



**THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF DOUGLAS
DOUGLAS HARBOR AUTHORITY
MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2023 AT 3:00 PM
86 W CENTER ST., DOUGLAS MI**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER - By Chair

PRESENT: Gregory Freeman, Jerome Donovan, Rich LaBombard, Robert Naumann, Louise Pattison

ABSENT

Mike Hurley

2. ROLL CALL - By Clerk

A. Election of Officers

Ballot vote for Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer

Motion made by Naumann to appoint Donovan as Chair, Seconded by Freeman.

Voting Yea: Freeman, Donovan, LaBombard, Naumann, Pattison. Motion carried.

Motion made by Pattison to appoint Naumann as Vice-Chair, Seconded by Naumann. Voting Yea: Freeman, Donovan, LaBombard, Naumann, Pattison. Motion carried.

Motion made by Pattison to appoint Freeman as Secretary, Seconded by Donovan. Voting Yea: Freeman, Donovan, LaBombard, Naumann, Pattison. Motion carried.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of the Agenda - March 20, 2023

B. Approve the September 20, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Pattison to accept the consent agenda, Seconded by Naumann.

Voting Yea: Freeman, Donovan, LaBombard, Naumann, Pattison. Motion carried.

4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION - VERBAL (LIMIT OF 3 MINUTES)

None received.

5. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION - WRITTEN

A. Dave Thompson Letter

Letter received after last meeting addressing issue outside of the city jurisdiction.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business to attend to.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Aquatic Invasive Species Treatment - Discussion Item

MT Ryan Schauland, BS of Aquatic Doctors present to answer Authority questions.

Donovan was under the impression that the treatment area was to be a path for boaters to enter and leave, the quote was for the entire area to be treated. Schauland stated the quote was for a by acre basis and can be adjusted as the Authority wishes. Pattison questioned if it would be better to aggressively treat the area now that the area is semi-controlled. Schauland explained the results to this day show the actual plants being killed off, while also tackling the seedlings from many years. As the plants and seedlings are killed there will be less grow back. The process is working, the idea is to remove the invasive growth and allow the native plants to grow and do their beneficial work.

Motion to recommend that Council approve the Aquatic Doctor treatment quote to aggressively treat the invasive species at Wade's Bayou.

Motion made by Naumann, Seconded by Freeman. Voting Yea: Freeman, Donovan, LaBombard, Naumann, Pattison. Motion carried.

B. Slip Leases at Point Pleasant - Discussion Item

LaBombard reported seasonal slip #15 has become available. The City Lottery system is unclear on how to proceed and is asking the Authority for instructions.

Members discussed using it as a transient slip or going down the wait list until someone leases it. LaBombard also reported the Allegan County Marine Division has showed interest in docking at Point Pleasant.

Donovan addressed the need for a Dock Supervisor and volunteered to take on this task. It would entail keeping fishermen off private boats, keeping campfires from being used, and other related and non-related items.

Establishing a fee schedule and discussion on the Marine Patrol will be brought to the next meeting, pending additional information.

Motion to open slip #15 to the wait list.

Motion made by Freeman, Seconded by Naumann. Voting Yea: Freeman, Donovan, LaBombard, Naumann, Pattison. Motion carried.

8. REPORTS

LaBombard reported the Buoy Contract is now under a new company, the contract transferred over. Lighting on the bridge will go to Council in April.

A. Authority Members

Greg Freeman - Water Taxi Business Model

Freeman addressed his idea of a water taxi that would transport visitors from Saugatuck to Douglas. This would be a form of water interurban which would not be an on call service, but instead would run on a set schedule. Authority discussed the costs related to such an endeavor and questioned who would run the operation. Freeman will return with additional information at the next meeting.

B. Staff

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9. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION – VERBAL (LIMIT OF 3 MINUTES)

None received.

10. AUTHORITY MEMBER COMMENTS

11. ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment by gavel of the Chair.

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