

PORTAGE LAKE HARBOR COMMISSION

August 24, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Jim Mrozinski at 7:07pm. Present were Denny Blue, Steve Brooks, Chuck May and Jim Simons.

The minutes of the June 15, 2017 meeting were approved with a motion by May and second by Blue, with all voting in favor.

Simons reported that 66 acres of milfoil was treated the first part of August. The committee is evaluating whether to treat phragmites this year. It appears both phragmites and milfoil are under control with subsequent application done as a "maintenance" program.

Brooks said that he has seen two groups of prospective bidders on the south side of the channel, but to date has seen no activity on the north wall. Also that the corp has had discussions with the Brooks on using their property as part of their staging area for the new work.

Blue said that the Michigan Port Collaborative has received the grant money from The Michigan Waterways Commission and he feels that the matching funds has also been received. With this money they will construct a matrix for the ports in Michigan to evaluate their ports commercially, tourism and recreationally. There was a discussion concerning the importance of Onkama Township and Village participating in this program and being involved in the effort with the State as the Commission believes participation is essential if the Port of Onkama is to benefit from State funding in the future.

May reported that the small harbors received \$7 million for dredging and \$21 million for revetment work from the Federal Government this year. So far there has been no money budgeted for the harbors in next years budget.

Mrozinski passed out a letter that he had sent to Melissa Bosman, US Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District with our concerns with the design documents for the infrastructure repairs to our channel walls. Jim will contact Mellissa, at the corp, to find out if the bid documents have been issued to contractors. If they have we would like a copy to review and have requested final plan drawings and copy of bid documents.

Plans are to attend the Village and Township meetings to asked their support for the Michigan Port Collaborative matrix template program to benefit Portage Lake Harbor.

New business....none

There was no public comment.

Next meeting is scheduled for Oct. 19, 2017

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Simons