

Kalamazoo Lake Harbor Authority

Douglas & Saugatuck, Michigan

Point Pleasant Marina

201 Washington Street

Douglas, MI

AGENDA

Tuesday, July 20, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order:** By Chair
2. **Roll Call:**
3. **Approval of Agenda:**
 - A. July 20, 2021
Motion to approve the July 20, 2021 meeting agenda as (presented/amended) – Roll call vote
4. **Approval of Minutes:**
 - A. May 18, 2021 meeting minutes
Motion to approve the May 18, 2021 meeting minutes as (presented/amended) – Roll call vote
5. **Approval of Invoices:**
6. **Public Communications:**
 - A. Written - Email from Coastguard re: Station Consolidation
 - B. Verbal (Limit of three (3) minutes)
7. **Unfinished Business:**
 - A. Township's Membership to KLHA.....Update
 - B. Aquatic Weed Treatment..... Update
8. **New Business:**
 - A. Floating Homes.....Discussion
9. **Reports:**
 - A. Committee Reports
 - i. Harbor Safety Sub-Committee – VanLoon
 - ii. Douglas Harbor Authority – LaBombard
 - B. Staff Reports
 - i. LaBombard
 - ii. Heise
 - iii. Frey
10. **Public Communications:** (Limit of three (3) minutes)
11. **Authority Member Comments:**
12. **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn

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May 18, 2021 @ 7:00 PM

Remote Meeting

MINUTES - **DRAFT**

1. **Call to Order:** By VanLoon at 7:00 PM
2. **Roll Call:** Present –North, Naumann, Trester, VanLoon
Absent – Klungle
Also Present – Douglas City Manager LaBombard, Deputy Clerk Howell
3. **Approval of Agenda:**
 - A. May 18, 2021 – Motion by Trester, with support from Naumann, to approve the May 18, 2021 meeting agenda as presented. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
4. **Approval of Minutes:**
 - A. April 20, 2021 meeting minutes - Motion by Naumann, with support from North, to approve the April 20, 2021 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): None.
7. **Unfinished Business:**
 - A. Township Resolution of Intent to Join KLHA: Jon Helmrich informed VanLoon via email that both cities are in agreement with the Township joining. There is some legal work to do, but they are hoping to have two appointees at the July meeting.
 - B. Role of KLHA: Members present would like to table this discussion until all municipalities have members represented in the KLHA.
 - C. Recording Duties, Meeting Location, and Rotation: Members present would like to table this discussion until all municipalities have members represented in the KLHA.
 - D. Aquatic Weed Treatment: June 17 is the date of the first application for both Douglas and Saugatuck. Saugatuck is still in the process of verifying with private landowners who want to participate, but the public project is ready to go forward.
 - E. Buoys: Buoys are installed up and down the river. There was a question as to whether the Township's have been installed.
 - F. Blue Star Bridge Naming: The understanding is that the City of Saugatuck's policy is to wait a year before any naming. Members agreed to take this item off future agendas until further notice.
8. **New Business:**
 - Lake Levels Report – No discussion.

9. **Public Comments:** None.

10. **Reports:**

A. Committee Reports

i. Harbor Safety Sub-Committee

a. VanLoon: No update on navigational lighting.

ii. Douglas Harbor Authority – LaBombard: The DHA met and discussed all the parks activities that are connected to our bodies of water.

Point Pleasant Marina: The majority of it is rented out, the public restroom is open, but since it's not ADA compliant, we've added a handicap port-a-pot. We have fire extinguishers, trash cans, mutt mitts, a bike rack, DPW has cleared a large swath of heavy vegetation adjacent to the boardwalk area and are attempting to grow grass there. Soil erosion measures are in place. Looking at a proposal for Edgewater to lay out a plan for the marina for us.

Wades Bayou: The rowing dock is in the water, but we're waiting for parts. The painting on the wellhouse needs to be freshened up. The DHA Chairman suggested we get ahold of the high school art teacher in a volunteer effort.

Union Street boat launch: The DPW is replacing the old dock with a new aluminum dock, which should be in soon.

Douglas Beach access stairs: They should be substantially complete in time for the ribbon-cutting ceremony on May 28 at 5:30 p.m.

Veterans' Park: There is a public access boardwalk that is connected to the Swingbridge PUD that has fallen into disrepair, so we'll be pressing them to repair it. We'll also be removing a large dead tree there.

Schultz Park: The dock is in, complete with rubber rails.

Also, at every park we've installed a sign that says "In the event of an emergency, call 911. Your location is" and gives the park location and nearest major intersection as a safety measure for all of our visitors.

B. Staff Reports

i. LaBombard – None.

ii. Heise – Not present

iii. Frey – Not present

10. **Public Communications:** None.

11. **Authority Member Comments:** VanLoon – Thank you to everybody that made it tonight. It will be exciting when we get the Township on board and can talk about everything we need to talk about as one entity.

12. **Adjournment:** Motion by Trester, with support from VanLoon, to adjourn (7:15 PM). Motion carried by voice vote.

Rich LaBombard

From: Swintek, Bryan CDR <Bryan.Swintek@uscg.mil>
Sent: Friday, June 4, 2021 4:54 PM
To: Rich LaBombard
Cc: McCarthy, Doreen CDR; DeYoung, Gregory T LT; Napralla, Amber L LT
Subject: US Coast Guard Budget: Proposed Change to the Status of Station (small) Holland

Good afternoon Mr. LaBombard,

The U.S. Coast Guard is continually reviewing and seeking to optimize the capabilities of its boat stations. As part of the FY22 budget, the Coast Guard is proposing to consolidate several Stations (small) with their respective parent units. This includes Station North Superior Minnesota and Station Holland in Michigan.

Both of these Stations are seasonal and are only open during the summer season. Station Holland's area of responsibility will be covered by its parent Station Grand Haven which covers this area when Holland is closed during the weekdays during the summer and during all of the off-season.

The current Coast Guard boat station footprint was largely built during a time when the Coast Guard's communication abilities and boats were far less capable than they are today. Following an analysis of asset laydown, the Coast Guard made the decision to consolidate unnecessarily duplicative locations and underutilized Stations. Most personnel and assets will be moved to parent units in order to increase training proficiency without impacting response capability. This allows the Service to focus limited shore facility resources on the most critical infrastructure. The decision was made with support from a 2017 Government Accounting Report (GAO) report, and only considered areas with redundancy or extreme low caseloads.

While these proposed change will result in the movement of assets, it will not change our commitment to providing the best support to the mariners of Douglas City.

A Federal Register Notice announcing our intentions is forthcoming. This will provide an opportunity for public comment on the Coast Guard's consolidation plans. We will notify you when the Notice is published.

Until then, please don't hesitate to call me at (414) 238-4521 if you have any questions.

Very Respectfully,

CDR Bryan Swintek
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Response Department Head
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