

Approved – Harsens Island Transportation Authority Minutes

Meeting held December 16, 2023, at the Lions Club

Meeting called to order at 10:32AM by Skip Tornow

Roll Call: Harold Bain – Excused absent
Gary Beaulac – Excused absent
Dennis Szymanski – Present
Skip Tornow – Present
Paul Cassidy – Present

Approval of December 1, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Skip Tornow made a motion to approve the minutes of the 12/1/23 meeting, Dennis Szymanski seconded, motion passed.

Review HITA Website information and FAQ -

Presentation by speaker Dennis Szymanski of the board. Presentation will be uploaded to the HITA website.

Public Comments/Questions

Artie Bryson – HITA cannot tell people to vote yes on the millage. Warning HITA that I am hearing a lot of campaigning going on. Dispute my attempt to dissolve HITA in 2012. Recently a Board Member of HITA approached him asking to facilitate a meeting between HITA and CAF.

Marcus Schrenk – Question regarding the \$38,000,000 noted on the business plan where the money is coming from. NOTE: also submitted a list of questions that will be posted on the website FAQ.

David Bryson: - Read an article regarding a WA state ferry that is run by the government that suffers from Cancelled trips and long wait lines. Which do you want to rely on, a government run ferry or what you have now?

David Desear (SP?) – The contract proposed today from HITA for CAF to work with BWTA and HITA looks like a Public/Private enterprise and with HITA appointed the citizens would have the boards ear.

Ed Bauer (sp?) – We use Anchor Bay Drive so it makes no sense why we (out island) would be involved. Isn't that taxation without representation? Response by Paul Cassidy: We did not include the out island in Precinct 4, the Clay Township Board did, and I understand the Township will be voting on Monday 12/18/23 to exclude.

Mike Malik – Can't understand these finances – I would rather pay extra \$1 that pay extra taxes on my multi-million-dollar property.

Kevin Geraghty NC – Feasibility Study and purchase of property, scope of work for the feasibility study doesn't seem possible. The fight isn't fair between CAF and HITA.

Multiple questions were submitted at the meeting and will be added to the FAQ on the website.

Adjourn: Motion by Skip Tornow to adjourn meeting at 12:10 passed.