



**THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF DOUGLAS
DOUGLAS HARBOR AUTHORITY
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2023 AT 4:30 PM
86 W CENTER ST., DOUGLAS MI**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER: By Chair

2. ROLL CALL: By Clerk

PRESENT

Gregory Freeman

Jerome Donovan

Mike Hurley

Robert Naumann

Louise Pattison

City Manager, Lisa Nocerini

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of the Agenda - September 19, 2023

B. Approve the May 16, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Pattison, seconded by Hurley, to approve the Consent Calendar of September 19, 2023. –
Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION - VERBAL (LIMIT OF 3 MINUTES): None

5. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION – WRITTEN: None

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Additional Docks Request For Proposal – The Authority was tasked with providing input on the item prior to the City Council. Chair Donovan discussed the possible addition of five new docks and opened the floor to Authority Members questions and concerns with the item. The projected cost of the project was \$30,000 to \$35,000, which would be covered by the dock fees after three years. Members favored the idea but shared the main concerns of the cleaning and maintenance upkeep. City Manager, Nocerini noted that the amount of properties and projects in the City is outweighing the current level of staffing able to properly maintain the Douglas Marina. She will be looking into the addition of hiring new staff or having to contract work out.

Motion by Pattison, seconded by Freeman, to forward their recommendation to City Council for a

request for proposal for additional docks to be added at Douglas Marina. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

- B. Removal of Structures - Discussion Item – The Authority discussed favorable input from the community and from the members to keep the house at Douglas Marina. Information from the previous owner was shared with the Authority and included the chimney structure issues, the roof being over 25 years old, sinkholes on property, and the need for more trees with root systems to hold the land in place due to the underground water way. More research will be needed in order to determine total costs to restore and maintain the house and land.
- C. Assessing Harbor Treatment Program – Members discussed that the first and second treatments appeared to help at first, but when the water lowered it started to look bad again. With one year remaining on the treatment contract, and the company stating that full results will be seen in the final treatments of the five-year contract plan, members moved to assess the treatment upon completion.

Motion by Pattison, seconded by Naumann, to continue with the Harbor treatment plan for the five-year contract. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

- D. Harbormaster - Discussion Item – The Authority discussed a possible need for the position of a Harbor Master. Donovan mentioned how he has assisted boaters as needed there and has helped spray down the docks when checking on the house. He also mentioned keeping a designated slip open for the Harbormaster and to be paid for by the Harbormaster.

8. REPORTS

- A. Authority Members – No report
- B. Staff – No report

9. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION – VERBAL (LIMIT OF 3 MINUTES): None

10. AUTHORITY MEMBER COMMENTS: None

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Naumann, seconded by Pattison, to adjourn the meeting.