #7153 thru #7166 in the amount of \$1,599,825.53. Trust and Agency two electronic transfer in the amount of \$4,628.25. Motion carried.

Motion by Smith, supported by Leonard to adjourn. Motion carried at 9:54 p.m.

Minutes taken by Virginia Coffman, Deputy Clerk.

David Leonard, et.al