

**East Chicago Port Authority Board of Directors- Board Meeting**

**Marina Social Center – Wednesday, May 15, 2019 @ 5:00 p.m.**

Port Authority President Marino Solorio called the meeting of the East Chicago Port Authority Board of Directors to order at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 15, 2019. Ateria Allen took roll call. Following in attendance unless otherwise noted:

<b>BOARD MEMBERS</b>	<b>STAFF</b>
Marino Solorio, President	
Frank Kresich, Vice President	
Ronald Squok, Secretary	
Mick Montrose <b>ABSENT</b>	
Steve Flowers	Natalie Adams, Marina General Manager

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Rick Cleveringa and Cathy Sellers,

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**

Ron Squok moved to approve meeting minutes for April 17, 2019 (second by Steve Flowers). All ayes, motion carries.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**CLAIM WARRANT APPROVAL**

Frank Kresich moved to approve claim warrant A and B (second by Ron Squok). All ayes, motion carries.  
A. 050119MA for \$279.13  
B. 051519MA for \$47,101.79

**PAYROLL DOCKET APPROVAL**

Frank Kresich moved to approve payroll docket A and B (second by Ron Squok). All ayes, motion carries.  
A. Checks dated 041819 for \$12,823.67  
B. Checks dated 050319 for \$12,832.34

**RATE APPROVAL FOR VALLEY FIRE**

Ron Squok moved to approve a rate schedule given to the East Chicago Marina for the maintenance of the fire protection system services. (Second by Frank Kresich). All ayes, motioned carries.

**OVER 60 DAYS PAST DUE INVOICE(S)**

Frank Kresich moved to approve payment of past due invoices A and B for the Department of Water Works. (Second by Steve Flowers). All ayes, motion carries.

A. Invoice # 1136961 for \$1,356.78

B. Invoice # 1136962 for \$1,350.06

**OLD BUSINESS:** NONE

**EXECUTIVE REPORT:** Natalie invited everyone out to the blessing of the water that will be held at the Marina on Monday, May 27, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. Natalie stated the city's attorney has sent fifteen boat owners that are storing boats at the marina and have not paid there balance. These boaters will have to pay full price and the Marina is not offering payment plans. The BMV has to declare a boat abandoned and then an auction will have to be held before the Marina can destroy them. Quotes are coming for the remodeling of the fishing pier.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Perch America had concerns that the East Chicago Port Authority plans to remove the wooden fishing pier located inside of the Marina. Perch American opposed of this plan and their members would help out any way they can to preserve this pier. The Whiting- Robertsdale Boat Club (WRBC) also had concerns about the removal of the wooden fishing pier. WRBC opposed of this plan and suggest that the City should make improvements to this structure instead of removing it. WRBC also extended to help in preserving the pier. Natalie addressed both companies concerned by stating that the wood fishing pier is here to stay. The city plans on repairing, improving and beautifying this pier for all to enjoy. She thanks both companies for their offer to help out and will also made personal calls to address these concerns.

**REMARKS/ PUBLIC COMMENT:** Kim Sellers stated the red light on the fire boxes were not on at night. This light is intended to inform the boaters were the boxes are located. Natalie stated that she thinks this light is intended for warning but will double check. Kim also asks were the gas docks working. Natalie states that they are working but only Monday through Friday until the staff gets on the weekend schedule.

**NEXT MEETING:** June 19, 2019 @ 5:00 p.m.

**Ron Squok moved to adjourn (second by Frank Kresich). All ayes, Meeting adjourned**