

East Chicago Port Authority Board of Directors - Board Meeting

Marina Social Center – Wednesday, October 16, 2019 @ 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, October 16, 2019. Ateria Allen took roll call. Following in attendance unless otherwise noted:

BOARD MEMBERS	STAFF
Marino Solorio, President LATE	
Frank Kresich, Vice President	
Ronald Squok, Secretary	
Mick Montrose	
Steve Flowers	Natalie Adams, Marina General Manager

OTHERS PRESENT: Rick Cleveringa, Cathy Sellers, and Darlene Myers

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Ron Squok moved to approve meeting minutes for September 18, 2019 (second by Mick Montrose). All ayes, motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS:

CLAIM WARRANT APPROVAL

Mick Montrose moved to approve claim warrant A and B (second by Ron Squok). All ayes, motion carries.

- A. 100919MA for \$434.49
- B. 101619MA for \$17,240.53

PAYROLL DOCKET APPROVAL

Ron Squok moved to approve payroll docket A and B (second by Steve Flowers). All ayes, motion carries.

- A. Checks dated 092019 for \$13,227.14
- B. Checks dated 100419 for \$12,482.14

OVER 60 DAYS PAST DUE INVOICE(S)

Ron Squok moved to approve payment of past due invoices A-G. (Second by Steve Flowers). All ayes, motion carries.

- A. Pulse Technology - Invoice #309951 for the amount of \$59.32
- B. Pulse Technology-Invoice#308566-02 for the amount of \$10.75
- C. Pulse Technology-Invoice#311455 for the amount of \$269.95
- D. Lang Ice-Invoice#215002487 for the amount of \$35.70

- E. Lang Ice-Invoice#212000059 for the amount of \$86.70
- F. Lang Ice-Invoice#212000112 for the amount of \$30.60
- G. Nipsco-Dates 2-28-19 to 8-29-19 for the amount of \$50,9000.21

QUOTE FOR VALLEY FIRE AND PROTECTION SYSTEMS

Ron Squok moved to approve a cost quote given to the East Chicago Marina to make repairs to the fire sprinkler and the fire pump station in the amount of \$5,870.00 (Second by Mick Montrose). All ayes, motion carries.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

EXECUTIVE REPORT: Natalie reports that the painting process has begun. They are having some issues with shadowing of the paint depending on where you're standing. They have been having conversations with Sherwin Williams to get this issue resolved. The goal is to be finished with all of the railing on the dock side, the office and the Marina Banquet Center. Next year we will start the break walls, travel lifts and the beach railing. There are talks about moving the guard shack to the center so that both lanes can be utilized at the entrance of the Marina. Natalie is searching to find a better quote than the one that was given to her. This job is costly because the original guard shack has plumbing but will keep the board members updated. The auction of the boats will be onsite instead of online. There is a state statute that requires abandon boats to be auction off at the location which it was abandoned. The auction is scheduled for November 16, 2019 at 10:00a.m. Sixteen boats will be auctioned and the new owners will have 7 business days to pick up the boat. We will not allow purchasers to remove anything off the boat until it is removed from the marina.

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

REMARKS/ PUBLIC COMMENT: Darlene Myers has expressed concerns about the new security firm stating that she thinks that they need to be replaced. The breaking and entering on her son's boats should have been enough of an incident to let the firm go. Natalie stated the guard who broke into the boat will no longer be allowed to work at the marina. When she spoke with Christian about the situation he told her that this was an isolated incident. My son did not press charges but if this security company is not released from their duties I will press charges. She notices that the marina does have cameras and wants the staff there to review the cameras strange activity she thinks is going on with security firm. Natalie states that when she and her staff spoke with Mo and he informed them that he did not want to press charges. If he changes his mind and does want to go further and press charges they will complete the necessary steps. Natalie also tells Darlene that if she can provide her with dates and estimated times she and her staff will be more than happy to review the footage. Natalie then tells Darlene that since she has brought up litigation that she can no longer respond but will listen to her concerns. Cathy Seller brought to the attention of the board that another boater Tim Walczak noticed that on his boat his zippers were not in their normal position and that one of his snaps on his canvas were ripped off. He

doesn't have any proof that any one was on his boat. She also expressed more concerns about the new security company. She wanted to bring to the board members attention that one of the managers of the firm goes by a different alias and even though he had two of the three charges dropped against him one is still pending.

NEXT MEETING: November 20, 2019 @ 5:00 p.m.

Ron Squok moved to adjourn (second by Mick Montrose). All ayes, Meeting adjourned