

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN
Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, August 15, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by the Honorable Mayor Marc D. Tall at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 410 Ludington Street.

Present: Mayor Marc D. Tall, Council Members, Ronald J. Beauchamp, Ralph B. Blasier, Peggy O'Connell, and Michael R. Sattem

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Patrick S. Jordan, Deputy City Clerk Tammy Weissert, Department Heads, media, and members of the public.

Deputy City Clerk Weissert led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sattem moved, O'Connell seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Regular Meeting minutes from August 1, 2019, as submitted.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Blasier proposed to combine NB-3 and NB-4 together.

Beauchamp would like to add NB-13 – City Manager Declared a City Emergency Purchase.

Blasier moved, O'Connell seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the City Council Agenda as amended.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION – None

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Harrington, Ford River Twp., addressed City Council on the dog ordinance. Ms. Harrington informed Council that she witnessed a very vicious pitbull attack with a black lab on Lake Shore Drive, which the pitbull came from its own yard. Ms. Harrington expressed her concern on not knowing how else to control animals unless they are on a leash or tied up in the City.

Dave Letourneau, Escanaba resident, spoke in regards to the dog ordinance. Mr. Letourneau expressed his concern on people still letting their dogs run loose all over Ludington Park.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PH-1 Second Reading, Public Hearing and Adoption of Ordinance No. 1212, - An Ordinance to Amend Chapter IV Community Development as Codified Under the Code of Ordinances, to provide for an expansion of the Richter Historic District.

Administration requested the City Council to consider approval and adoption of Ordinance No. 1212 – An Ordinance to Amend Chapter IV Community Development as Codified Under the Code of Ordinances, to provide for an expansion of the Richter Historic District.

This being a public hearing, Mayor Tall asked if there was any public comment.

Hearing no public comment, Mayor Tall closed the public hearing.

PH-1 “By Council Member O’Connell, seconded by Council Member Beauchamp;

Resolved, That Ordinance No. 1212, An Ordinance to Amend Chapter IV Community Development as Codified Under the Code of Ordinances, to provide for an expansion of the Richter Historic District, given its public hearing at this meeting, be and is hereby adopted and that it be published in accordance with the requirements of the City Charter.”

Herewith Ordinance No. 1212 adopted by title:

“AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER IV COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AS CODIFIED UNDER THE CODE OF ORDINANCES”

Full text in Ordinance Record “K”.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: O’Connell, Beauchamp, Blasier, Sattem, Mayor Tall

Nays: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.”

PH-2 Second Reading, Public Hearing and Adoption of Ordinance No. 1214, - An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 18, to reflect state statute for use of fireworks as Codified Under the Code of Ordinances.

Administration requested the City Council to consider approval and adoption of Ordinance No. 1214 – An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 18 to reflect state statute for use of fireworks as Codified Under the Code of Ordinances.

This being a public hearing, Mayor Tall asked if there was any public comment.

Hearing no public comment, Mayor Tall closed the public hearing.

PH-2 “By Council Member O’Connell, seconded by Council Member Satterm;

Resolved, That Ordinance No. 1214, An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 18 to reflect state statute for use of fireworks as Codified Under the Code of Ordinances, given its public hearing at this meeting, be and is hereby adopted and that it be published in accordance with the requirements of the City Charter.”

Herewith Ordinance No. 1214 adopted by title:

“AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 18 AS CODIFIED UNDER THE CODE OF ORDINANCES”

Full text in Ordinance Record “K”.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: O’Connell, Satterm, Beauchamp, Blasier, Mayor Tall

Nays: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.”

PH-3 Public Hearing – Resolution - Escanaba Façade Project 2018 – Planning & Zoning.

Administration requested City Council to approve an Authorizing Resolution outlining a request to submit the final Part 2 Application which would be submitted to the MEDC for the Escanaba Downtown Façade “2018” program.

This being a public hearing, Mayor Tall asked if there was any public comment.

Hearing no public comment, Mayor Tall closed the public hearing.

PH-3 “By Council Member Blasier, seconded by Council Member Satterm;

RESOLUTION NO. 19-17

**AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION
City of Escanaba Façade Improvement Project 2018
CDBG Program**

WHEREAS, the City of Escanaba has been invited by the Michigan Strategic Fund to submit a CDBG application to improve, rehabilitate and preserve building facades in the core traditional downtown on Ludington Street; and

WHEREAS, this CDBG grant application is for improvements to the facades at four identified buildings in downtown Escanaba: 413 Ludington Street, 909-911-915 Ludington Street, 1213 and 1215 Ludington Street, and

WHEREAS, the proposed project is consistent with the local community development plan as described in the Application; and

WHEREAS, the completion of these improvements will principally benefit at least 51% low and moderate income persons in the target area; and

WHEREAS, local funds and any other funds to be invested in the project have not been obligated and will not be obligated prior to a formal grant award, completion of the environmental review procedures and a formal written authorization to incur costs from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

WHEREAS, the City of Escanaba recognizes that a local match from the business owners in the amount of \$503,600 will be required.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Escanaba City Council will submit a Michigan CDBG application requesting \$492,545 CDBG funds for a downtown façade improvement project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council hereby designates the Mayor as the Certifying Officer and the person authorized to certify the Michigan CDBG Application, and the City Manager as the person authorized to sign the Grant Agreement between the MEDC and the City of Escanaba, payment requests to the MEDC and other documents and forms that maybe required.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Blasier, Sattem, Beauchamp, O’Connell, Mayor Tall

Nays: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.”

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

UB-1 First Reading of Ordinance No. 1213, - An Ordinance To Amend Chapter V Dog Ordinance as Codified Under the Code of Ordinances, and Setting the Date of Thursday, September 5, 2019, for Second Reading, Public Hearing, and Adoption.

Administration requested the City Council to consider this the first reading of Ordinance No. 1213, An Ordinance to Amend Chapter V Dog Ordinance as

Codified Under the Code of Ordinances. Additionally, Administration requested that the City Council set September 5, 2019, for the second reading, public hearing and adoption of Ordinance No. 1213.

UB-1 Sattem moved, Blasier seconded, to consider this the first reading of Ordinance No. 1213, An Ordinance to Amend Chapter V Dog Ordinance as Codified Under the Code of Ordinances and to set September 5, 2019, for the second reading, public hearing and adoption of Ordinance No. 1213.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Sattem, Blasier, Beauchamp, O'Connell, Mayor Tall

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

NB-1 Approval – Purchasing of Military Service Time.

Administration sought City Council approval of a new policy that would allow current non-union members of Public Act 345 to purchase their military service time in order to retire before their original eligibility date.

NB-1 Beauchamp moved, Sattem seconded, to approve of a new policy that would allow current non-union members of Public Act 345 to purchase their military service time in order to retire before their original eligibility date.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Beauchamp, Sattem, Blasier, O'Connell, Mayor Tall

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

NB-2 Presentation – Millage Request - Bay de Noc College.

President Dr. Laura Coleman of Bay College gave a slideshow presentation on the College's millage request for November. (See Attachment – A)

Tom Butch, Gladstone resident, thanked City Council for giving their attention to Bay College and for all of their support in the past.

NB-3 Approval - Use of Public Space - North 18th Street Between 12th Avenue North and 13th Avenue North - Christ the King Lutheran Church - Rally Day Festival.

Christ the King Lutheran Church sought Council approval to close off the 1200 block of North 18th Street between 12th Avenue North and 13th Avenue North for their Fall Festival on Sunday, September 8, 2019, from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Administration recommended approval with the following conditions: 1) Proper insurance be provided naming the City of Escanaba as an additional insured, 2) The event sponsors provide all labor and material to clean up at the conclusion of the event, and 3) The event sponsor pay for any overtime City labor costs that may be incurred.

NB-4 Approval – Use of Public Space – Ludington Street – Escanaba High School Homecoming Parade.

The Escanaba School District sought approval to use Ludington Street on Friday, September 20, 2019, from 5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., for their annual Homecoming Parade. Administration recommended approval provided the following conditions are met: 1) Proper insurance was provided naming the City of Escanaba as an additional insured, 2) The event sponsors provide all labor and material to clean up at the conclusion of the event, and 3) The event sponsors pay for any overtime labor costs that may be incurred.

NB-3&4 Blasier moved, O’Connell seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve a request from Christ the King Lutheran Church to close off the 1200 block of North 18th Street between 12th Avenue North and 13th Avenue North for their Fall Festival on Sunday, September 8, 2019, from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and a request from the Escanaba School District to use Ludington Street on Friday, September 20, 2019, from 5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., for their annual Homecoming Parade, provided: 1) Proper insurance was provided naming the City of Escanaba as an additional insured, 2) The event sponsors provide all labor and material to clean up at the conclusion of the event, and 3) The event sponsor pay for any overtime City labor costs that may be incurred.

NB-5 Approval – Resolution – Bottomlands Conveyance – Assessor.

Administration requested the City Council to consider passing a resolution to seek conveyance of bottomlands at 200-230 Ludington Street. A resolution from the local unit of government approving the conveyance application was necessary for the application to be considered administratively complete.

NB-5 “By Council Member Blasier, seconded by Council Member O’Connell;

RESOLUTION NO. 18

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AN APPLICATION FOR CONVEYANCE OF GREAT LAKES BOTTOMLANDS FROM THE STATE OF MICHIGAN EGLE.

WHEREAS, the City of Escanaba seeks to market for sale the subject property, and

WHEREAS, the Bottomlands in question have been filled in for decades, used for industrial and public purposes, but never conveyed by the State of Michigan, and

WHEREAS, the City of Escanaba wishes to sell the associated already-filled Bottomlands for private sector development, and

WHEREAS, the Bottomlands conveyed include a section of Block 3 of the Original Plat and the Right of Way of South 2nd Street Extended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Escanaba hereby approves of the Application for Conveyance for Great Lakes Bottomlands by the State of Michigan to the City of Escanaba. The Bottomlands to be conveyed are fully described below:

(BOTTOM LANDS PORTION ADJACENT & CONTIGUOUS TO GOVERNMENT LOT 2)

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Blasier, O'Connell, Beauchamp, Sattem, Mayor Tall

Nays: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.”

NB-6 Approval – Purchase Offer of a City-Owned Residential Lot.

Davis Zubke sent a written offer of \$8,000 to purchase the city-owned, .92 acre residential parcel on 25th Place off Old State Road.

NB-6 Tall moved, Beauchamp seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve to postpone Davis Zubke's written offer of \$8,000 to purchase the city-owned, .92 acre residential parcel on 25th Place off Old State Road.

NB-7 Approval – Ash Tree Treatment Bid – Public Works.

Administration sought Council approval to accept the 2019/20 Ash Tree Treatment bid received from Common Coast Research and Conservation. Since the final quantity is unknown, it was requested that the bid be approved for the

unit price as bid. Funds for this request were included in the current year operating budget.

NB-7 Blaiser moved, O’Connell seconded, to approve to accept the 2019/20 Ash Tree Treatment bid received from Common Coast Research and Conservation for the unit price as bid.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Blaiser, O’Connell, Beauchamp, Sattem, Mayor Tall
Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

NB-8 Approval – Installing Fixed Ladders on Final Clarifiers – Wastewater.

Administration sought Council approval to hire Northern Machining & Repair of Escanaba, MI to conduct the work as specified within their quotation for Proposal #3 at a cost not to exceed \$14,730. Funds for this request were included in the current year operating budget.

NB-8 Blasier moved, O’Connell seconded, to approve to hire Northern Machining & Repair of Escanaba, MI to conduct the work as specified within their quotation for Proposal #3 at a cost not to exceed \$14,730.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Blasier, O’Connell, Beauchamp, Sattem, Mayor Tall
Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

NB-9 Approval – Water Meter and Radio Read Purchase – Water.

Administration sought Council approval to accept the following amounts for Water Meter and Radio Read Purchases. Money was available and allotted to conduct these purchases within the 2019/2020 fiscal year budget:

- a. Twelve hundred (1200) Itron 100W pit style ERT’s from United Systems & Software of Benton, KY at a cost not to exceed \$91,200.
- b. Eleven hundred (1100) Hersey composite 5/8 inch water meters from Mueller Systems, LLC, of Cleveland, NC at a cost not to exceed \$92,400.
- c. One hundred (100) Master Meter BLMJ 1 inch water meters from Core & Main of Kentwood, MI at a cost not to exceed \$14,800.

NB-9 O’Connell moved, Beauchamp seconded, to approve to accept the following amounts for Water Meter and Radio Read Purchases: a) Twelve hundred (1200) Itron 100W pit style ERT’s from United Systems & Software of Benton, KY at a cost not to exceed \$91,200, b)Eleven hundred (1100) Hersey composite 5/8 inch water meters from Mueller Systems, LLC, of Cleveland, NC at a cost not to exceed \$92,400, c) One hundred (100) Master Meter BLMJ 1 inch water meters from Core & Main of Kentwood, MI at a cost not to exceed \$14,800.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: O’Connell, Beauchamp, Blasier, Sattem, Mayor Tall

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

NB-10 Interview - City Assessor Position.

Council held a public interview for open City Assessor position, with possible creation of a negotiation committee.

NB-10 Blasier moved, O’Connell seconded, to approve to hire James McNeil for the City Assessor position.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Blasier, O’Connell, Beauchamp, Sattem, Mayor Tall

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

After discussion, it was consensus for Council Member’s Sattem and O’Connell, City Attorney Bergman, HR Director/Treasurer Gustafson and City Manager Jordan to be on a committee to negotiate the terms of the new City Assessor Contract.

NB-11 Approval – Purchase of Two Patrol Vehicles – Public Safety.

Administration sought City Council approval to purchase two patrol vehicles from Riverside Ford in Escanaba, MI. The first is a 2020 Ford Explorer at a cost of \$36,521.78. The second vehicle is a 2019 Ford F150 at a cost of \$50,000. A grant for \$17,800 was obtained from the USDA to put towards the total cost of this purchase. Both of these vehicles were included in the 2020 budget year.

NB-11 O’Connell moved, Sattem seconded, to approve to purchase two patrol vehicles from Riverside Ford in Escanaba, MI., a 2020 Ford Explorer at a cost of \$36,521.78 and a 2019 Ford F150 at a cost of \$50,000.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: O’Connell, Sattem, Beauchamp, Blasier, Mayor Tall
Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

NB-12 Approval – Cost of Conveyance of the Old Jail Site.

Administration sought Council approval to purchase the conveyance of the Old Jail Site for \$23,700 from the State EGLE.

NB-12 Blasier moved, Beauchamp seconded, to approve to purchase the conveyance of the Old Jail Site for \$23,650 from the State EGLE.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Blasier, Beauchamp, O’Connell, Sattem, Mayor Tall
Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

B-13 Discussion - City Manager Declared a City Emergency Purchase.

City Manager Patrick Jordan declared a City Emergency Purchase for a new garbage truck. One of the automated garbage trucks was totaled by two pick-up trucks coming out of the landfill.

APPOINTMENT(S) TO CITY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES – None

BOARD, COMMISSION, AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Members reviewed City Board and Commission meetings each attended since the last City Council Meeting.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Dan Zellar, Escanaba resident, teamed up with Team Wireless and gave out 700

backpacks filled with school supplies to kids in the Upper Peninsula, Wisconsin and Illinois.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next week there will be a Joint Governmental meeting, 08/19/2019 at 10:00 am., Planning Commission meeting, 08/21/2019 at 2:00 pm. to discuss part of the redevelopment of the jail property and a Joint City Council and Delta County Commission Meeting on 08/21/2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Delta County Service Center;
- Held the 3rd of 4 Bike and Classic Car Night and raised \$1,650 for the Delta County Cancer Alliance;
- Upper Peninsula State Fair is in town.

Hearing no further public comment, the Council adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Tammy Weissert, CMC
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: _____
Marc D. Tall, Mayor



BAY COLLEGE

STUDENT SUCCESS - COMMUNITY SUCCESS



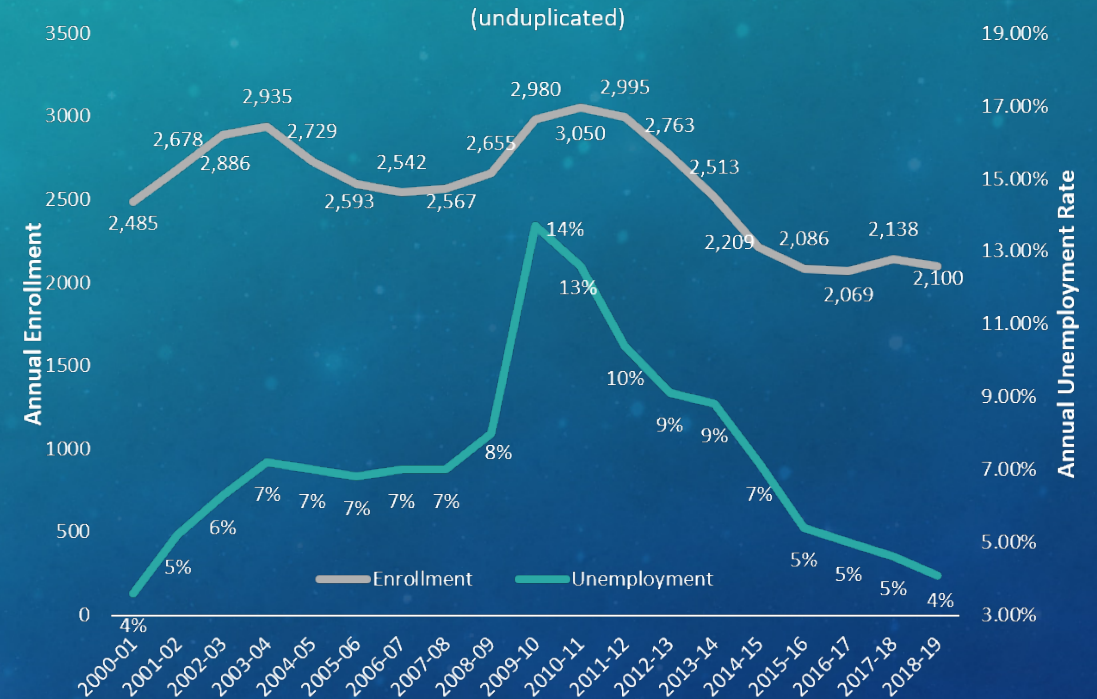
COMMITTED TO SUCCESS

Student Success



- Expanding programs focused on local workforce
 - Welding, mechatronics, robotics, water technology, cybersecurity, agricultural operations, ...
- Training to save and advance lives
 - Nursing, EMT/paramedic, MRI technician, childcare education, counseling, ...
- Degrees fully online (4), including free digital textbooks
- Addition of Norse athletics
 - Expanded student population, diversity, and engagement
 - \$1 million grant from Hannahville specifically for a building addition - locker rooms, offices, training rooms
- Approaching 60% graduation/completion goal

Enrollment vs Unemployment Rate



100% of our community has the opportunity to earn college degree at Bay!

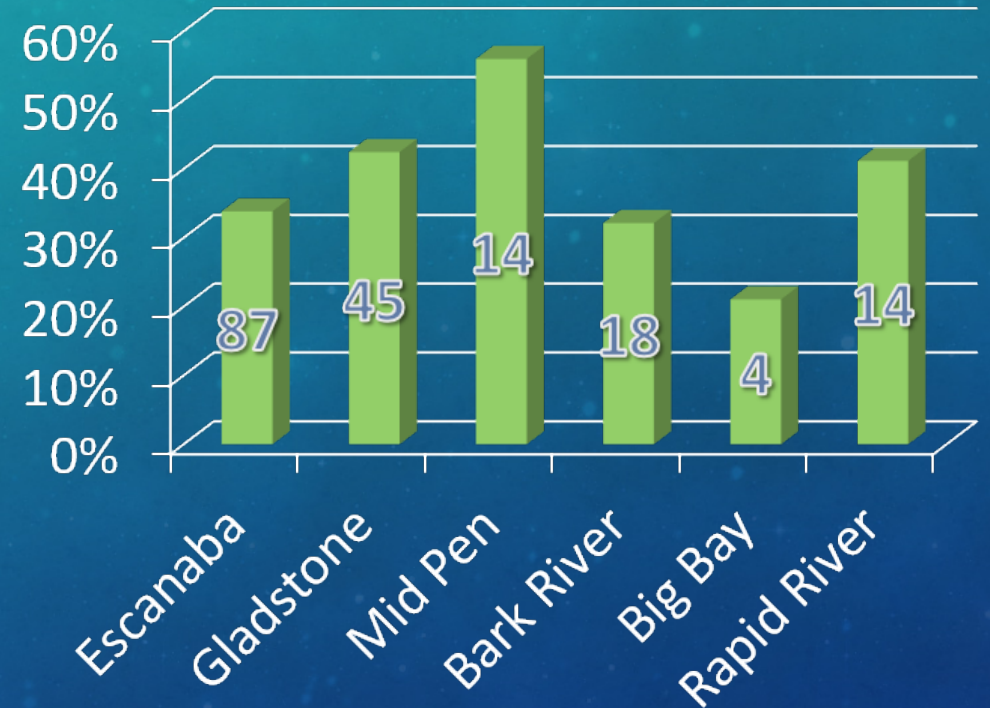


COMMITTED TO SUCCESS

Community Success

- Partnerships with K-12 districts
 - State funded Dual Enrollment (33) and Early College (10) programs – 600+ students in 2018-19
 - Reduces cost of higher education for students & families
- Articulation agreements (45) with universities
 - Active participant in the Michigan Transfer Agreement
- Training to over 2500 local employees each year
- Hosted 1153 community events, meetings, and conferences on campus
 - Totaled over 7000 service hours in 2018-19!

**% High School Graduates
Attending Bay (2019)**



Bay is an education, training, and cultural enrichment hub in our community!



BAY COLLEGE IS COMMITTED TO STUDENT & COMMUNITY SUCCESS

- 80% of our graduates stay in our community
- Bay College has awarded 16,120 degrees to 12,483 graduates
- Bay College Alumni include:
 - Nurses, doctors, business owners, welders, lawyers, technicians, managers, law enforcement officers, engineers, paramedics, judges, teachers, engineers, and so much more!



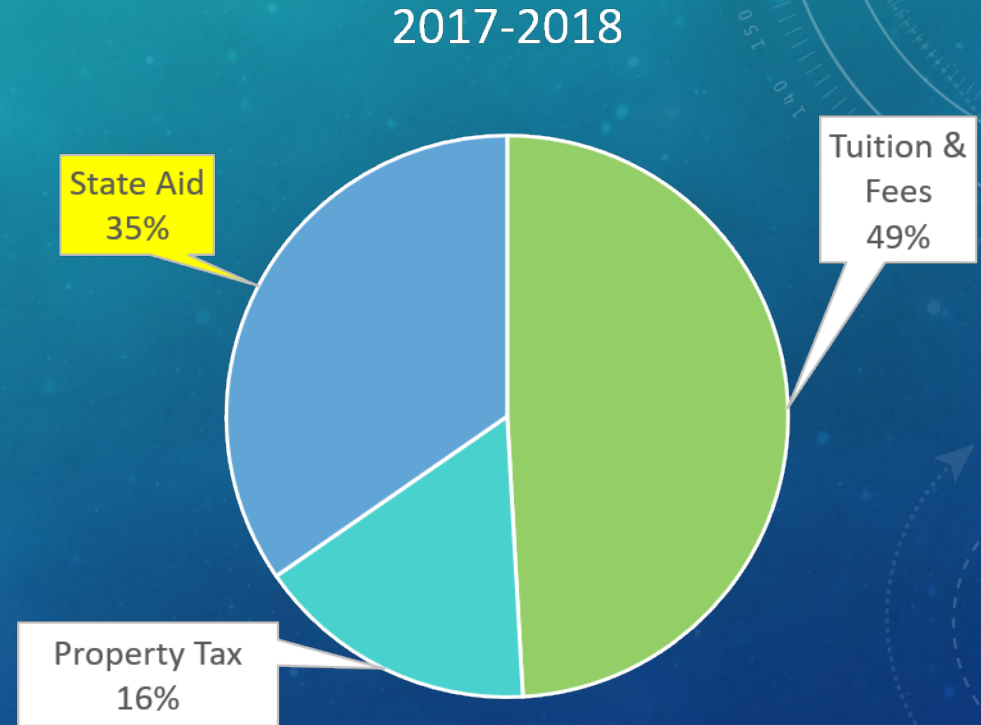
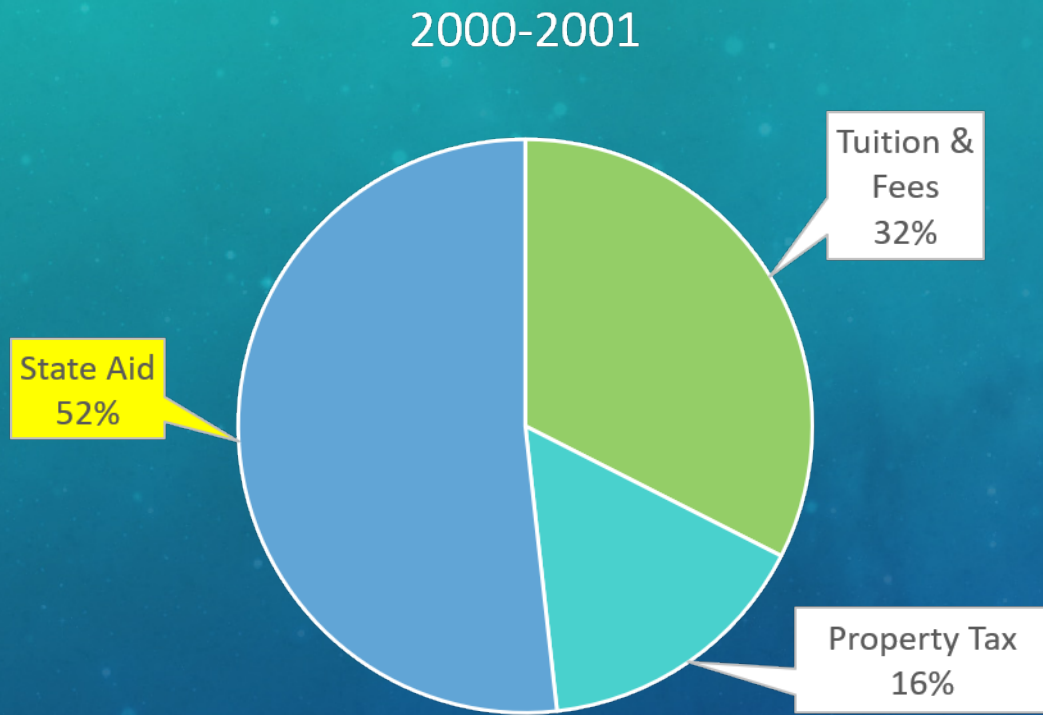
OUTSTANDING FINANCIAL STEWARDS

- Keep college affordable by limiting tuition increases
- Reduce operating and utility expenses
 - Maintain systems beyond useful life
 - Efficient lighting
- Improve learning environments
 - Improving graduation rates
 - Educating our community



Challenged by limited State of Michigan funding and the need for critical infrastructure improvements.

CHALLENGED BY DECREASING STATE FUNDING



Should have received \$6.9 million in 2018-19, but received \$5.6 million, \$1.3 million shortfall

MILLAGE WILL FUND THE FUTURE – NEXT 20-30 YEARS

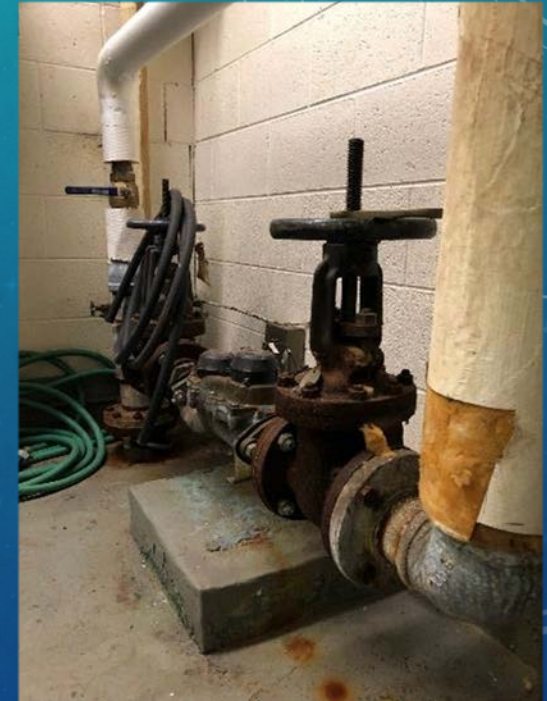
- Critical improvements in building infrastructure
- Lighting and efficiency advances
- Safety systems



Comprehensive, cost-effective plan to ensure safe, productive, and efficient learning environments!

CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE & EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS

- Proactive replacement/refurbishment of mechanical systems
- Reduction in operating costs
- Further utility savings through renewable energy
 - City of Escanaba Solar array
- Reduce project costs with campus-wide project
 - 20% less engineering costs with one project
 - Emergency repairs typically cost twice as much
 - Construction costs double every 10 years



Project utilizes local contractors and funded by a TELP Loan

CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

Lighting

New Fixtures	576
Relamped Fixtures	423
Retrofit Fixtures	3726

Life Safety

Fire Alarm System	1
Access Readers	76
Electrical Services	2
Parking Lots Fixtures	50

Mechanical

Boilers	9
New Pumps	18
Humidifier	1
Chillers	3
Roof Top Units	7
Air Handling Units	5
Water Heaters	3
Furnace	1
Generator	1

Assorted

Roofs	2
Solar Panels	2900
Generator	1
UPS*	1
Datacenter Racking	3
Air Conditioning Units	3

*Uninterrupted Power Supply



SAVINGS REALIZED THROUGH ENERGY EFFICIENCIES

- 59% reduction in utility bills
 - \$173,658 in energy savings annually
 - ~\$90,000 from renewable energy generation
 - ~\$40,000 in annual operational savings
- As utility rates increase the college looks for fixed cost solutions to reduce expenses over time
- Reduction of carbon emissions
 - Equivalent to 73,712 trees growing for 10 years
 - Equivalent to 527 vehicles taken off the road



SAFETY & SECURITY ON CAMPUS

- Automated entry and locking system
 - Immediate lockdown of exterior doors
 - Centralized monitoring system
- Lighting improvements in parking lots
 - Motion LED lit pathways
 - Dark sky environment
- Enhanced fire alarm systems



We know every second counts!

BAY COLLEGE CURRENT MILLAGE

- 1.0 operational millage passed in 1962
- 1.5 operational millage passed in 1968
 - Headlee amendment leaves us with 2.3076 mills (2.5 less 0.1924 Headlee reduction)
 - Headlee passed in 1978 to limit property tax increases due to high inflation
- 1.0 capital millage renewed in 2013

Total millage passed: 3.5000 mills

Current millage received: 3.3076 mills

Headlee Amendment rollback costs Bay College nearly
\$230,000 annually, about \$4M loss in 20 years!



BAY COLLEGE PROPOSAL -20 YEAR MILLAGE INCREASE

0.7 mills OPERATIONAL MILLAGE INCREASE

0.1924 mills HEADLEE RESTORATION

0.8924 mills TOTAL MILLAGE REQUEST



What will the additional millage cost you?

- Additional millage tax on \$80,000 house: \$2.97 per month
- Additional millage tax on \$200,000 house: \$7.44 per month

INVEST IN THE FUTURE OF OUR COMMUNITY

THE FACTS

- State of Michigan is not sufficiently funding community college education
- Bay College impacts our local economy ~\$100 million annually
- Millage dollars stay in our community, investing in the future of Delta County

ECONOMIC IMPACT OF INVESTING IN YOUR COMMUNITY COLLEGE

- 💰 Every tax dollar you invest in college operations brings \$6.80 in benefits to the community
Better citizens, lower crime rates, less social programs
More productive employees, lower unemployment
- 💰 Students earn back \$4.80 for every dollar spent on their education (*\$1M in a lifetime*)
Better quality of life and higher wages

OUR history is **STRONG...**

TOGETHER we can make the future **STRONGER!**



Questions?

Join us on Facebook to receive updates on the millage and on Bay College happenings!