

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

**Marina Social Center – Wednesday, May 20, 2020 @ 5:00 p.m.**

Port Authority Vice President Frank Kresich called the meeting of the East Chicago Port Authority Board of Directors to order at 5:10 p.m. on Wednesday, May 20, 2020. Ateria Allen took roll call. Following in attendance unless otherwise noted:

<b>BOARD MEMBERS</b>		<b>STAFF</b>
Marino Solorio, President	<b>ABSENT</b>	
Frank Kresich, Vice President		
Ronald Squok, Secretary		
Teri Smith	<b>PHONED IN</b>	
Ruby Flowers	<b>PHONED IN</b>	Natalie Adams, Marina General Manager

***\*Due to the COVID -19 crisis members can phone in until further notice.***

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jim Flanagan and John Mulesa

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**

Ron Squok moved to approve meeting minutes from April 15, 2020 (second by Ruby Flowers). All ayes, motion carries.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**CLAIM WARRANT APPROVAL**

Ron Squok moved to approve claim warrant A and B (second by Teri Smith). All ayes, motion carries.  
A. 043020MA for \$136.31  
B. 052020MA for \$38,447.32

**PAYROLL DOCKET APPROVAL**

Ruby Flowers moved to approve payroll docket A and B (second by Ron Squok). All ayes, motion carries.  
A. Checks dated 041720 for \$10,770.29  
B. Checks dated 050120 for \$10,827.80

**RATE APPROVAL FOR AREA PLUMBING**

Ron Squok moved to approve the rate sheet for Area Plumbing, which gives the Marina a standard hourly rate for all jobs performed and a flat rate for any RPZ testing required for the 2020 calendar year (Second by Teri Smith). All ayes, motion carries.

**EC MARINA 2020 RATE SHEET**

Ruby Flowers moved to approve the EC Marina rate sheet for all rates and fees pertaining to the EC Marina (second by Ron Squok).

***\*Natalie stated the only change that was made to this rate sheet from the one that was approved previously this year was that the Marina is now offering a weekly discounted transient fee for D pier only.***

**OLD BUSINESS: NONE**

**EXECUTIVE REPORT:** Natalie stated all venue rentals have been cancelled through August and more than likely cancel everything through the end of the year, in an effort to stop the spread of Covid-19. All of the City of East Chicago special events have been canceled including the Independence Day Celebration, the Blessing of the Water and Fusic Fest, until further notice. The launch ramp is open back up to 24 hours a day. Slip owners have still been limited to slip owner use only. Effective May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 the Marina will begin phase 2 of reopening which will allow friends and family of boaters to come to the Marina on a limited bases. There will more than likely be two guest per boater maximum and they will be giving them two parking passes with no extra charge. Many boaters have asked if we could consider refunding there slip fees for 2020 or at least carrying them forward to 2021. The Marina will not be issuing refunds or carrying payments as credits forward to the 2021 season due to the lack of gaming dollars. We've looked into it and there is no way fiscally possible I can offer either option in these extenuating circumstances. We are researching additional ways to increase boater usage for now and revenue for this year. We will continue to encourage boaters to practice social distancing with the "Be Smart Stay 6 Feet Apart" campaign. The staff will continue to disinfect daily and wear face masks especially when in contact with boaters. Due to safety concerns access to Jeros Beach remains closed. We cannot legally close a beach but we can legally not allow access due, to unsafe condition. The high winds, tides and waves we've been experiencing left the beach in disrepair causing large boulders to stick out. The Marina will need extra equipment to make it safe and clean again. Boaters can still gain access to the beach on the water side but this is all at your own risk.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Jim Flanagan –Proposal for 2020 sailing season

**REMARKS/ PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**NEXT MEETING:** June 17, 2020 @ 5:00 p.m.

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