

Draft – Harsens Island Transportation Authority Special Meeting Minutes

Meeting held February 16, 2024 at the Lions Halls

Meeting called to order 6:00PM

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Dennis Szymanski, Paul Cassidy, Gary Beaulac

ABSENT EXCUSED: Harold Bain, Skip Tornow

Dennis Szymanski motion to amend agenda to include Board Member Comments, seconded by Paul Cassidy. Motion Passed

Dennis Szymanski motion to allow Paul Cassidy to run the meeting as the chairperson is absent excused, seconded by Gary Beaulac. Motion Passed

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Chuck Kukawka – 8024 Middle Channel

Letting the board know that he has emailed the Clay Township Supervisor 1/2/24 and again on 2/9/24 including the entire Clay Township board, his interest in serving on the HIT A board. Included his resume and experience on other boards. Have received zero response from the Clay Township Supervisor and the Board, however the Clay Township Board is entertaining 2 other individuals who live on the North Channel.

Harry Mikolowski – Middle Channel

Everyone should have a vote on this proposal

Ron Carron -

Appreciate what the HIT A board is doing but I haven't seen a break-even analysis, does the board have one? Paul offered to discuss with him after the meeting.

Jody Crane – 123 Beauregard

The discussion of the director's insurance is ridiculous

Wendy Lenz – South Channel

Questions regarding placement of ferry and how any monies would be handled.

Mike Malik – 8117 South Channel

Questioning cost of new ferry and rates. Do not want my taxes to increase.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 31, 2024 MINUTES

Paul Cassidy motion to approve the 1/31/24 minutes, seconded by Dennis Szymanski, motion passed

TREASURER'S REPORT

Report updated on the website. Dennis Szymanski motion to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Paul Cassidy, motion passed.

BILLS PAYABLE

Report updated on the website. Dennis Szymanski motion to approve bills payable in the amount of \$10,360, seconded by Paul Cassidy. Motion Passed

ROLL CALL 3 – 0

AYES – Paul Cassidy, Dennis Szymanski, Gary Beaulac

NAYES - None

CHECK RPORTS BOARD APPROVED AND IN-BETWEEN MEETINGS

Detailed check register for in-between meetings checks. Dennis Szymanski motion to approve these payments in the amount of \$23,240, seconded by Paul Cassidy. Motion Passed

ROLL CALL 3 -0

AYES – Paul Cassidy, Dennis Szymanski, Gary Beaulac

NAYES – 0

POST AUDIT POLICY CHANGE

Anticipating Skip Tornow being replaced, recommend creating a new post audit policy to include the two required to approve these bills as they come in will be Harold Bain and Gary Beaulac.

Paul Cassidy motion to create a new post audit policy for bills listed and expenditures in the budget. As Gary explained, going forward if Skip is replaced, Gary and Harold will be required to approve any bills indicted on this attached post audit policy list. The entire board will be made aware and asked to approve the exact amounts paid that will not exceed these limits at our next meeting. Seconded by Dennis Szymanski, motion passed.

ROLL CALL 3 – 0

AYES – Paul Cassidy, Dennis Szymanski, Gary Beaulac

NAYES – 0

BUDGET DISCUSSION

Paul Cassidy motion to approved amended budget seconded by Dennis Szymanski, motion passed.

HITA PENDING CONSULTING COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Gary Beaulac motion to appoint Skip Tornow and Paul Cassidy to a consulting committee for the HITA board effective immediately if they are not reappointed and replaced by the Clay Township Board. Seconded by Dennis Szymanski, motion passed.

BOARD COMMENTS

Paul Cassidy's comments were interrupted by attendees' outbursts and profanity. Paul Cassidy asked the disruptive party to exit the meeting to no avail. While there was police presence none of the attendees were exited. The meeting was promptly adjourned.

Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned 6:45PM

