

**ESCANABA HARBOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**JANUARY MEETING MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, August 14, 2018: 5:00 PM**  
City Hall, Council Room, 410 Ludington Street, Escanaba, MI 49829

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 5:05 pm.

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

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** N/A

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Larry Gravatt, Harbor Master  
Brooks Bougie, Recreation Office Assistant

**PUBLIC PRESENT:** N/A

**APPROVAL/CORRECTION(S) TO:** Meeting minutes of July 10, 2018; motion to approve as written by Jaimee Tourangeau, seconded by Marilyn Kinsey, 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 the Pier Two Replacement Progress.** Harbor Master Gravatt announced that he has received bids for engineering of the project; with the cost ranging from \$15,850 (low bid) to \$36,000 (high bid). Gravatt stated a local contractor from the bids. Gravatt mentioned that he has emailed the City Manager about getting this proposal onto the agenda for the upcoming council meeting. Gravatt has come up with a game plan and will submit it to Waterways for approval. Gravatt stated that TD Vinnet would be removing the old docks in the fall this year with the install of the new docks targeted for the spring of 2019. In conclusion Gravatt stated that every aspect of the project would go through the engineer of the project (i.e. bids, payroll, inspections, etc....).

2. **Discuss the Sale of the Weed Harvester.** Harbor Master Gravatt stated that he felt it was time to try to sell the Weed harvester; he stated that it hasn't been in use for 6 years now and is in need of repairs. The Marina currently rents the harvester from Public Works at a rate of \$150 per month, previously \$500 per month. There currently is no need for the harvester at this point and it is time to cut it loose and sell it Gravatt stated. He suggested that the board vote on the sale of the boat in order to present it to council for a sale. The board voted unanimously to allow Gravatt to present it to council for sale.
3. **Review Transient Boater Numbers for 2018 Season.** Harbor Master Gravatt stated that it has been a good year for transient boater numbers, but not as good as last year. Gravatt stated that this year he has seen bigger boats coming in compared to years past and on average the harbor generates roughly \$28,000 from transient boaters.
4. **Discussion of Upcoming Fishing Tournaments.** Council member Tourangeau mentioned the various fishing tournaments that are coming up including the NABA (National Bass Association) Tournament this weekend along with the annual Wheats Walleye Tournament. The September schedule will include the AYA Tournament and the Local GLSF Tournament. In October Escanaba will be hosting the MWC World Walleye Championship.  
  
Boardmember Tourangeau mentioned that the GLSF will be hosting a walleye tournament August 11<sup>th</sup> at Northshore boat launch and the MWC will be hosting a walleye tournament August 19<sup>th</sup> out of the marina.
5. **General Discussion.** Boardmember Kinsey brought up the topic of electric shock drowning. The board discussed several options on how to make boaters aware of this hazard. Clear communication is needed in order to prevent this potential hazard.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

None

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

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

None

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Jaimee Tourangeau motioned for adjournment, seconded by Marilyn Kinsey. The motion carried unanimously at 5:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Larry Gravatt, Harbor Master

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Gregg Bruff, Chairperson

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Date