

**MICHIGAN CITY PORT AUTHORITY
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

June 5, 2023

The regular meeting of the Michigan City Port Authority Board of Directors was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by President Socrates Gray in the Port Authority board room.

ATTENDANCE

Board President Socrates Gray presided. Board members in attendance included Amanda Beutner, Chad Childers, Sam Ferguson, John Haynes, Bruce Manner and Dan Messina. Harbormaster Tim Frame, Assistant Harbormaster of Administration Mary Ann Pawlicke, and Attorney Joe Zaknoen were also in attendance.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Duane Perry

MINUTES

Motion by Dan Messina, seconded by Amanda Beutner, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- There were no comments from the public.

REPORT FROM HARBORMASTER

Harbormaster Tim Frame reported on the following:

- The forklift is now operating daily from 6am – 8pm.
- Boats that were not launched prior to Memorial Day are now being launched.
- Buoys were installed at Washington Park Beach.
- Weekly pump outs are scheduled on Tuesdays. Staff averages 30-40 pump outs per week.

REPORT FROM ASSISTANT HARBORMASTER OF ADMINISTRATION

Assistant Harbormaster Mary Ann Pawlicke reported on the following:

- Information regarding the Singing Sands sand sculpting event for the upcoming weekend was distributed to the Board.
- Office staff is extremely busy greeting boaters and visitors.
- Two 35 ft. slips are still available in the marina.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Financial Oversight Committee

- Sam Ferguson reviewed the June 5, 2023 Claims Docket.

Port Authority	\$	87,570.28
Port Authority EFT	\$	2,626.76
Capital	\$	3,033.32
Total	\$	93,230.36

- Motion by Sam Ferguson, seconded by Dan Messina, to approve all bills to be paid. Motion passed unanimously.

Claims and Insurance Committee

- There was no report from the committee at this time.

Port Operations & Personnel & Marina Policy

- Socrates Gray advised that there have been some inappropriate comments made by boaters to the gas dock attendants that has been addressed.
- A review of the Sprague Point bathrooms found the facility clean and in good operating condition. Detail to the landscaping around the building will be addressed.
- Volunteers are needed for the Committee to review the Sprague Point area.

Boater Communications and Special Events Committee

- The Singing Sands sand sculpting event is sponsored by the City and the LaPorte County Tourism Bureau.

Master Planning and Special Projects Committee

- There was no report from the committee at this time.

Advertising and Public Relations Committee

- Amanda Beutner reported that she has the wristbands for the Port Authority Board of Directors for the sand sculpting event.

REPORT FROM THE ATTORNEY

- There was no report from the attorney at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

- There was no new business to discuss.

OLD BUSINESS

- There was no old business to discuss.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- Concern shared regarding all the vegetation/debris floating in the marina. Harbormaster advised the marina waters are treated two times per year to minimize underwater plants.
- The waterfall/fish pond in front of the Port Authority is under repair due to damages from winter weather.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by John Haynes, seconded by Amanda Beutner, to adjourn the meeting at 5:13 p.m.

Accepted by: Tim Frame
Tim Frame, Harbormaster

Respectfully submitted, Dan Messina
Dan Messina, Board Secretary

Approved On: 6-19-23

By: Socrates Gray
Socrates Gray, Board President