

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

August 17, 2026

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, Charlie Krause, Kim Sliwa, and Dan Messina. President Socrates Gray was absent from the meeting. Harbormaster Tim Frame, Assistant Harbormaster Mary Ann Pawlicke and Attorney Joe Zaknoen were also in attendance for the meeting.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

- Tim Glidden, MC Park Board; Mike Cooper, Slip 450.

MINUTES

- Motion by Kim Sliwa, seconded by Sam Ferguson to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2026, meeting. Motion approved unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- There were no comments from the public.

REPORT FROM HARBORMASTER

Harbormaster Tim Frame reported on the following:

- Great Lakes Supply and Cal Great Lakes Stock and Materials have made significant progress on the north end of the Lighthouse Pier. Protective armor stone has been removed and placed on a barge to allow for sheet piling installation. The contractor will begin driving sheet piling and will then fill the interior with gravel and grout before pouring a new concrete surface. Project remains on schedule for completion by the end of September.
- Following last week's storm, the Marina currently has only partial electrical service, with the office operating on a generator. Most of the Marina has one phase of power. With one phase of power out, some outlets have one outlet working and 220-volt service being unavailable. NIPCO reported that approximately 90% of affected customers were expected to have power restored by midnight the following day, with full restoration anticipated by Friday at midnight.

REPORT FROM ASSISTANT HARBORMASTER OF ADMINISTRATION

Assistant Harbormaster Mary Ann Pawlicke reported on the following:

- Mrs. Pawlick reported that, due to the fifth Monday in August and the Labor Day holiday, the next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 14, 2026.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Financial Oversight Committee

- Sam Ferguson reviewed the Claims Docket prepared for August 17, 2026.

Port Authority	\$	\$122,564.45
Capital	\$	0.00
Total	\$	\$122,564.45

- Motion by Chris Cipares, seconded by Dan Messina to pay all bills for August 17, 2026, as presented. Motion approved unanimously.
- Mr. Cipares reported the results of a recent meeting between Board representatives and the Sailing School regarding revisions to the proposed slip license. The Sailing School is agreeable to the

proposed \$3,000 annual fee but would prefer to satisfy the fee through in-kind improvements to the pavilion and surrounding property, with cash payment covering any shortfall. Potential improvements could include pavilion maintenance, repairs, and other agreed-upon projects.

The Sailing School will be invited to attend the September 14, 2026, Board meeting to present its proposal.

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 boaters have questioned the status of the non-functioning clock in the marina. Mr. Frame added that repair could cost approximately \$15,000 and complete replacement could cost about \$30,000 based on a similar clock project in another city. A committee comprised of Dan Messina, Charlie Krause and Kim Sliwa was appointed to consider repair, replacement, or other potential uses for the location and bring recommendations back to the Board.

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 advised that the Yacht Club's Attorney, Nathan Vis of Cedar Lake, intends to file an appearance representing the Yacht Club in the declaratory judgment litigation. His office is currently without power and internet due to the recent storms, which have delayed the filing as of the afternoon of the meeting, no appearance had been filed. Attorney Zaknoen will follow up with Mr. Vis regarding the filing and any need for an extension.

OLD BUSINESS

- There was no old business to be discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

- There was no new business to be discussed.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- There were no comments from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Chris Cipares, seconded by Kim Sliwa to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Accepted by: TF
Tim Frame, Harbormaster

Respectfully submitted, Dan Messina
Dan Messina, Board Secretary

Approved On: 9-14-26

By: [Signature]
Socrates Gray, Board President