

TOWNSHIP OF SALINE

COUNTY OF WASHTENAW
SALINE, MICHIGAN 48176

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1. The Special Meeting of the Saline Township Board and Planning Commission was called to order by Gary Luckhardt on September 24, 2025, at 7:00 PM at the Saline Town Hall, 5731 Braun Road, Saline, MI 48176.
2. Members present: Supervisor Marion, Treasurer Zink, Clerk Marion, Trustee Hammond, Trustee D. Marion, Steven Rothfuss, Neil Bohnett, Gary Luckhardt, Darryl Zink, Levi Smith and Ronald Kohler. Thirty other citizens attended that signed in however there were many more in attendance.
3. Mr. Hammond led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Mr. Hammond moved, supported by Mr. D. Marion that the agenda be approved.
5. No Citizen Comments.
6. Data Center Lawsuit/Related Digital/Finkbeiner/Feldkamp/Wilkin- Attorney Fred Lucas & David Landry addressed the Board and the residents regarding the facts and options of this lawsuit. The three counts are exclusionary zoning, declaratory relief violation of law and violation of due process of law. At this time there is no request for monetary damages however it has been expressed this lawsuit could be amended. It was made clear that the attorneys will move forward under the direction of the Board. Options in front of the Board are to settle/negotiate, draft a consent judgement or pursue the lawsuit in a court of law. The applicant has provided several studies, moving forward the township would have to provide factually evidence that the proposed project and the evidence provided from those studies would have a negative impact on Saline Township. Representatives from RD gave a brief presentation and answered questions from the audience. The project manager stated that there would be no temporary housing, union jobs and willing to meet with residents once a month to discuss questions/concerns. DTE was also in attendance to answer questions. Some of the questions/concerns/comments were regarding the following: cooling system (not using water), decommissioning (requirement of the township, reviewed every two years), traffic study (yes on US 12 only rated an A by EAGLE, construction traffic off of US12), 500 acres being bought in Bridgewater Township (requirement of the landowners in order to purchase the 575 in Saline Township), Led certification/ lighting (downward and motion), security during construction and after (yes), traffic on Braun Rd (emergency use only), house value concerns, why this location (flat, power lines, US 12), concerns for the Saline River (the retention ponds are to hold rain water and water to be released when appropriate), heating source (electric), Village of Clinton/City of Saline water (yes RD reached out to both municipalities as potential options), sound (65 decibels or less, yes a study has been done regarding animals), renewable goals State Bill No 237(yes this project would be subject to), soil studies if decommissioning were to take place, disposal of fuel from generator (a belly pan above ground), batterie disposal, environmental attorney was suggested, master plan (is only a guide not a binding document), history of Saline Township and preserving farm land. Gretchen Driskell from the Washtenaw County Water Resources Department addressed the Board on her thoughts and provided a proposal for a Land Preservation Program. Attorney Fred Lucas clarified the direction of funds paid to the Saline Area Fire Department- currently the Fire Board is looking at becoming an Authority District, under this

authority all municipalities under it would pay equal parts for operating/equipment.

7. No Board Member Comments
8. The meeting adjourned at 10:50 pm.

Kelly L. Marion
Saline Township Clerk

James C. Marion
Saline Township Supervisor

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, Kelly L. Marion, the duly qualified and elected Clerk for the Township of Saline, Washtenaw County, Michigan, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the proceedings taken by the Township Board of said Township at a regular board meeting held on the 24th day of September 2025.

Kelly L. Marion
Saline Township Clerk