



**THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF DOUGLAS  
DOUGLAS HARBOR AUTHORITY  
TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2023, AT 4:30 PM  
86 W CENTER ST., DOUGLAS MI**

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**MINUTES**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER - By Chair**

**2. ROLL CALL - By Clerk**

PRESENT

Gregory Freeman  
Jerome Donovan  
Mike Hurley  
Rich LaBombard

ABSENT

Robert Naumann  
Louise Pattison

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. Approval of the Agenda - May 16, 2023
- B. Approve the March 20, 2023, Meeting Minutes

*Motion by Freeman, supported by Hurley, to approve the March 20, 2023, minutes and amend the May 16, 2023, agenda by adding Unauthorized Construction Barge Discussion to New Business – Voting Yea – Donovan, Freeman, Hurley, LaBombard. Motion carried.*

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

Susan Dixon – Discussed her involvement with the Calkin Bridge (Allegan) Dam Removal. She stated that it is not likely that they can get Lake Allegan clean. She will send contact information to the City Manager for future correspondence.

Bud Baty – Requested the City move the portable restroom located at Point Pleasant Marina from the street view. Stated that Point Pleasant is looking bad and asked that it either be maintained or demolished. Bud also asked that an information sign be posted due to people approaching him with questions regarding slips, breakers, etc.

**5. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION - WRITTEN**

- A. Tom Sasffer Email
- B. Jerri Walsh Email

## 6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business to address.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Slip Lottery Fees - 2024 and 2025 Seasons

Fees for slip rentals for the 2024 and 2025 season were discussed. Safe Harbor Marina charges \$2,200 for their floating slips with no water or electricity. The City currently charges \$1,800 and includes water and electricity.

*Motion by Freeman, supported by Hurley, to recommend the City Council adopt a fee schedule of \$2,000 for slip leases. - Voting Yea – Donovan, Freeman, Hurley, LaBombard. Motion carried.*

### B. Transient Slip Fee

A transient slip fee was discussed in the event we have a slip open. Some marinas charge per foot and some charge a flat overnight fee.

*Motion by Hurley, supported by Freeman, to recommend City Council adopt a fee schedule of \$25 per night for transient slips. - Voting Yea – Donovan, Freeman, Hurley, LaBombard. Motion carried.*

### C. Calkins Bridge (Allegan) Dam Removal - Discussion Item

The Calkins Bridge (Allegan) Dam Removal was discussed. No decisions have been made at this time. DHA is encouraged to stay engaged on this topic. Susan Dixon will provide the City Manager with contact information should questions arise.

### D. Unauthorized Construction Barge – Discussion Item

During the spring, summer, and fall seasons there can be barges or cranes stationed in the harbor doing construction work. The DHA is concerned when these barges are left stationed in the harbor with no work scheduled, becoming a storage area for barges and cranes. DHA would like to create an ordinance that will prohibit barges and cranes that are not working to station in the harbor. The City Manager will research similar ordinances and riparian rights.

*Motion by Hurley, supported by Freeman, to recommend the City Council adopt an ordinance prohibiting non-working construction barges within the City of Douglas' riparian zones. - Voting Yea – Donovan, Freeman, Hurley, LaBombard. Motion carried.*

## 8. REPORTS

### A. Authority Members - None

### B. Staff

LaBombard reported on the schedule of the aquatic weed treatment. June 13 and July 19 are the tentative dates for treatment.

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

Bud Baty stated the aquatic treatment is working. He said the public needs to know that the City is not killing the duck weed.

## **10. AUTHORITY MEMBER COMMENTS**

Comments centered around Point Pleasant Marina plans. There are no plans to demolish the building at this time. City staff can take a closer look at the building and determine a maintenance plan moving forward.

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion by Hurley, supported by Freeman, to adjourn the meeting. Approved by voice vote.*