

**MICHIGAN CITY PORT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

April 26, 2021

TIME & PLACE

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

ATTENDANCE

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

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Mike Cooper & Scott Keagan (*MCYC Jr. Sail*), Phil Friese (*Parks & Recreations Board*), Tyler Kreighbaum (*CoHo Association*) and Mayor Duane Perry were in attendance.

GUEST COMMENTS

Mr. Cooper thanked the board for the re-decking of slips. He went on to report on the Jr. Sail program.

- Due to last year's **COVID** pandemic, enrollment during the 2020 season was only thirty-five (35%) percent.
- This year enrollment is at approximately fifty (50%) percent capacity, following all **CDC** guidelines.
- The four adult sessions are sold out and the youth sessions are currently at ninety (90%) percent.
- Thanks to tax deductible contributions and support from the Port Authority, they were able to acquire an additional watercraft.
- Introduced Mr. Keagan who has taken over as President of the program. Spoke about the challenges during the 2020 season and the excitement to move forward in 2021 as they will be hosting the Youth Championship Regada in August which they expect to have approximately sixty (60) boats participating.

Mr. Kreighbaum inquired about the procurement of a fire boat and how that would affect insurance. Harbormaster Frame explained that when cameras and life rings were acquired through the channel maintenance fund (which is controlled by the city council), there had been some discussion about a fire boat. Although it would be beneficial, there are too many concerns that need to be addressed such as to where to house it, who will captain and maintain it. Mayor Perry interjected that there are current funding matters that would prevent the procurement of a boat at this time.

Mr. Kreighbaum went on to inquire about lifeguards and a possible rescue vehicle at the park this season due to recent drownings over the past couple years. Mayor Perry assured him that lifeguards are being trained and suggested he submit a more comprehensive financial and upkeep report about the fire vessel and rescue vehicle for the city to look into.

- Fuel discounts were also discussed for Charter boaters.

Regarding an inquiry about the Super Boat Grand Prix, Harbormaster Frame informed him that the race was run through the **LCCVB** which they currently have on their calendar for early August.

MINUTES

Upon motion made by John Haynes, seconded by Socrates Gray, the board approved the minutes of the previous meeting.

REPORT FROM HARBORMASTER

Harbormaster Tim Frame reported on the following:

- *Larsen-Danielson* Re-decking & Electrical Project
 - 'Substantial completion' day for the 400, 500, 600 docks is finalized.
 - New transformer has been installed along with distribution panels at the 700 dock.
 - Some minor loose ends to complete; contract states final end date of May 7th.
 - Fish cleaning station also up and running.
- Pulling fiber for Wi-Fi relocation and rerouting fiber cables; the majority is still not live.
- The *Emita* arrives this Wednesday April 28th. They will begin tours weekends in May.
- Base Camp Café will open weekends beginning in May.
- Experienced broken water lines over the winter due to expansion and retracting as opposed to ice damage so we have altered the way we repair them by replacing with flexible lines.
- Fencing by the 700 and 800 dock to be repaired this week; security is monitoring the area after hours.
- As the south ramp at Washington Park is very narrow due to high water that caused undermining; we replaced the concrete to repair the ramp and ledge as well as the 700-dock gate to alleviate puddling.

REPORT FROM ASSISTANT HARBORMASTER

Assistant Harbormaster of Administration reported on the following:

- Washington Park Marina slips are now rented at one hundred (100%) percent capacity for the upcoming season (*with the exception of one sixty (60') foot dock*); there are still a few 25-ft. docks available at Trail Creek & Sprague Pointe Marinas.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. On behalf of the **Budget and Financial Oversight Committee**, Socrates Gray reviewed the claims dockets to be paid:
 - **MCPA** Payment register = \$76,835.50
 - **MCPA EFT** register = \$13,170.26
 - **MCPA** Capital Improvements = \$61,281.15

Upon motion made by Socrates Gray, seconded by John Haynes, the board unanimously approved all bills to be paid; total docket in the amount of \$151,286.91 as presented.

- Mr. Gray informed the board a **CD** is due to rollover and recommended the best option from *Goldman Sachs* at point two five (.25%) percent.

Upon motion made by Socrates Gray, seconded by Bruce Manner, the board unanimously approved the renewal of **CD** as presented.

2. On behalf of the **Claims and Insurance Committee**, John Haynes had nothing to report.
3. On behalf of the **Port Operations, Personnel and Marina Policy Committee**, Sam Ferguson had nothing to report.
4. On behalf of the **Boater Communications and Special Events Committee**, Dan Messina reported on the recent fishing tournaments, i.e. Buffalo Bill and Pro-Am, the Co-Ho Classic is scheduled for this upcoming weekend. Discounts were appreciated on the overnight slip rates and fuel purchases.
5. On behalf of the **Master Planning and Special Projects Committee**, Bruce Manner had nothing to report.
6. On behalf of the **Advertising and Public Relations Committee**, Amanda Beutner had nothing to report.

REPORT FROM THE ATTORNEY

Attorney Joe Zaknoen had nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss during this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

As we have been conducting one meeting per month since the onset of the pandemic, Mr. Ferguson recommended that we continue in that fashion until further notice. The next meeting will be scheduled for May 24, 2021.

Upon motion made by Bruce Manner, seconded by John Haynes, the board approved temporary monthly meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion made by John Haynes, the board adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

Accepted by: _____
Tim Frame, Harbormaster

Respectfully submitted, _____
Dan Messina, Board Secretary

Approved On: _____

By: _____
Sam Ferguson, Board President

There were no attachments for this meeting
Minutes prepared by Kristen N. Winkelstern