

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

**October 2, 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 Sam Ferguson, Bruce Manner, Chad Childers and Amanda Beutner. Board members Dan Messina and John Haynes were not present. Harbormaster Tim Frame, Assistant Harbormaster of Administration Mary Ann Pawlicke, and Attorney Joe Zaknoen were also in attendance.

**GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE**

The guests in attendance were Phil Freeze from the Park Department, Dave and Pam Westphal, Mike Cooper, Michael Koy and Dale Moyer

**MINUTES**

- Motion by Chad Childers, seconded by Sam Ferguson to approve the minutes of September 25th meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

- Mike Borg had questions on the flag, fountain, alligator, clock, koi pond, flowers, finger pier painting and security.
- Mike Cooper informed the Board about the South Shore Sailing School. There are 190 slots for both the Youth and Adult programs and over 180 slots were filled this summer. A 26-foot sailboat was donated to the Sailing School. They have also reached out to the Michigan City Junior High Schools with the help of the Unity Foundation. The Program is very strong and growing each year.

**REPORT FROM HARBORMASTER**

Harbormaster Tim Frame reported on the following:

- Tim Frame reported that marina operations have not changed since the last meeting that was only one week ago.

**REPORT FROM ASSISTANT HARBORMASTER OF ADMINISTRATION**

Assistant Harbormaster Mary Ann Pawlicke reported on the following:

- We received a thank you note from the 2023 Creekness Stakes organization. The group has provided Environmental Education for over seven hundred students in La Porte County since 2012.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

***Budget and Financial Oversight Committee***

- Sam Ferguson reported that the 2024 Budget review has begun and will be presented to the Board in the coming weeks.
- Sam Ferguson reviewed the October 2, 2023, Claims Docket.

Port Authority	\$	33,323.39
Port Authority EFT	\$	0.00
Capital	\$	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>33,323.39</b>

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

- Sam reported that the expenses of the marina are increasing largely due to steadily rising prices on all supplies, landscaping and other materials, increased security, an additional full-time employee and large capital projects (the 100, 200 and 300 electrical). After a careful review, it was determined that an 8% increase would bring in an additional \$144,000.00 and keep expenses in line with budget.
- Motion by Sam Ferguson, seconded by Chad Childers to approve an 8% increase in marina slip rental prices. Motion passed unanimously.
- Ms. Beutner stated she checked prices of other marina slip rental pricing within one hundred miles, and rates are within the increased price range. Mr. Childers's said we need to stay on top to keep things growing.

***Claims and Insurance Committee***

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

***Port Operations & Personnel & Marina Policy***

- Mr. Gray reported that Assistant Harbormaster of Operations, Brian Jackson, is working on re-structuring maintenance.

***Boater Communications and Special Events Committee***

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

***Master Planning and Special Projects Committee***

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

***Advertising and Public Relations Committee***

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

**REPORT FROM THE ATTORNEY**

- Attorney Zaknoen said he will meet with staff on Fuel Dock to review procedures.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- There was no new business to discuss.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- There was no old business to discuss.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

- There were no comments from the public.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Amanda Beutner, seconded by Chad Childers to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Accepted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Tim Frame, Harbormaster*

Respectfully submitted, \_\_\_\_\_  
*Dan Messina, Board Secretary*

Approved On: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Socrates Gray, Board President*