

**APPROVED MINUTES
WATER RESOURCES & ADVISORY BOARD**

A meeting of the Water Resources & Advisory Board held on **Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Geer Conference Room at City Hall, 27600 Jefferson Circle Drive, St. Clair Shores, Michigan.

PRESENT

Chairman: Joe Claycomb

Commissioners:
Robert Krompatic Jr.
Alex Lince
Robert Michielutti, Jr.
Michael Monaghan
Theresa Paulus

ABSENT
Warren Danford, excused
Glenn Sexton, Building Official, excused

ALSO PRESENT

Bob Ihrle, City Attorney
Jim Osterhout, Building Official
Veronica Black, Recording Secretary
Victor Vellay, Active Contracting
Ryan Stefanski and Marcus Yuncker, 22456 Benjamin
Chris and Amy McLean, 22530 Benjamin
Lisa Panzenhagen, 22529 Maple
Larry Rekowski, Marine One
Nick Bukowski and Craig Allen, Bayside Marine
Kirk Shankie, 22625 Shorewood Dr.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Claycomb called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Lince made a motion, supported by Krompatic Jr., to excuse Danford and Sexton from the meeting.

**AYES: All
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Danford, excused
MOTION: Passed**

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

4. APPROVAL OF MARCH 7, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

Monaghan made a motion, supported by Paulus, to approve the March 7, 2023 meeting as presented.

AYES: All

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Danford, excused

MOTION: Passed

- 5. Canal Case #10-2023 – Active Contracting LLC on behalf of Ryan Stefanski and the fellow residents of the Maple-Benjamin Canal Association – Dredge to remove approximately 950 cubic yards of material from canal, extending 300' into the bay.**

Multiple members of the Maple-Benjamin Canal Association present, including Ryan Stefanski. Vic Vellay, Active Contracting LLC, present.

A discussion occurred on the amount of material being removed from the canal.

Stefanski explained that a Special Assessment District (SAD) is being created and is scheduled to be heard at the April 17th City Council meeting. The SAD makes the payment for the dredging equal for all canal homeowners.

Stefanski advised that they are using the same contractor (Active Contracting, Vic Vellay) and process (EnviroTubes) approved at the 3/7/2023 Water Resources meeting for the 10 Mile-Beach canal dredging. Active Contracting presented options for the dredge material storage and removal. The options include placing the material in 40 yard dumpsters, let it de-water, and then haul away or use 2' x 2' cement blocks stacked on top of one another to create a containment area, let it de-water, and then haul away.

A discussion occurred on EnviroTubes, Vellay presented a sample of the tube material to the Board.

The spoils from the dredging will be disposed of by the contractor, who has a landscaping business. Building Official Osterhout advised that a Soil Erosion permit will be required from the City for this project.

Vellay stated that the 10 Mile Beach dredging will start May 8, 2023.

Correspondence:

Chairman Claycomb read allowed the email received from Kim Armstrong, a resident of the Maple-Benjamin Canal.

Submitted: 04.04.2023 11:47 AM

- *The water table is up - boats on the canal are starting to drop in the water*
- *We pay a lot in flood insurance. Last year would not be representative of future water table levels outcome.*
- *The canal association for Maple/ Benjamin are extremely knee jerk reactive*
- *The water level is filling fast- it is only April 2023*
- *This is a large project- as well as projection of nature to determine an outcome*

Monaghan made a motion, supported by Lince, to **approve** Canal Case #10-2023 – Active Contracting LLC on behalf of Ryan Stefanski and the fellow residents of the Maple-Benjamin Canal Association – Dredge to remove approximately 950 cubic yards of material from canal, extending 300' into the bay. Approved with the acknowledgement that the contractor must obtain a SESC permit from CDI.

AYES: All
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Danford, excused
MOTION: Passed

- 6. Lake Case #11-2023 – Marine One Construction on behalf of Michael and Cathleen Lorenz – 29400 Jefferson – Install a 6' x 8' personal watercraft (PWC) hoist on the existing dock.**

Larry Rekowski, Marine One, present.

Chairman Claycomb advised that the Water Resources application must be signed by Larry as well as the homeowner.

Building Official Osterhout provided a hard copy of the Water Resources application for Larry to sign at the meeting.

Krompatic, Jr. made a motion, supported by Monaghan, to **approve Lake Case #11-2023 – Marine One Construction on behalf of Michael and Cathleen Lorenz – 29400 Jefferson – Install a 6' x 8' personal watercraft (PWC) hoist on the existing dock.**

AYES: All
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Danford, excused
MOTION: Passed

- 7. Canal Case #12-2023 – Marine One Construction on behalf of Theodore Mayer – 22631 Shorewood Dr. – Replace existing seawall inside the boat well, then backfill.**

Larry Rekowski, Marine One, present.

Rekowski confirmed that the work will be done on the canal front of the property, not lakefront.

Elevation must be at 580.2' if on the canal. Rekowski confirmed that the elevation of the seawall will be 580.14'. A hold harmless is required.

A discussion occurred on the need for electrical permits on hoists with electrical components. If the boat hoist must be removed in order to install the seawall, then electrical permits may be required from the City.

Building Official Osterhout provided a hard copy of the Water Resources application for Larry to sign and complete at the meeting.

Monaghan made a motion, supported by Michielutti, to approve Canal Case #12-2023 – Marine One Construction on behalf of Theodore Mayer – 22631 Shorewood Dr. – Replace existing seawall inside the boat well, then backfill. Approved with the stipulation that a hold harmless is signed by homeowner if the elevation is less than 580.2' and with the stipulation that the Water Resources application be signed and completed by the contractor.

AYES: All
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Danford, excused
MOTION: Passed

8. **Lake Case #13-2023 – Marine One Construction on behalf of Omar Hishmeh – 34046 Jefferson – Install a 1500 lb capacity aluminum personal watercraft lift.**

Larry Rekowski, Marine One, present.

Building Official Osterhout provided a hard copy of the Water Resources application for Larry to sign.

Monaghan made a motion, supported by Paulus, to approve Lake Case #13-2023 – Marine One Construction on behalf of Omar Hishmeh – 34046 Jefferson – Install a 1500 lb capacity aluminum personal watercraft lift.

AYES: All
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Danford, excused
MOTION: Passed

9. **Canal Case #14-2023 – Bayside Marine on behalf of Daniel and Marianne Grano – 22701 Bayview – Install 68' of steel seawall within 12 inches of existing seawall. Backfill 17 cubic yards of fill.**

Nick Bukowski and Craig Allen, Bayside Marine, present.

Elevation on the Water Resources permit is listed at 579.25'. The homeowners will need to sign a hold harmless agreement.

The Board advised that the application will need to include sheet length and homeowner's signature.

Monaghan made a motion, supported by Paulus, to approve Canal Case #14-2023 – Bayside Marine on behalf of Daniel and Marianne Grano – 22701 Bayview – Install 68' of steel seawall within 12 inches of existing seawall. Backfill 17 cubic yards of fill. Approved with stipulation of the hold harmless be signed by the homeowners and that the water resources application be signed by the homeowner.

AYES: All
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Danford, excused

MOTION: Passed

- 10. Canal Case #15-2023 – Bayside Marine on behalf of Daniel and Pamela Light – 22466 La Von – Remove 8 pilings along seawall. Install 74' of seawall within 12 inches of the existing seawall. Backfill seawall with clean material obtained from an upland source. Replace eight pilings along the seawall.**

Nick Bukowski and Craig Allen, Bayside Marine, present.

Elevation is listed as 579' on the Water Resources application, a hold harmless agreement will need to be signed by the homeowners.

Monaghan made a motion, supported by Paulus, to approve Canal Case #15-2023 – Bayside Marine on behalf of Daniel and Pamela Light – 22466 La Von – Remove 8 pilings along seawall. Install 74' of seawall within 12 inches of the existing seawall. Backfill seawall with clean material obtained from an upland source. Replace eight pilings along the seawall. Approved with stipulation of the hold harmless be signed by the homeowners and the stipulation that the Water Resources application be signed by the homeowner.

AYES: All

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Danford, excused

MOTION: Passed

Recording Secretary gave applications back to contractor to have signed by homeowners.

- 11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE BOARD - None**

12. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

A discussion occurred on the EGLE email submitted with Case #10-2023, and BOD. Osterhout to follow up with EGLE to determine this meaning.

Lince raised the question that dredging cannot happen in May due to spawning season. Osterhout and Ihrle explained that this is an EGLE item to enforce.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Krompatic Jr. made a motion, supported by Monaghan, to adjourn the meeting.

AYES: All

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Danford, excused

MOTION: Passed

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

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