

ESCANABA HARBOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
JANUARY MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, May 8, 2018: 5:00 PM  
City Hall, Room C102, 410 Ludington Street, Escanaba, MI 49829

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 5:08 pm.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairperson Gregg Bruff, Board members Marilyn Kinsey, Alex Sundstrom

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Boardmember Jaimee Tournageau

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Larry Gravatt, Harbor Master  
Brooks Bougie, Recreation Office Assistant  
Peggy O'Connell Schumann, Council Liaison

**PUBLIC PRESENT:** N/A

**APPROVAL/CORRECTION(S) TO:** Meeting minutes of January 9, 2018; motion to approve as written by Marilyn Kinsey, seconded by Alex Sundstrom, motion carried unanimous.

**APPROVAL/ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA**

N/A

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

N/A

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

N/A

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

N/A

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Discuss Waterways Grant.** Harbor Master Gravatt announced that the Waterways Grant application has been accepted. The grant has a value of up to \$560,000, which the city would have to match half; whatever that value may be. Gravatt stated Waterways is looking very hard into how new docks are to be constructed. Gravatt also stated that he was in talks with the Paul Peterson with Waterways into how the process will proceed.
2. **Discuss Harbor Fuel Tank Issue.** Harbor Master Gravatt touched on the current state of the fuel docks. Previously it was thought that the tanks would not be insured because of the age of the tanks; but in speaking with the State Larry stated that we have obtained State Insurance through the state which is free and for an indefinite amount of time. Gravatt stated they had a state inspector

inspect the fuel tanks and they are in great condition. This new insurance will save the marina and city money as the deductible per claim decreased from \$50,000 per claim to \$2,000 per claim. The state will inspect the tanks every three years to verify that they are still operating properly.

3. **Review Projects at Marina for Upcoming Season.** Harbor Master Gravatt reviewed the various projects that will be happening this season at the marina which will include a new step for the fuel tank dock; relocating Peer 3, as it has shifted to the Southwest; wooden boards to be replaced on Peer 1; concrete repairs to the “L” Dock; putting the finger peers into the water and just basic clean up and landscaping.
4. **Small Boat Racing & Storage.** Harbor Master Gravatt stated he had a meeting with Tom Woodaz and Bob Rosenfelt, in which Gravatt stated that the city cannot endorse any type of boat racing, but the city cannot tell them they can’t race. Gravatt stated that he would love to see it happen and hopes it does but the city cannot endorse it for liability reasons. Gravatt touched on the storage and docking of the racing boats along the wall. If boats have hooks available the boats can be lifted out of the water for storage in the dingy storage area. Gravatt also stated that in talks with Woodaz and Rosenfelt he reminded them to use caution when racing and to remind the racers of that; four buoys will also be placed out of the way of boats coming in and out for racing. In conclusion, Gravatt stated that there would be signage added for the racing if needed.
5. **General Discussion.** Boardmember Sundstrom asked how many boats are projected for the season. Harbor master Gravatt stated that it is hard to get a gauge on it at this time as deposits and payments are still coming in. More info will be available at a later date.

Boardmember Sundstrom asked if Charter is still the internet carrier at the Marina because he had heard of a company that will be providing fiber optic internet.

Chairperson Bruff stated that there is a new weather station being constructed in front of the lighthouse.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

None

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **COMMITTEE MEMBER/STAFF COMMENT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Marilyn Kinsey motioned for adjournment, seconded by Alex Sundstrom. The motion carried unanimously at 5:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Gravatt, Harbor Master

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Gregg Bruff, Chairperson

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Date