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 John Haynes, Sam Johns, Bruce Manner, Agnes Meer and Dan Messina. Harbormaster Tim Frame and Assistant Harbormaster of Administration Mary Ann Pawlicke were also in attendance along with Attorney Joe Zaknoen.

Board member Aaron Garrett was unable to attend this meeting.

GUESTS

Guests in attendance included Mike Cooper and Patty Pond (Jr. Sail) and Phil Friese with the Parks & Recreations Board and Councilman John Stimley.

Mr. Stimley expressed his gratitude to the County that the draw-bridge repairs were completed on a timely basis.

MINUTES

Upon motion made by Bruce Manner, seconded by Agnes Meer, the board unanimously approved the minutes to the previous meeting.

REPORT FROM HARBORMASTER

Harbormaster Tim Frame reported on the following:

- Franklin Street Bridge Project:
  - Repairs were completed and re-opened on Friday, March 29th.

- West Lot Parking lot Project
  - Progress continues.

- 300 Dock Re-Decking Project
  - Progress continues; past half-way point.

- Trail Creek Marina
  - Inside storage boats have been removed from the building.
  - Dry-stack in/out service will commence April 15th.
  - Water service to be turned on next week (Washington Park marina; week of the 15th)
REPORT FROM ASSISTANT HARBORMASTER

Assistant Harbormaster of Administration Mary Ann Pawlicke reported on the following;

- Reviewed the 2019 New Customer listing indicating a total of fifty-six (56) to date.
- Reviewed the 2019 Customer Cancellation listing indicating a total of forty-one (41) to date.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. On behalf of the Budget and Financial Oversight Committee, Bruce Manner reviewed the bills to be paid.
   
   Upon motion made by Bruce Manner, seconded by Agnes Meer, the board unanimously approved all bills to be paid.

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 reviewed the following:
   - Edgewater Resources to submit their proposal for the Electric Shock Drowning (ESD) upgrades.
   - Abandoned Boat Auction on schedule for April 15th.
   - Engineers to put together a proposal for repairs to the catwalk which will be submitted to the Board of Works.

4. On behalf of the Boater Communications and Special Events Committee, Dan Messina had nothing to report.

5. On behalf of the Master Planning and Special Projects Committee, Bruce Manner reported on the following:
   - Easter Egg hunt will be held on Saturday, April 13th.
   - Upcoming meeting scheduled with Roger Protraz to review his proposal for the Sprague Pointe Bathhouse.

6. On behalf of the Advertising and Public Relations Committee, Agnes Meer informed the board the State of the City Address will be presented on April 11th at the Senior Center.
   - Inquiries will also be made as to whom will be heading up the Annual Cardboard Boat Race.

REPORT FROM ATTORNEY

Attorney Joe Zaknoen reported on the following:

- Abandoned Boat Auction
  - Successful bidder will need to be informed that the vessel must be removed from premises.
  - Small claim will then be filed against the original owner for the balance of their account.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss during this meeting.
NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Messina informed the board that Harbormaster Frame had recently taken himself and Mr. Garrett on a tour of the facility’s, specifically Sprague Point Marina. Upon seeing the bathhouse, they concluded that it was structurally sound and with a few minor upgrades, it would be more cost efficient to keep it open as opposed to building a new facility.

Mr. Manner explained the current building is the property of Blue Chip Casino and is cumbersome for boaters to get to and felt the MCPA should have its own structure.

Mr. Johns went on to discuss the pros of the MCPA, in particular the new west lot parking and Green Marine Program and recommended an administrative action be taken to publicize our attributes and bring attention to the new lot to bring boaters to Michigan City.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion made by John Haynes, seconded by Agnes Meer, the board adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Accepted by: ____________________   Respectfully submitted, _______________________
Tim Frame, Harbormaster                                         John Haynes, Board Secretary

Approved On: ____________________

By: ________________________________
Sam Ferguson, Board President

There were no attachments to these minutes.
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