Kalamazoo Lake Harbor Authority

Douglas & Saugatuck, Michigan

Kalamazoo Lake Harbor Authority
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.
Saugatuck Township Hall, 3461 Blue Star HWY, Saugatuck, MI
Meeting held in person and zoom

Call to Order: Vice Chair Waskin called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM

Roll Call:
Present: Waskin, Donovan, North, Freeman, Peterson, Ignasiak
Absent: Engel
Also Present: DeFranco, Cummins

1. **Approval of Agenda:**
   a. July 8, 2025, Meeting Agenda

   A **Motion** by Freeman to approve the July 8, 2025 meeting agenda as presented. Support by Peterson.
   Discussion: None
   Voice Vote: 6-0
   Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

2. **Approval of Minutes**
   a. March 11, 2025, Minutes

   A **Motion** by North to approve the March 11, 2025 minutes as presented. Support by Ignasiak.
   Discussion: None
   Voice Vote: 6-0
   Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

3. **Approval of Invoices**: No Invoices

4. **Public Communications**:
   a. None

5. **New Business**
   a. Introduction – Greg Weykamp, Edgewater Resources

Weykamp will be serving as engineering consultant to the Harbor Authority on a one-year contract. Weykamp reviewed activities previously undertaken by the Harbor Authority and made suggestions on possible opportunities such as seeking designation for grant eligibility by the MI Waterways Commission. After discussion with the Authority Board, Weykamp said that for the next meeting he would (1) provide an update on Super Fund availability for the harbor, (2) track down the latest data for Lake Kalamazoo, (3) look into funding through the DNR Waterways program, (4) determine if the DNR is the final decision maker in designating "no wake" zones.

6. **Unfinished Business**
   a. Review of No-Wake Results

The Board reviewed the results of the no-wake survey, noting that respondents in favor of and against designating the whole of Lake Kalamazoo a "no wake" zone were evenly split. The Board discussed "no wake" signage, especially at the Blue Star Bridge, expressing a desire to see larger/more prominent signage. The Board discussed installing signage that shows the public the depth of the lake in specific locations. The Board discussed enforcement of an expanded "no wake" zone, and the recent announcement of a decrease in funding for boat patrol by the Allegan County Sheriff's Office. If a no-wake zone were to be pursued, the Board was unsure of whether the Municipalities or DNR is the final decision-maker. In terms of recommendations to the Municipalities, the Board to convey to the municipalities their desire to see improved "no wake" signage at the Blue Star Bridge.

A **Motion** was made by Freeman for the Harbor Authority Board to write a letter to the Allegan County Board of Commissioners and the Allegan County Sherrif's Office expressing the need for increased funding for boat patrol of the harbor areas. Support by Ignasiak.
Discussion: Waskin will compose letter and it will be circulated to Board members for review.
Voice Vote: 6-0
Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

   b. Next Meeting Date

Board to schedule next meeting at 6pm on September 9th, 2025.

7. **Reports:**
   a. Committee Reports
      i. Douglas Harbor Authority- Freeman reports that the Douglas Harbor Authority is holding their next meeting on July 15th. Items that are being worked on by the Harbor Authority include dock management at Schultz Park, limiting boat size for Union Street Launch, replacing Union Street dock with floating dock, advertising an RFP for improvements at Douglas Marina, and on-going Milfoil treatment in the harbor areas.
   b. Manager Reports
      i. Cummins- Continuing to treat Lake Kalamazoo for milfoil and completing bathymetry of Lake Kalamazoo to determine depths and mark especially shallow areas.
      ii. Noted that Douglas hosted Harbor Authority for many years and that the Township has been hosting the Harbor Authority for about 2 years.

8. **Public Comments** (Limit of three (3) minutes)
   None

9. **Authority Member Comments:**

10. **Adjournment**:
    A **Motion** by Peterson to adjourn the meeting at 7:27pm. Support by Freeman.
    Discussion: None
    Voice Vote: 6-0
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Next Meeting: 6:00pm, Tuesday, September 9th

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Respectfully,

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