

**APPROVED MINUTES
WATER RESOURCES & ADVISORY BOARD**

A meeting of the Water Resources & Advisory Board held on **Tuesday, November 14, 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: Warren Danford Jr.
Alex Lince
Robert Michielutti
Michael Monaghan
Theresa Paulus

ABSENT Robert Krompatic, excused

ALSO PRESENT

Jim Osterhout, Building Official
Veronica Black, Recording Secretary
Eric Shepherd, City Attorney
Joel Benkelman, 22411 Lakecrest St.
Randy Nasuti, Huron Pointe Excavating
Tyler Holland, B & H Contracting
Barry Boudreau, BC Marine
George & Kathy Hickens, 23335 Clairwood

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

Lince made a motion, supported by Paulus to excuse Krompatic from the November 14, 2023 meeting.

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

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

4. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 3, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

Monaghan made a motion, supported by Danford to **approve** the October 3, 2023 meeting minutes as presented.

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

- 5. Canal Case #28-2023 – Huron Pointe Excavating on behalf of Joel Benkelman– 22411 Lakecrest - Place approximately 46 linear feet of new steel sheet pile waterward and as close as possible to the existing concrete block portion of the existing canal bulkhead. Backfill with clean material obtained commercially, offsite.**

The seawall elevation listed on the Water Resources application is 579.5'. The required elevation on the canal is 580.2'; therefore a hold harmless agreement will be required to be signed by the property owner. Joel Benkelman, in attendance, agreed to sign a hold harmless agreement.

A question on seawall cost was raised, and its impact on the home value. The question was directed to the Saint Clair Shores Assessing Department.

Monaghan made a motion, supported by Paulus to **approve** Canal Case #28-2023 – Huron Pointe Excavating on behalf of Joel Benkelman– 22411 Lakecrest - Place approximately 46 linear feet of new steel sheet pile waterward and as close as possible to the existing concrete block portion of the existing canal bulkhead. Backfill with clean material obtained commercially, offsite. Approved with a hold harmless agreement signed by the homeowner.

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

- 6. Canal Case #29-2023 – B & H Contracting on behalf of Victor Venti – 23329 Clairwood - Install 50' of seawall within 12" of existing seawall. Backfill as needed with clean material obtained from an upland source.**

The seawall elevation listed on the Water Resources application is 580'. The required elevation on the canal is 580.2'; therefore a hold harmless agreement will be required to be signed by the property owner.

Holland, B & H Contracting, verified the new seawall will be slightly higher than the wall that is currently there.

Holland confirmed that Canal Case #29-2023 for 23329 Clairwood is next door to Canal Case #30-2023 for 23335 Clairwood. A discussion occurred on how the contractor will tie into the neighboring seawalls.

Monaghan made a motion, supported by Lince to **approve** Canal Case #29-2023 – B & H Contracting on behalf of Victor Venti – 23329 Clairwood - Install 50' of seawall within 12" of existing seawall. Backfill as needed with clean material obtained from an upland source. Approved with the stipulation that a hold harmless be signed by the homeowner.

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

- 7. Canal Case #30-2023 – B & H Contracting on behalf of George Hickens Jr. and Kathy Devlin – 23335 Clairwood - Install 50' of seawall within 12" of existing seawall. Backfill as needed with clean material obtained from an upland source.**

The seawall elevation listed on the Water Resources application is 580'. The required elevation on the canal is 580.2'; therefore a hold harmless agreement will be required to be signed by the property owner.

Holland, B & H Contracting, verified the new seawall will be slightly higher than the wall that is currently there.

Danford made a motion, supported by Monaghan to **approve** Canal Case #30-2023 – B & H Contracting on behalf of George Hickens Jr. and Kathy Devlin – 23335 Clairwood - Install 50' of seawall within 12" of existing seawall. Backfill as needed with clean material obtained from an upland source. Approved with the stipulation that a hold harmless be signed by the homeowners.

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

- 8. Canal Case #31-2023 – BC Marine on behalf of Mark McIntyre – 23218 Liberty – Remove existing overhead structure. On the existing seawall install one 12' x 10' side lift hoist.**

Paulus asked when the seawall was installed, it appears to be new. BC Marine advised that the homeowner newly purchased the home and the seawall was installed prior to purchase.

Bourdeau explained the request, the existing overhead structure will be removed and replaced with a side lift hoist only.

Monaghan reviewed the setbacks, which comply with the Water Resources ordinance.

Danford advised that markers should be placed in the water for visibility.

Bourdeau inquired about another project that has been in SESC review for some time. Osterhout advised that the new City Engineer will start with CDI in December 2023. For further information on project status, the contractor should contact the Building Department.

Bourdeau provided the Recording Secretary with copy of signed Water Resources application including both property owner's and contractor's signatures.

Danford made a motion, supported by Monaghan to approve Canal Case #31-2023 – BC Marine on behalf of Mark McIntyre – 23218 Liberty – Remove existing overhead structure. On the existing seawall install one 12' x 10' side lift hoist. Approved with stipulation that markers are placed at the lowered hoist when the boat isn't in the water.

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

- 9. Canal Case #32-2023 – Huron Pointe Excavating on behalf of Eric Rasmussen and Waterside Homes LLC – 23268 Clairwood - Install 50 linear feet of new seawall immediately waterward of the existing seawall. Seawall shall not be installed any further waterward than 12 inches from the existing seawall. Install 5 spring pilings.**

The seawall elevation listed on the Water Resources application is 579'. The required elevation on the canal is 580.2'.

This case was previously heard and approved at the February 2021 Water Resources meeting, but the contractor did not pull a permit prior to approval expiration.

Monaghan made a motion, supported by Paulus to approve Canal Case #32-2023 – Huron Pointe Excavating on behalf of Eric Rasmussen and Waterside Homes LLC – 23268 Clairwood - Install 50 linear feet of new seawall immediately waterward of the existing seawall. Seawall shall not be installed any further waterward than 12 inches from the existing seawall. Install 5 spring pilings. Approved with a signed hold harmless agreement from the property owner.

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

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD. – None

11. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION. – None.

12. 2024 MEETING DATES

Monaghan made a motion, supported by Paulus, to approve the 2024 Water Resources meeting dates as presented.

**AYES: All
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Krompatic, excused
MOTION: Passed**

13. ADJOURNMENT

Monaghan made a motion, supported by Paulus, to [adjourn](#) the meeting at 7:24 PM.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Krompatic, excused

MOTION: Passed

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