

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

July 7, 2025

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

ATTENDANCE

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

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Tim Glidden, MC Parks & Recreation Board Liaison

MINUTES

- Motion by Kim Sliwa, seconded by Chris Cipares to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2025 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- There were no comments from the public at this time.

REPORT FROM HARBORMASTER

Harbormaster Tim Frame reported on the following:

- NIPSCO has finished driving the pilings for their project to reinforce the seawall and are on target to finish and remove the barge before the Grand Prix Boat Race.
- Staff assisted with the fireworks display by ferrying the launch tubes and supplies on the work barge. Display proceeded without any issues.
- Marina staff returned to standard maintenance operations this week.

REPORT FROM ASSISTANT HARBORMASTER OF ADMINISTRATION

- There was no report at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Financial Oversight Committee

- Sam Ferguson reviewed the Claims Docket prepared for July 7, 2025.

Port Authority	\$	\$104,598.00
Capital	\$	0.00
Total	\$	\$104,598.00
- 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

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

Boater Communications and Special Events Committee

- Dan Messina reported that the ice machine was not filled over the weekend. Tim Frame said the machine's compressor has failed and he is looking for a unit to replace the existing one.

Master Planning and Special Projects Committee

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

Advertising and Public Relations Committee

- Chris Cipares stated there was nothing new to report and the new signage that was ordered has been placed.

REPORT FROM THE ATTORNEY

- Attorney Zaknoen reported that he received a letter from the Duneland Group advising that a survey of the Yacht Club building had been completed and filed with the LaPorte County surveyor. Tim Frame explained the areas that are denoted on the map. The attorney will be contacting the city to discover the city's position on the results of the survey before advising of next steps.
- Following the board meeting, the committee established to the pavilion license agreement will meet to work out any issues identified related to the agreement. Final agreement to be presented to the Board at an upcoming meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- Kim Sliwa motioned, Dan Messina seconded that the 2025 Scavenger Hunt that was proposed will not be held this year due to lack of participation and be removed from the Board's business for this year. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- There was no new business to be discussed.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- No comments from the public at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Chris Cipares, seconded by Kim Sliwa to adjourn the meeting at 5:17 p.m.

Accepted by: Tim Frame
Tim Frame, Harbormaster

Respectfully submitted, Dan Messina
Dan Messina, Board Secretary

Approved On: 7-21-25

By: Socrates Gray
Socrates Gray, Board President