

Kalamazoo Lake Harbor Authority

Douglas & Saugatuck, Michigan

Douglas City Hall, 86 W Center St., Douglas, MI 49406

March 16, 2021 @ 7:00 PM

Remote Meeting

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** By VanLoon at 7:10 PM
 - A. Adopt Remote Meeting Special Procedures.
Motion to adopt the Remote Meeting Special Procedures carried unanimously by roll call vote.
 - B. Nomination of Officers
Chairman – North moved to nominate VanLoon
Vice Chairman – North moved to nominate Naumann
Treasurer – Position will remain vacant
Secretary – North moved to nominate Klungle
 - C. Election of Officers – each by a majority roll call vote
Chairman – Motion by North, with support from Naumann, to approve VanLoon as Chairman. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
Vice Chairman – Motion by North, with support from VanLoon, to approve Naumann as Vice Chairman. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
Treasurer – Vacant
Secretary – Motion by Naumann, with support from North, to approve Klungle as Secretary. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
2. **Roll Call:** Present – Mike VanLoon, Cathy North, Robert Naumann
Absent – Mark Klungle, Ken Trester
Also Present – Douglas City Manager, Rich LaBombard; City of Saugatuck City Manager, Ryan Heise; Saugatuck Township Interim Township Manager, Joe Frey
3. **Approval of Agenda:**
 - A. March 16, 2021
Motion by Naumann, with support from North, to approve the March 16, 2021 meeting agenda as presented. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
4. **Approval of Minutes:**
 - A. October 20, 2020 meeting minutes
Motion by North, with support from Naumann, to approve the October 20, 2020 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
5. **Approval of Invoices:** No Invoices
6. **Public Communications:**
 - A. Written: None

- B. Verbal (Limit of three (3) minutes): Jon Helmrigh – Introduced Joe Frey, the new Saugatuck Township Manager.
Joe Frey – Glad to meet everyone and hopes to meet in person soon.

7. Unfinished Business:

- A. Aquatic Weed Treatment: City of Douglas signed another contract with Aquatic Doctors and increased the limits of aquatic weed treatment from the boat launch at Schultz Park to the boat launch at Union Street, with one treatment in April and one in June.
- B. Township Resolution of Intent to Join KLHA: Saugatuck Township did what it was required to do and is now waiting for both Saugatuck City Council and Douglas City Council to approve.
- C. Role of KLHA: Members present would like to table this discussion until all municipalities have members represented in the KLHA.
- D. Recording Duties: Members present like the idea of all three municipalities sharing the secretary duties and video hosting, but would like to table this discussion until all municipalities have members represented in the KLHA.

8. New Business:

- A. 2021 Meeting Schedule
Motion by Naumann, with support from North, to adopt the 2021 Meeting Schedule of the Kalamazoo Lake Harbor Authority.
Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

- 9. Public Comments:** LaBombard introduced Ryan Heise, the new City of Saugatuck City Manager.
Heise – Looking forward to working with this group.

10. Reports:

- A. Committee Reports
- i. Harbor Safety Sub-Committee – VanLoon: Has been trying to get ahold of the Coast Guard to find out whether navigational lighting on the Blue Star Bridge is needed. Hasn't received an answer yet from the Coast Guard but will keep trying.
- ii. Douglas Harbor Authority – LaBombard
- Point Pleasant: Updates were given on the newly acquired Point Pleasant Marina, which will be where the Douglas Harbor Authority will meet for their meetings, and that the projects needed to convert the property from a private marina into a public space will be started next year.
 - 42° N' Rowing: The City of Douglas is constructing a rowing dock at Wade's Bayou for the 42° N' Rowing Club to use for their rowing shells, as well as the general public to use with kayaks, paddle boards, etc.
 - Schultz Park Boat Launch Apron: The City will be adding a concrete apron at the top of the Schultz Park boat ramp which will be beneficial for launching and retrieving boats.
 - Buoys: Buoys Unlimited will be out sometime in April to put the buoys in on both sides of the bridge and will pull them out in October, which is

part of our charge to aid the navigation process. Also, both City managers are looking into a request that has come along to name the Blue Star Bridge after a Saugatuck citizen who has recently passed away.

B. Staff Reports

LaBombard – Provided a list of duties of the KLHA for the benefit of the new members, which includes: navigation, aquatic weed management, bridge navigation lighting, dredging, and PCB mitigation in the Kalamazoo River.

Heise – Originally, the City of Saugatuck reached out to private land owners on the east side of the river and is now reaching out to the owners on the other side and also in the City proper to find out if they want to join in the aquatic weed treatment of milfoil.

Frey – No comments.

11. Authority Member Comments: No Comments

12. Adjournment: Motion by Naumann, with support from North, to adjourn at 7:50 PM.
Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.