

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

January 27, 2025

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

President Socrates Gray presided. Board members in attendance included Chris Cipares, Sam Ferguson, John Haynes, Bruce Manner, Dan Messina and Kim Sliwa. Harbormaster Tim Frame, Assistant Harbormaster Mary Ann Pawlicke and Attorney Joe Zaknoen were also in attendance for the meeting.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

There were no guests in attendance at the meeting.

MINUTES

- Motion by Chris Cipares, seconded by Dan Messina to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2025 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:

- Tim met with representatives from NIPSCO about an upcoming project they have scheduled to begin at the end of March. They plan to reinforce the existing seawall that begins on their property across from the Coast Guard station and that extends to the corner by the DNR building. They expect the project to be finished in September.
- The crew completed a winter project in the maintenance building by replacing the sinks in both bathrooms at the South end of the building and replaced the countertops.
- Tim shared that he received an email from the Mayor's Office regarding the two positions whose terms end in March and May. There is a form that needs to be completed and submitted to the Mayor's Office by people interested in being appointed to the Board of Directors, including any person currently serving on the Board.

REPORT FROM ASSISTANT HARBORMASTER OF ADMINISTRATION

- Mary Ann Pawlicke reported that the staff continues to assist boaters to get ready for the 2025 season.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Financial Oversight Committee

- Sam Ferguson reviewed the Claims Docket prepared for January 27, 2025.

Port Authority	\$	\$35,374.37
Capital	\$	0.00
Total	\$	\$35,374.37

- Motion by Sam Ferguson, seconded by Dan Messina to pay all bills as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Claims and Insurance Committee

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

Port Operations & Personnel & Marina Policy

- Socrates reported winter operations continue to run smoothly and explained that the Board will discuss the information provided by the Insurance Agent regarding pricing for insurance coverage with a higher deductible at an upcoming meeting

Boater Communications and Special Events Committee

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

Master Planning and Special Projects Committee

- Bruce Manner reported that the Parks Department is getting ready to begin construction of the new playground in the Fedder's Alley area of the park.

Advertising and Public Relations Committee

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

REPORT FROM THE ATTORNEY

- Attorney Zaknoen shared a copy of the proposed Agreement/Lease with the Yacht Club Holdings Group LLC. Establishing a Lease Fee is still pending and he will continue to evaluate and proposed increase to the fee based on either the CPI or based on setting a Fair Market Value rental fee.
- Mr. Zaknoen also shared that he is still working on the draft of the Bid Package for the Base Camp 2025 season to be presented to the Board at an upcoming meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- There was no new business to be discussed.

OLD BUSINESS

- There was no old business to be discussed.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- There were no comments from the public

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by John Haynes, seconded by Bruce Manner to adjourn the meeting at 5:19 p.m.

Accepted by: Tim Frame
Tim Frame, Harbormaster

Respectfully submitted, DM.
Dan Messina, Board Secretary

Approved On: 2-10-25
By: [Signature]
Socrates Gray, Board President