

Approved 10-15-24



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**Houghton Lake Improvement Board  
Regular Meeting  
August 29, 2024**

Call to Order by Chairperson Lynn Baese at 7:00 pm.

The members present were Lynn Baese, Darlene Sensor, Mike Suprenant, Jim Mikolaizik, and Norm Fullmer. Diane Randall and Pam Bale were absent.

Alternate John Hines sat in for Diane Randall.

One member of the public was present.

**Motion** by John Hines and supported by Jim Mikolaizik to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2024, meeting. All members voting in the affirmative motion carried.

**Motion** by Darlene Sensor and supported by Jim Mikolaizik to approve the agenda with the addition of changing the October 3, meeting to October 15, 2024. All members present voting in the affirmative motion carried.

**Motion** by Darlene Sensor and supported by Lynn Baese to accept the following treasurer's report. Account balances as of 8-29-24 were \$8,471.48 in the checking account, \$332,811.01 in the money market account and \$423,234.13 and \$256,381.98 in the CD accounts for a total of \$1,020,898.60. Expenses year to date total \$193,730.51 All members present voting in the affirmative motion carried.

**Motion** by Lynn Baese and supported by Mike Suprenant to make the following changes to multi-unit properties (IMF3)

Confirmed with Markey Township assessor.

008-020-005-0790-Change from sixteen units to ten units as some units have been sold.

008-020-005-0810-Change from one unit to three units as it is a new condominium property.

Confirmed with the Denton Township Treasurer.

Add 003-021-015-0020 at two units. Apartments are shown on the township roll as a milfoil parcel but was not on the HLIB roll.

Members voting in favor of the motion were Mike Suprenant, John Hines, Jim Mikolaizik, Lynn Baese, Darlene Sensor, and Norm Fullmer. The motion carried.

**RLS Report**-Dr. Jones reported that a second canal survey was conducted in August. There have been several complaints from residents experiencing excessive vegetation causing navigation issues, invasive species, and algae in the Long Point canals.

**Motion** by Lynn Baese and supported by Mike Suprenant to approve the proposed canal treatment for September 10 with the 11<sup>th</sup> as a backup date. The amount shall not exceed \$25,000. Members voting in favor of the motion were Mike Suprenant, Jim Mikolaizik, Lynn Baese, Darlene Sensor, and Norm Fullmer. John Hines opposed the motion. The motion carried.

A workshop event was discussed for next year, in May or June.

Ross Simpson gave a presentation on TimberChar, a product that may be beneficial in some areas as it has been shown to remove phosphorus and other contaminants from water. A lengthy discussion followed with many questions regarding its applicability of the product on Houghton Lake.

Secretary Fullmer reported that the CD3 unit at the west DNR boat launch was still not reporting usage data.

There was no public comment.

Board member comments. John Hines announced the Houghton Lake Sewer Authority had completed a project installing a new line under the Muskegon River. Norm Fullmer reported the passing of Norm Goddard, a long time alternate for Denton Township.

**Motion** by John Hines and supported by Mike Suprenant to adjourn at 9:17 pm. All members voting in the affirmative motion carried.

Respectfully submitted.  
Norm Fullmer  
Secretary-Treasurer

Next Meeting  
October 15, 2024  
Lake Township Hall