

**APPROVED MINUTES
WATER RESOURCES & ADVISORY BOARD**

A meeting of the Water Resources & Advisory Board held on **Tuesday, February 7, 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:
Alex Lince
Robert Michielutti, Jr.
Michael Monaghan
Theresa Paulus

ABSENT

Warren Danford, excused
Robert Krompatic Jr., excused
Glenn Sexton, Building Official, excused

ALSO PRESENT

Jim Osterhout, Building Official
Denise Pike, Community Development Director
Henry Bowman, Park & Recreation Director
Jason Harms, Saint Clair Shores Aquatics
Eric Shepherd, City Attorney
Kyle Seidel, AEW
Larry Rekowski, Marine One
Heather and Brent Jones, 26830 Koerber
Craig Allen, Bayside Marine
George Perrin, 23153 Clairwood
Veronica Black, Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

Monaghan made a motion, supported by Michielutti Jr., to excuse Warren Danford, Robert Krompatic Jr., and Glenn Sexton from the meeting.

AYES: All

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Warren Danford, excused and Robert Krompatic Jr., excused

MOTION: Passed

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

4. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 3, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

Monaghan made a motion, supported by Lince, to approve the January 3, 2023 meeting as presented.

AYES: All

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Warren Danford, excused and Robert Krompatic Jr., excused

MOTION: Passed

5. **Lake Case #01-2023 – Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. (AEW) and Dean Marine on behalf of The City of Saint Clair Shores – 27600 Jefferson – Dredge access channel to Lac Sainte Clair Municipal Marina in 2023 and perform maintenance dredging in 2023 through 2028, as needed.**

Denise Pike, Community Development Director, and Kyle Seidel, AEW, present.

Director Pike introduced Jason Harms, City of Saint Clair Shores Aquatics; Henry Bowman, Parks and Recreation Director; and Kyle Seidel, Engineer from AEW. Pike stated that Jason has witnessed boats getting stuck in the municipal marina immediately behind City Hall. The canal is in desperate need of dredging.

Seidel presented information relevant to the case and Lake Saint Clair water levels. Seidel advised that the lake's water level is trending down, as shown by the Army Corps of Engineers lake-level graph, available on their website. Record-high water levels were seen in 2019 and 2020, but now the water level is lowering, presenting the need for dredging. The City has obtained permits from EGLE as well as the Army Corps of Engineers. These permits permit dredging in the municipal marina as well as the canal between the Lac St. Clair Park and Milner St for a period of five years (2023 – 2028). According to the permits, no dredging will be permitted April 1 through September 30 of any year. The contractor is looking to start this project – if approved by the Water Resources Board – the first week of March 2023.

A discussion occurred on the disposal of materials following the dredge of the municipal marina. Seidel advised that the materials would be disposed of at an approved site.

Seidel advised that the contractor has survey equipment to make sure the appropriate amount of dredging takes place. They want to turn this into an annual program, so boat travel is maintained for multiple years.

The neighbors of the municipal marina on the north side of Milner Street, east of Jefferson, were notified of the meeting, but none are in attendance.

Pike advised this is a City project; not a special assessment district. This is for the marina and the launch.

Seidel advised that the contractor can assess the amount to be dredged each year based on the lake levels at that time. The contractor was approved at Council for a period of five years.

Monaghan made a motion, supported by Lince, to [approve](#) - Lake Case #01-2023 – Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. (AEW) and Dean Marine on behalf of The City of Saint Clair Shores – 27600 Jefferson – Dredge access channel to Lac Sainte Clair Municipal Marina in 2023 and perform maintenance dredging in 2023 through 2028, as needed.

AYES: All

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Warren Danford, excused and Robert Krompatic Jr., excused

MOTION: Passed

6. Canal Case #05-2023 – Marine One Construction on behalf of George and Laurette Perrin – 23153 Clairwood – Install a side lift boat hoist, 10' long and 11.9' wide, in the center of the property and flush with existing seawall.

Larry Rekowski, Marine One, and George Perrin, homeowner, present. The Board confirmed they were able to view the property.

Claycomb advised that – after the lift is installed – markers should be placed on either side of the lift. A discussion occurred on the benefits of markers. Rekowski advised that the Clairwood-Liberty canal is wide.

Perrin advised that the lift may be centered or he may decide to move it two feet to the east. Either way it will be greater than 4 feet from the neighboring property line. Perrin stated that he would like to respect his neighbor's boat.

Perrin signed a copy of the application provided by Building Official Osterhout at the meeting.

Monaghan made a motion, supported by Paulus, to approve Canal Case #05-2023 – Marine One Construction on behalf of George and Laurette Perrin – 23153 Clairwood – Install a side lift boat hoist, 10' long and 11.9' wide, in the center of the property and flush with existing seawall. Approved with the stipulation that applicant must sign the Water Resources application.

AYES: All

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Warren Danford, excused and Robert Krompatic Jr., excused

MOTION: Passed

7. Lake Case #06-2023 – Brent and Heather Jones – 26830 Koerber – Install temporary dock.

Heather and Brent Jones, 26830 Koerber, present.

Shepherd discussed the request and referenced the Water Resources ordinance. Temporary docks must be removed by October 31 and not replaced until April 1 of any year. Each year, the property owners must obtain a permit from the City for placement of this temporary dock. They do not need to obtain Water Resources approval each year.

Concerns were discussed on the size of the dock, and how it will be removed and replaced each year. It will be attached to the existing seawall, and there will be no posts in the ground.

Jones explained that the layout of his property at the lakefront includes an old boatwell. The low lake level will help in removing and replacing the temporary dock each year.

A discussion occurred on the benefits of floating docks with fluctuating water levels.

Monaghan made a motion, supported by Paulus, to approve Lake Case #06-2023 – Brent and Heather Jones – 26830 Koerber – Install temporary dock. Approved with the stipulations that the dock be permitted each year with the City, removed by October 31 and not replaced until April 1 of any year.

AYES: All

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Warren Danford, excused and Robert Krompatic Jr., excused

MOTION: Passed

8. Lake Case #07-2023 – Bayside Marine on behalf of Stephen Vargo – 31830 Jefferson

– Install 68 feet of seawall within 12 inches of the existing seawall. Place 30 cubic yards of riprap at the waterward toe of seawall once installed and prior to backfilling. Backfill as needed with clean material obtained from an upland source.

Craig Allen, Bayside Marine, present.

Claycomb advised that the elevation recommendation on the lakefront is 582.2', the elevation on the petitioner's Water Resources application is 579'. This is due to neighboring seawalls at the same elevation (579'), and they want to connect them to one another. Allen advised the homeowner can sign a hold harmless agreement.

Monaghan made a motion, supported by Paulus, to [approve](#) Lake Case #07-2023 – Bayside Marine on behalf of Stephen Vargo – 31830 Jefferson – Install 68 feet of seawall within 12 inches of the existing seawall. Place 30 cubic yards of riprap at the waterward toe of seawall once installed and prior to backfilling. Backfill as needed with clean material obtained from an upland source. Approved with the stipulation that hold harmless agreement is signed by the homeowner.

AYES: All

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Warren Danford, excused and Robert Krompatic Jr., excused

MOTION: Passed

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Paulus advised that the house to the north of the Jones' property on Koerber has a temporary dock that was granted approval by Chris Rayes to keep it up year round. Shepherd and Osterhout to look into this.

Lince and Michielutti Jr. will be absent at the next Water Resources meeting, happening March 7, 2023.

10. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION - None

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

AYES: All

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Warren Danford, excused and Robert Krompatic Jr., excused

MOTION: Passed

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

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