

Leland Township Harbor Commission Meeting
November 10, 2023 – 3:00 PM
Leland Township Harbor, 107 N Lake Street, Leland
Minutes

PRESENT: Chairperson Geoff Niessink, Leland Harbormaster Jeremy Anderson, Geno Miller, Lisa Brookfield (Twp board rep)

ABSENT: Michael Steichen, James Munoz

GUESTS: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: (3,0)

APPROVAL OF Minutes: Minutes of the October 13, 2023 LTHC were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

HARBORMASTER'S REPORT: Winterization of the harbor is well under way. The de-icer equipment is set up and the fuel dock is closed. A review of the completed and scheduled repairs was given. Jeremy met with a representative for asset management software with other members of the township. The software automates tracking repairs, asset depreciation, and other metrics useful in a long-range plan. While expensive, the cost could be shared with other departments. The implementation and upkeep are time consuming.

BUDGET REPORT: The HC reviewed the budget and finances. Discussion over required funds to meet expenses in the off-season and spring dredge followed. The harbor commission is pleased that savings has been invested in short-term CDs. It was agreed that the funds would be rolled-over if available or deposited into the 595 Harbor Improvement account once the investments mature.

Great Lakes Navigation Stakeholders meeting: Jeremy Anderson and Geoff Niessink returned from Great Lakes Navigation Stakeholders annual meeting, held at the Port Authority in Detroit with improved understanding of how the Army Corps schedules and funds its projects including dredging. They made connections and are encouraged by the new contacts. Based on the low priority of a small quantity harbor with regards to the Army Corps schedule, it appears that Leland harbor will be self-dredging in the spring. Jeremy is following-up for more information.

OLD BUSINESS: Geoff Niessink reminded the HC that the dredge is going to be due a 5 year bottom inspection, re-paint, and maintenance. This will require a crane for haul-out and is an expensive undertaking. As we head into budget planning, this should be on the radar.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion and second the meeting was adjourned at 3:50 PM
Next meeting December 15, 2023 at 3:00PM

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Brookfield