

Approved Harsens Island Transportation Authority – Special Meeting
Minutes

Meeting held January 31, 2024 at the Lions Club

Meeting called to order by Harold Bain at 7:05PM

Roll Call

Harold Bain	Present
Dennis Szymanski	Present
Skip Tornow	Present
Paul Cassidy	Present
Gary Beaulac	Absent Excused

Dennis Szymanski made a motion to approve the agenda, Skip Tornow made a motion to amend the agenda to add 2024 Calendar Dates. Dennis Szymanski amended motion to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Skip Tornow, motion passed.

Public Comments:

Mark V – Did we hear back from CAF regarding the letter sent?

Norman Rhodes – I feel that HITA is not doing enough to present and promote their position on the new ferry system. Needs to be promoted – HITA has a position, but we don't hear a lot, don't believe they have been working on it enough.

Stephanie Spencer – What is the timeline for the new ferry if the proposal passes.

Harold Bain responded: We need to have the property to qualify for public grants. The Berger Boat Company estimates 12 months build period for 1st ferry and they will start the second ferry 6 months later. The government has grant money for ferry systems.

Lynn – South Channel

Where is the property?

Harold Bain responded: We cannot say where the property is because HITA has signed an NDA (Non-Disclosure Agreement)

Lots of interruptions/comments – Jody Crane said it's absurd that a NDA was signed

Norman Rhodes – NDA's protect the property owner and the price. It is part of business, this HITA is a municipality.

Mark V – It is my understanding that the property owner wanted the NDA

Bob Reno – 234 North Channel – I have been asking for the past year, where is the property, if you cared about the people, you would tell them. I'm not going to get an answer to that question, so I want to know what your business plan looks like, is it a 1 year plan and 5 year plan?

Vicki – Middle Channel – I have lived her 7 years and understand what a good boy network looks like

and it is the Bryson's. Artie Bryson has a conflict of interest as the Clay Township Supervisor, and if he remains supervisor, we (HITA) won't get anything. Artie can get grants for everything but HITA

Close Public Comments

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes from 2/12/22 was not documented as approved. Dennis Szymanski makes a motion to approve the minutes from 2/12/22, Harold Bain seconded, motion passed.

Dennis Szymanski makes a motion to accept and approve the meeting minutes from 1/13/24, Harold Bain Seconded, motion passed.

Budget Approval

Skip reviewed the 2024 budget (copy on the website)

Dennis Szymanski made a motion to accept the 2024 Budget, Harold Bain seconded, Szymanski – Yes, Bain-Yes, Tornow-Yes, Cassidy-Yes- motion passed.

Document Procedures

Need to add to the website 2022 and 2023 checks that were written, Check number, amount, person, and payee. Dennis Szymanski made a motion to file HITA reconciliation check register for 7/22-12/23, seconded by Harold Bain, , Szymanski – Yes, Bain-Yes, Tornow-Yes, Cassidy-Yes- motion passed.

Since HITA does not have an office, we will have to place all our documents in storage at our attorney's office. Harold Bain made a motion to take documents over to our attorney for storage, Skip Tornow seconded, Szymanski – Yes, Bain-Yes, Tornow-Yes, Cassidy-Yes- motion passed.

Calendar

According to our by-laws we are required to have at least one annual meeting. Therefore, our next scheduled meeting will be 12/21/24 @10:30AM. In the event we need an additional meeting we will provide a minimum of 18 hours' notice. Dennis Szymanski made a motion to accept future calendar, seconded by Harold Bain, Szymanski – Yes, Bain-Yes, Tornow-Yes, Cassidy-Yes- motion passed.
motion passed.

Adjourn – 7:30PM – by Harold Bain, seconded by Dennis Szymanski.