

MINUTES OF THE  
WALTERS LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD MEETING

Wednesday July 12, 2023

A meeting of the Lake Improvement Board for Walters Lake was held at Independence Township Hall on the 12th of July 2023.

**Attendees**

NAME	TITLE (IF APPLICABLE)	REPRESENTING	CONTACT NUMBER	E-mail
Don Mattise	Chairperson	Walters Lake Improvement Board	248-394-9829	<a href="mailto:donmtse@hotmail.com">donmtse@hotmail.com</a>
Karen Joliat	County Commissioner	Oakland County	248-807-4379	joliatk@yahoo.com
Paul Hausler	NA	Progressive AE	616-447-3376	<a href="mailto:hauslerp@progressiveae.com">hauslerp@progressiveae.com</a>
Paul Brown	Township Treasurer	Independence Township	248-625-5111	pabrown@indtwp.com
Joe Felicelli	NA	Walters Lake Riparian Representative	248-732-7403	joseph.felicelli@gmail.com
Joel Kohn	Secretary	Oakland County Water Resources	248-535-7653	kohnj@oakgov.com

Also Present: Paul Hausler, Progressive AE

1. The meeting was called to order and opened by Mr. Mattise at approximately 6:00 PM
2. The minutes of the March 21, 2023, Walters Lake Improvement Board meeting were presented for consideration.

**It was moved by Mr. Brown and supported by Commissioner Joliat that the minutes of March 21, 2023 Lake Improvement Board meeting be approved and filed as presented. The motion passed unanimously.**

3. Approve bills for publication of legal ads in the Clarkston News for Notice of Public Hearing of Practicability and Notice of Public Notice of Assessment on June 12<sup>th</sup> and June 26<sup>th</sup>.

**It was moved by Commissioner Joliat and supported by Mr. Felicelli that the legal ad invoices to the Clarkston News be paid. The motion passed unanimously.**

4. Pre-approve bills for publication of legal ads in the Clarkston News for Notice of Confirmation that will be published after the hearing.

**It was moved by Commissioner Joliat and supported by Mr. Felicelli that the legal ad invoices to the Clarkston News be paid. The motion passed unanimously.**

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- 5. The Hearing of Practicability opened at 6:15 PM with a presentation from Paul Hausler, Progressive AE.

During public comment, multiple residents had questions on why they budget was increasing and how the funds were being managed, which Mr. Brown was able to answer. There was some concern on the chemical treatment, Procellacor EC. Mr. Hausler stated that all chemicals are approved through federal and state agencies before they can be used. There was also comments on the work on the lake weir and fish stocking which were answered by the board.

There were no letters received

**It was moved by Mr. Kohn and supported by Commissioner Joliat to proceed with Improvements to Walters Lake for the years 2024 through 2028. The motion passed unanimously.**

The Hearing of Practicability was closed at 7:12 PM

- 6. The Hearing of Assessment opened at 7:14 PM

Affidavits verifying publication of legal ads run in the Clarkston New on June 13th and Jun 20th for the Hearing of Assessment were provided. A first class mailing of each individual property owner was mailed on June 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Affidavits and Mailing list were received and filed. No letters were returned by the post office for incorrect address or no forwarding address.**

Mr. Brown explained the assessments classification and the change in assessment for each year in the budget cycle.

Project Cost Breakdown 2024-2028 / Assessment Units and Annual Assessment

Lakefront Improved	1.3	\$390-\$442
Lakefront Vacant	1.0	\$300-\$340
Off-Lake Improved	.25	\$75-\$85
Off-Lake Vacant	.1	\$30-\$34

**It was moved by Mr. Kohn and supported by Commissioner Joliat to confirm the special assessment roll and approve the collection of special assessments for improvements to Walters Lake for the years 2024 through 2028. The motion passed unanimously**

There was no further public comment.

The Hearing of Assessment was closed at 7:19 PM

- 7. It was agreed that a fall meeting would be set at a future time
- 8. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM

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STATE OF MICHIGAN            )  
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COUNTY OF OAKLAND         )

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the Minutes of the Lake Improvement Board for Walters Lake, Oakland County, Michigan, held on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of March 2023 and that the said minutes are on file in the Office of the Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner and are available to the public.

I further certify that notice of the meeting was posted at least 18 hours before the meeting at the Office of the Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner, which is the principle office for the Lake Improvement Board for Walters Lake

Dated: April 3,2023

Joel Kohn, Secretary  
Walters Lake Improvement Board