

THE ESCANABA EXPRESS

The Escanaba Express is a monthly newsletter that is published to keep the community informed about the City's services, programs, activities and opportunities to participate.

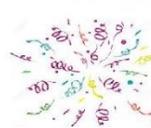
UPCOMING MEETINGS

| Date | Time | Type of Meeting |
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| 01/06 | 7:30am | Downtown Development Authority |
| 01/07 | 6:00pm | Manager's Call |
| 01/07 | 7:00pm | City Council Meeting |
| 01/12 | 4:30pm | Housing Commission |
| 01/12 | 5:00pm | Harbor Advisory Committee |
| 01/12 | 6:00pm | Recreation Advisory Board |
| 01/13 | 10:00am | Brownfield Redevelopment Auth. |
| 01/13 | 12:00pm | Joint Governmental Meeting |
| 01/13 | 6:00pm | Electrical Advisory Committee |
| 01/14 | 6:00pm | Planning Commission |
| 01/18 | 4:00pm | Historic District Commission |
| 01/20 | 8:30am | Java with Jim |
| 01/21 | 8:00am | Loan Administration Board |
| 01/17 | 6:00pm | Manager's Call |
| 01/17 | 7:00pm | City Council Meeting |
| 01/18 | 5:00pm | Board of Library Trustees |
| 01/22 | 8:00am | Public Safety Retirement Board |



FROM YOUR FRIENDS AT
THE CITY OF ESCANABA

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR THIRD ANNUAL



Escanaba New Year's Eve Pasty Drop



Thursday, December 31st, 2015
10p.m. until midnight

Following 9:00p.m. fireworks at the dock
1025 Ludington St., Escanaba, Mi

Door Prizes & Games
Hot Chocolate, Cookies & Pasties will be available
Bay De Noc UUS, CR Meyer, Gram's Pasties



SHOP WITH A COP

Another successful year!

Shop with a Cop has been running for the last 18 years and proved positive again on Saturday December 12th. The Shop with a Cop program gives underprivileged K-7th grade students in Delta County a chance to go shopping for Christmas presents with officers from the Escanaba Department of Public Safety, Delta County Sheriff's Office, Michigan State Police and Gladstone Department of Public Safety as well as many additional volunteers. Many times you'll find the officers entire family assisting during the event. Each year the Delta County Sheriff's Office has coordinated the event locally.

The children are nominated to participate in the Shop with a Cop program by referrals from area school personnel. They are given a ride to the Walmart Supercenter in Escanaba, in either a fire truck or police car and are then paired with a police officer and/or a community volunteer. The children are allocated with a certain amount of money. Many of the children that participate in this program focus on buying presents for their parents and siblings, which is always very heart-warming to see. The children then enjoy lunch at McDonalds and the gifts are wrapped by the Delta County Jaycees.



The purpose of the Shop with a Cop event is to foster positive relationships between area youth and officers. It's no secret that this has been a troubling year nationwide for law enforcement's "image" and programs like this certainly help foster the positive relations we yearn for.

Each year this event is made possible because of the generosity of our community.



SHOP WITH A COP



SPECIAL MESSAGE FOR BUSINESS OWNERS FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Personal Property Forms Are In The Mail! These are due February 20th.



In order to claim a Small Business Tax Exemption you need to file Michigan Department of Treasury Form 5076 by February 10th.

Please note that the new EMPP & ESA or Eligible Manufacturing Personal Property and Essential Services Assessment program begins this year.

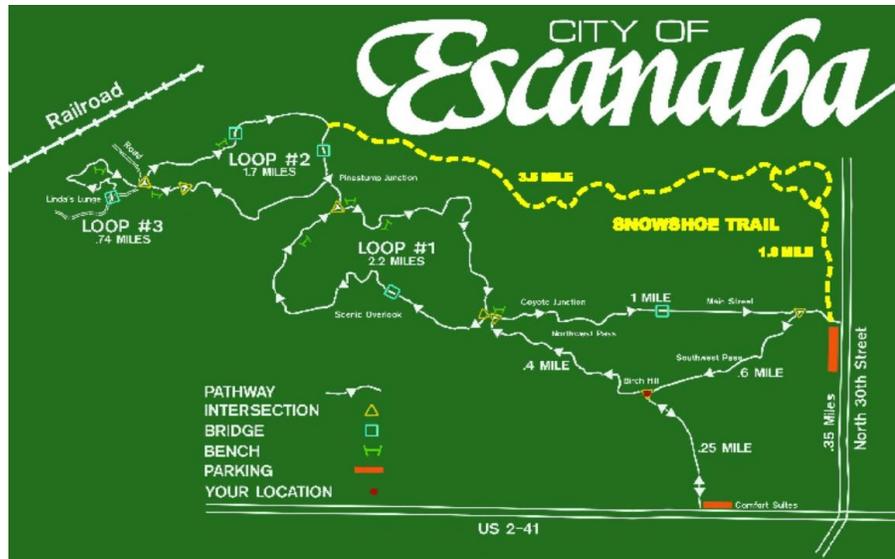
Form 5278 and additional instructions are available on the State's web site. A link will be on the Assessor's webpage at

www.escanaba.org/assessor.

This form must be received by the assessor's office by February 20th!

Ways to enjoy Winter in the City of Escanaba

City of Escanaba Cross Country Ski Pathway



The Escanaba Cross Country Ski Trail, which is just under 7 miles of trails, can be accessed off of Comfort Suite's parking lot or on North 30th Street. Skiers are welcome to utilize the pathway in Ludington Park which loops around the outer perimeter. Both the ski pathway and loop in Ludington Park will be groomed as weather conditions permit.

The snow shoe trail will also be available, weather permitting, which consists of 5.1 miles of trail and can be accessed from the North 30th Street location.

For trail information, contact the Recreation Department at (906) 786-4141.



Neighborhood Ice Skating Facilities

Royce Park Ice Rink
700 Block/South 19th Street

Webster Park Skating Rink
1300 Block/North 19th Street

Skating schedule is January-March, weather permitting.

Monday - Friday 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Saturday 1:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Sunday 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Schedule subject to change dependent on weather

Ice rinks will be closed if schools are cancelled due to weather.

WINTER PARKING REGULATIONS

In order to better the flow of traffic, to ease the parking situation and expedite the movement of fire equipment and emergency vehicles during the months of December, January, February, March, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that parking will be restricted to one side of every street and avenue within the confines of the City from **7:00 a.m. until 2:00 a.m.**, during the months of **December, January, February and March**, in the City of Escanaba in accordance with the schedule listed below:

- Parking will be allowed only on the west side of all streets.
- Parking will be allowed only on the north side of all avenues.
- No vehicle shall be parked for a period longer than one half-hour on any street or avenue within the confines of the City between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. unless otherwise indicated by signage during the months of December, January, February and March of each year.
- On Ludington Street and the 100 blocks off Ludington Street, parking will be allowed on both sides of the street with the exception of South 15th Street, South 16th Street, South 17th Street, South 18th Street, South 19th Street and South 22nd Street.
- Parking will be allowed on the east side of the street in the following business districts: 200, 300, 400, 500, 600 and 700 blocks of Stephenson Avenue and the 1400, 1500, and 1600 blocks of Sheridan Road.
- Parking will be allowed overnight, on both sides of the street, in the 200 block of Ludington Street.
- Parking will be allowed overnight within the median of the 100 block of South 3rd Street.
- Parking will be allowed overnight in the 100 block of South 5th Street, on the west side of the street, pursuant to a permit issued by the City Clerk's Office.
- The issuance of a traffic ticket or notice of violation by a public safety officer in the City shall be deemed an allegation of a parking violation as herein provided.

These parking regulations will be in effect through March of 2016.

The Public Safety Department suggests that you clip this notice and keep it in your automobile. They ask for your continued cooperation in this attempt to promote public safety.

Ken Vanderlinden
Director of Public Safety



UPCOMING EVENTS HAPPENING AT THE ESCANABA PUBLIC LIBRARY

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| | <p>October 10th, 2015 - May 7th, 2016 - Saturdays at 1:30 p.m.</p> <p>Storyhour Story hours in the Children's Library has begun for this year, and will run every Saturday through May 7th, 2016 (excluding November 28, January 2, and March 26). The program is FREE for children 4 years or older. No registration is required. Storyhour will include stories, simple crafts, book bingo, and occasionally a book-related movie or special guest.</p> |
| | <p>January 6th - February 10th, 2016 - Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>Toddler Time (Session 2) Toddler Time in the Children's Library takes place on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. This program is FREE and designed for toddlers ages 2 to 4 years. Participation is limited, and registration is required. Call 906-789-7328 to register. NOTE: Session 3 Dates run March 9 - April 20.</p> |
| | <p>January 8th - February 19th, 2016 - Fridays at 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>Library Babies (Session 2) Library Babies in the Children's Library takes place on Fridays at 10:30 a.m. This program is FREE and designed for babies 3 months to 23 months. Participation is limited and registration is required. Children must be accompanied by an adult. The program involved simple stories, rhymes, movement, song's/music and playtime. Library Babies introduces your child to early literacy skills and also allows you to get to know the younger families. Call 906-789-7328 to register. NOTE: Session 3 Dates run March 11 - April 29.</p> |
| | <p>January 11th - February 27th, 2016</p> <p>Hot Reads for Cold Nights: Adult Winter Reading Program Read or listen to a book and be entered in a drawing to win prizes. Program open to adults 18 and older with an Escanaba Public Library card. Sponsored by the Friends of the Escanaba Public Library.</p> |
| | <p>Thursday, January 28 at 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Altered Book Art Transform a used book into a unique object in this ongoing series. Call the library at 789-7323 to reserve your space.</p> |



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5TH GIRLS AND BOYS GRADE BASKETBALL LEAGUE



GIRLS

5th Grade Girls: Open to 5th grade girls from Escanaba, Gladstone, Holy Name, Bark River, or Rapid River Schools. Registration forms will be available at schools mid-January. Tentative game schedule will be as follows:

- Saturday, February 20, 2016
- Friday, February 26, 2016
- Saturday, February 27, 2016
- Saturday, March 5, 2016
- Saturday, March 12, 2016
- Saturday, March 19, 2016

BOYS

5th Grade Boys: Open to 5th grade boys from Escanaba, Gladstone, Holy Name, Bark River, or Rapid River Schools. Registration forms will be available at schools mid-January. Tentative game schedule will be as follows:

- Saturday, January 16, 2016
- Saturday, January 23, 2016
- Saturday, January 30, 2016
- Friday, February 5, 2016
- Saturday, February 6, 2016
- Saturday, February 13, 2016

Forms also available at www.escanaba.org

6TH GRADE GIRLS RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL

Join recreational volleyball to learn skill building, teamwork, sportsmanship & fun under the supervision and guidance of an IMPACT Certified Instructor. This **free program** is limited to the first 36 registrants and open to students in the Escanaba or Holy Name School System.



Held in the Civic Center gymnasium on Mondays from 4:00—5:30 p.m.

Session begins Monday, January 18th through Monday, March 28, 2015.

WOMEN'S ADULT VOLLEYBALL

Fee is \$5 per day or \$35 per year (resident) or \$40 per year (non-resident).

Games are held in the Civic Center gym.

Mondays and Wednesdays from 12:00—2:30 p.m.

WINTER AEROBICS

The City of Escanaba Recreation Department offers a safe and effective method to becoming physically fit. Dance and step aerobics classes are offered at the Civic Center, 225 N. 21st St., Escanaba, Monday thru Thursday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. and Tuesday thru Thursday from 5:30-6:30 p.m.



**WINTER SESSION 2016 - 11 WEEKS
JANUARY 6 - MARCH 24, 2016**

Class Fee: \$105 for 11 weeks or \$5 per class drop in fee

For more information call the Recreation Dept. at 786-4141

Room Rentals Available for Parties, Showers, & Meetings at the Civic Center

The Catherine Bonifas Civic Center has a four meeting rooms, kitchen, pistol/archery range and gymnasium available for rent on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis. Rates are reasonable and offer a variety of furnishings. Ideal for baby and wedding showers, birthday parties, recreation, social, governmental, or club activities. Room reservations are taken on a first come, first served basis and the Recreation Department staff will make every effort to accommodate your request for a reservation. Rooms also available for lease.

To inquire, e-mail recreation@escanaba.org, stop by in person or call (906) 786-4141 for more information.

ADULT OPEN GYM SCHEDULE

The Open Gym schedule is available at the Recreation Dept. Office or on-line at www.escanaba.org

Fee is \$5.00 per day or \$35.00 per year (resident) or \$40.00 per year (non-resident).



MEN'S RECREATIONAL BASKETBALL

Open to all men on a drop-in basis.
 Fee is \$5.00 per day or \$35.00 per year (resident) or \$40.00 per year (non-resident).
 College pass \$3.

In the Gym: *Mon-Wed-Fri 6:00 - 7:30 a.m.

*Subject to having enough players
 ?'s Call 786-4141



Civic Center

Pistol Range
Mondays
6:00 - 8:50 pm

Archery
Tuesdays
6:00 - 8:50 pm

For Information Call
786-4141



Senior Games, Bingo, and Card Playing



Bingo is held every Tuesday from 1-3 p.m.
 Play bridge on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. and Pinochle on Fridays at 10:00 a.m.

Wii games also available.



Escanaba Civic Center

LAPTOP HOMEWORK CENTER
(September to April)

Open to youth M-F 2:30-6:30pm.
 Must have current Civic Center Student Membership (free upon registration) and signed internet parental consent required for use.



Senior Citizen Line Dancing

Line dancing Monday and Thursday from 1:00-2:30pm.
 Beginner line dancing on Wednesday from 1:00-2:30pm.
 No fees, donations accepted.



For more information call the Senior Center at 786-8850.

NEW YEARS EVE/DAY SCHEDULE FOR CITY OF ESCANABA BUILDINGS

All City of Escanaba Business Offices:

Thursday, December 31, 2015 - Closed at 12:00 noon
 Friday, January 1, 2016 - Closed

The Escanaba Public Library:

Thursday, December 31, 2015 - Open 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
 Friday, January 1, 2016 - Closed
 Saturday, January 2, 2016 - Open 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

The Catherine Bonifas Civic Center:

Thursday, December 31, 2015 -
 Open 7:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon & Open 5:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
 Friday, January 1, 2016 - Closed
 Saturday, January 2, 2016 - Closed

All City Garbage collections will be as follows:

Monday pick up will be on Monday
 Tuesday pick up will be on Tuesday
 Wednesday recycling will be on Wednesday
 Thursday pick up will be on Thursday
 Friday pick up will be on Saturday



Thank You to Michael Hall of Black Iris Studio for sharing this beautiful picture of the Sand Point Lighthouse from a cold morning in 2012. If you have any photos you would like to contribute to the City of Escanaba Monthly Newsletter, please email them to Lisa Glish at lglish@escanaba.org.



The Bay de Noc Brewers made a \$10,000 donation to our local United Way from the proceeds of the Uptoberfest event

**CITY OF ESCANABA
 NEIGHBORHOOD ENFORCEMENT HOTLINE**

Do you have rubbish, un-shoveled sidewalks, dilapidated buildings or non-running vehicles in your neighborhood?

You can call the City of Escanaba’s Neighborhood Code Enforcement Hotline to report your concerns.

CALL: 789-7317
 or e-mail: bdegrave@escanaba.org



Photographs Wanted!

Do you enjoy taking pictures and sharing them with your friends and neighbors? If so, the City of Escanaba is looking for current photographs of people, places and events taking place in the City of Escanaba. If you are interested in contributing a photograph for possible publishing in our Community Update, please forward the picture to Lisa Glish at lglish@escanaba.org.



CITY HALL HOURS OF OPERATION

MONDAY—FRIDAY—7:30 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.
City Council Meetings are held the first and third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, Council Chambers, 410 Ludington Street, Escanaba, MI 49829.



Accepted at Delta Wide Recycling Facility

♻️ RECYCLE HERE ♻️



Newspaper & inserts



Aluminum cans



Tin or steel cans



Office paper & file folders



Cardboard (flatten all boxes)
Paper bags



Telephone books



Junk mail



Magazines & catalogs



Plastic bottles & containers



PLEASE

No Glass

No Styrofoam

No Pizza Boxes

No Waxed Boxes

No Cereal / Cake Mix Boxes

No Food Contaminated

Paper or Containers

Find Holiday Hours And
Authority Board Meetings At:
www.dswma.org or call (906)786-9056

HOURS: M-W 8am-3pm

Thurs 8am-6pm

F 8am-3pm

Sat 8am-12pm

Contact your waste provider for accepted
pick up materials and scheduled pick up times

CITY OF ESCANABA RECREATION DEPARTMENT HAS FACILITIES AVAILABLE FOR RENT



LUDINGTON PARK PAVILION—The Ludington Park Pavilion is located near the south end of the 120 acre Ludington Park. The Pavilion support facilities include: Ample 110-volt electric service, potable water for cooking/cleaning and a large capacity barbeque grill. The facility is capable of accommodating 10 eight-person picnic tables with ample green space in the surrounding area to facilitate additional tables/persons. Clean, modern restroom facilities are located conveniently close to the Pavilion. Parking accommodations are also close by at the tennis court lot, Jenkin’s Drive or the Band Shell parking lot.

Advance reservations required for family socials, picnics and outings. One-half day reservation fee of \$75 resident and \$100 non-resident. Half-day reservation can be made before or after 4:00 p.m. Full day reservation fee of \$100 resident and \$125 non-resident .

LUDINGTON PARK GAZEBO—The Gazebo is located across from the Sand Point Lighthouse near the east end of Ludington Park. The 20’ x 20’ Gazebo is equipped with both internal and external electrical outlets and external lighting for subtle nighttime illumination. Many people have found the Ludington Park Gazebo an excellent location for wedding ceremonies, wedding pictures and family reunion pictures. This facility provides beautiful views of the Ludington Park Fountain and the Harbor. On-street parking is available. Restrooms are nearby at the Municipal Marina.



Advance reservations required for wedding ceremonies, family/group pictures, etc. \$50 fee per two-hour block for resident and \$75 for non-resident.

LUDINGTON PARK BAND SHELL—The Band Shell is a multi-use facility capable of accommodating performances, plays, concerts, religious functions and other ceremonies and social events. Located on the south end of Ludington Park, the facility is capable of seating 300 people with a large expanse of green area and hills to accommodate hundreds of other spectators. Support facilities for the Band Shell include parking for approximately 100 vehicles and restroom facilities immediately north of the Band Shell area.

Advanced reservations required for use of the Ludington Park Band Shell. One-half day reservation fee of \$75 for resident and \$100 for non-resident. Half-day reservations can be made before or after 4:00 p.m. Full-day reservation fee of \$100 for resident and \$125 for non-resident.



**FOR RESERVATIONS CALL THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT
AT (906) 786-4141**

JAVA WITH JIM



Join
City of Escanaba Manager
Jim O'Toole
for coffee and conversation
at Swedish Pantry,
819 Ludington Street,
every third Wednesday
of the month from
8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Next Date: January 20, 2016



Bill Boyce has recently been promoted to Operator II on December 7, 2015. Bill has been with the City of Escanaba since May 17, 1999 and has held the positions of Seasonal Public Works Laborer, Sanitary Laborer, Laborer and Skilled Laborer with the Public Works Department. Bill lives in Gladstone with his wife, Natalie of 13 years, and their children, Halleigh Elaine (12), Isaiah (9), and Liam (7). In his spare time he enjoys golf, hockey, paint ball, and spending time with his family.

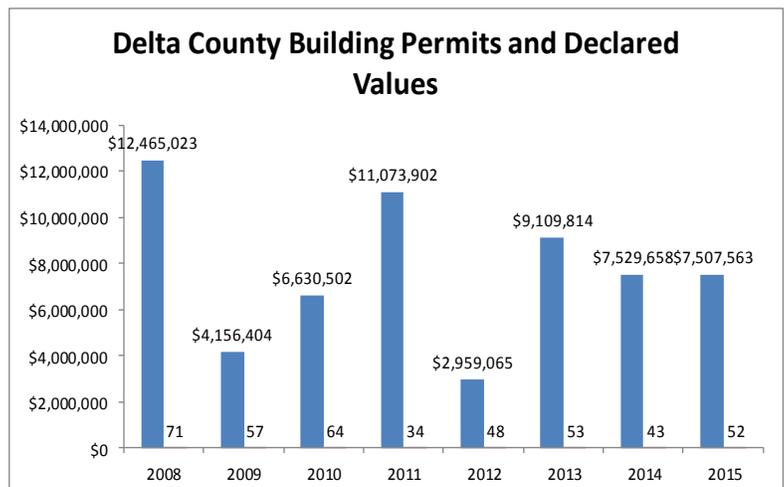
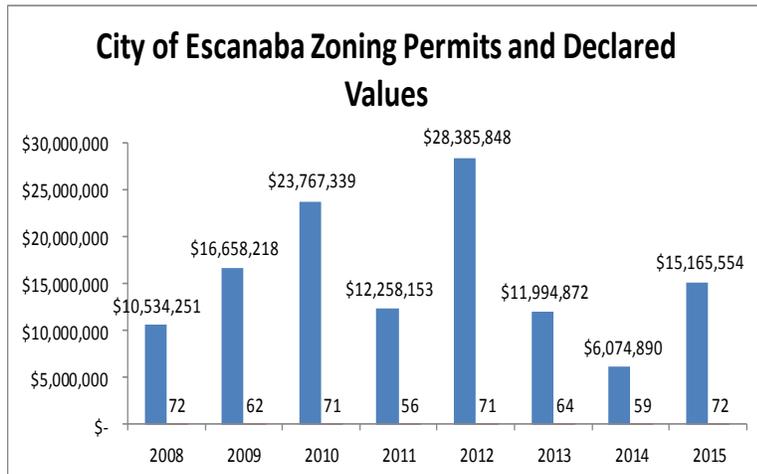


Brian Nelson has recently been hired, and promoted in the Public Safety Dispatcher Department. Brian was hired on October 29, 2015 as a Part-Time Dispatcher, and then accepted a Full-Time Dispatcher position on December 16, 2015. He grew up in the Ford River area, where he joined the Volunteer Fire Department 22 years ago, and now holds the title of Assistant Fire Chief. Brian has been a resident of Escanaba for 7 years. In his spare time he enjoys hunting, fishing, and any other outdoor activities.

ZONING PERMITS REPORT

January 1, 2015 thru December 22, 2015

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| 3 | NEW RESIDENTIAL HOME | \$ 881,960 |
| 29 | RESIDENTIAL REMODEL | \$ 346,524 |
| 4 | NEW COMMERCIAL | \$ 8,252,000 |
| 25 | COMMERCIAL REMODEL | \$ 5,392,120 |
| 1 | CHANGE OF USE | \$ - |
| 0 | HOME OCCUPATION | \$ - |
| 0 | LAND USE PERMIT | \$ - |
| 10 | DEMOLITION PERMIT | \$ 292,950 |
| 72 | TOTAL | \$ 15,165,554 |



COUNCIL ACTIONS - DECEMBER 2015

Regular Council Meeting, December 3, 2015

1. Adopted Ordinance No. 1165, an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 10, Elections, of the City Code of Ordinances in the City of Escanaba, changing the location of Precinct 3 to the Catherine Bonifas Civic Center.
2. Approved an extension of the Combustion Turbine Generator Insurance for six months from Marsh USA, Inc., General Liability extension to expire on 6/5/2016: \$15,781.50 premium, and Excess Liability extension to expire on 6/5/2016: \$29,879 premium.

Regular Council Meeting, December 17, 2015

1. Approved of a Purchase and Sale Agreement between the City of Escanaba and Dun Yet Enterprises, LLC (a.k.a. Mr. Jon Liss), of Escanaba, Michigan in the amount of \$500,000, for the Escanaba Power Plant.
2. Approved The Delta County Economic Development Alliance request for their annual appropriation in the amount of \$20,000.
3. Approved five (5) public hearings dates for public input on the 2016/17 Fiscal Year Budget.
4. Approved the Escanaba Downtown Development Authority request to close off South 11th Street from Ludington Street to 1st. Avenue South on December 31, 2015, from 10:00 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. for the 3rd Annual Downtown New Year's Eve Pasty Drop at midnight.
5. Approved a Planning Commission recommendation that Christine Williams be appointed as the primary member and Patrick Conner be appointed as the alternate member as the Escanaba Planning Commission representative on the Delta County Planning Commission through December 31, 2018.
6. Approved a four (4) year Energy Optimization Administrative Services Agreement with the Michigan Electric Cooperative Association (MECA) for them to act as the Energy Optimization Administrator for the City of Escanaba.
7. Approved to retain the Central Upper Peninsula Planning and Development Agency (CUPPAD) as the MEDC Façade Improvement Program Grant Administrator as part of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation funded Façade Improvement Program.
8. Approved to transfer OPRA Exemption Certificate No. 3-05-0037 from Degrand Enterprises, LLC to Spaulding Enterprises, LLC as a result of the sale of the property.

CITY SERVICES AND INFORMATION

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor
 Marc Tall
mtall@escanaba.org
 786-4798

Mayor Pro-Tem
 Ron Beauchamp
rbeauchamp@escanaba.org
 280-8378

Councilmember
 Patricia Baribeau
pbaribeau@escanaba.org
 786-0532

Councilmember
 Ralph Blasier
rblasier@escanaba.org
 786-6493

Councilmember
 Michael Sattem
msattem@escanaba.org
 399-0316

GENERAL GOVERNMENT OFFICE STAFF

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| City Manager - Jim O'Toole | jotoole@escanaba.org | 786-9402 |
| City Controller - Melissa Becotte | mbecotte@escanaba.org | 786-0605 |
| Water/Wastewater Sup. - Jeff Lampi | jlampi@escanaba.org | 786-3291 |
| Public Works Sup./City Eng. - Bill Farrell | bfarrell@escanaba.org | 786-1842 |
| Electric Superintendent - Mike Furmanski | mfurmanski@escanaba.org | 786-0061 |
| Public Safety Director - Ken Vanderlinden | kvanderlinden@escanaba.org | 786-5911 |
| Recreation Director - Kim Peterson | kpeterson@escanaba.org | 786-4141 |
| City Clerk - Bob Richards | clerk@escanaba.org | 786-1194 |
| Library Director - Carolyn Stacey | cstacey@escanaba.org | 789-7323 |
| HR Director/City Treasurer - Bob Valentine | bvalentine@escanaba.org | 786-0552 |
| City Assessor - Daina Norden | dnorden@escanaba.org | 786-9402 |
| Harbor Master - Larry Gravatt | lgravatt@escanaba.org | 786-9614 |
| Code Compliance Inspector—Blaine DeGrave | bdegrave@escanaba.org | 786-9402 |

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

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| Escanaba Public Safety - Emergency 911 | | | |
| Escanaba Public Safety - General | 786-5911 | Wastewater Questions/Issues | 786-1301 |
| Garbage/Recycling Information | 786-1842 | Escanaba Public Library | 789-7323 |
| Snow Plowing/Removal | 786-1842 | Escanaba DDA | 789-8696 |
| Potable Water Questions/Issues | 786-3291 | Electrical Questions/Issues | 786-0061 |
| Neighborhood Complaint Hotline | 789-7317 | Civic Center/Recreation | 786-4141 |



Left to Right: Councilmember Ralph Blasier, Councilmember Patricia Baribeau, Mayor Marc Tall, Councilmember Michael Sattem and Mayor Pro-Tem Ron Beauchamp

HELP WANTED!

Boards, Commissions and Committees

Currently Recruiting Boards, Commissions and Committees

Applications are accepted anytime—submit yours today!

City of Escanaba residents are invited to participate in the process of the City of Escanaba government. One of the most effective ways to participate is through service on one of the City's citizen boards, commissions or committees. Through these services, civic minded citizens become involved in their local government and make recommendations to the Escanaba City Council. As a result, the City benefits from the vast knowledge, experience and expertise of its citizens.

Board and Commission Member positions are all voluntary and are appointed by the Mayor, with the consensus of City Council. Once appointed, the time commitment for each board/commission varies, some meet on a regular schedule, others on an as needed basis. Preparation for some meetings may require additional time obligations. Once committed, your attendance at all regularly scheduled meetings is critical.

How to apply for Boards, Commissions and Committee Appointment:

Board, Commission and Committee members are appointed by the Mayor with the consensus of the Escanaba City Council.

To apply:

1. Review the list of preferences and areas of interest and determine your top choices. Every effort will be made to accommodate your first preference, but vacancies vary and demand for some boards may be higher than others.
2. Complete the required Boards and Commissions Application Form online or mail/fax it, along with your resume to: Office of the City Clerk, P. O. Box 948, 410 Ludington Street, Escanaba, MI 49829 or fax (906) 786-4755 or e-mail to clerk@escanaba.org.
3. As vacancies occur, applications are reviewed.
4. All members of boards, commissions and committees must be residents of the City of Escanaba, unless directed by the Escanaba City Council to waive the requirement or as specified in the bylaws of the board, commission or committee or as mandated by State Law. Members may not serve more than two full, consecutive terms and are expected to attend all regular and special meetings.
5. Applications will remain on file for one calendar year. A new application is required each year.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

CITY COUNCIL

Meets: The first and third Thursdays, 7:00 p.m., City Hall, Room C101

Comprised of five elected citizens to serve four-year terms. The election is held on the first Tuesday in November each odd-numbered year. Candidates must be U.S. citizens and a City of Escanaba resident. They are nominated at large by petitions, signed by not less than 50 qualified electors, and shall be filed with the City Clerk. The Council constitutes the legislative and governing body of the City, possessing all powers and authority to pass ordinances and adopt resolutions as they shall deem proper in order to exercise any or all powers held by the City.

BOARD OF APPEALS

Meets: Call of the Chair, City Hall, Room 101

Has the power to hear and decide appeals on matters where the Zoning Ordinance provides for review of an administrative interpretation, exception, or special approval permit. The Board can also authorize a variance from the strict application of the Zoning Ordinance. Six members are appointed for three-year terms.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION AND REVIEW

Meets: 1st Tues. following 1st Mon. in March

Hears appeals from all property owners who feel their property has been inaccurately assessed and has the power to make appropriate corrections in the tax roll. Consists of the Mayor and four members, two-thirds (2/3) which shall be tax-paying electors of the City. Board Members have indefinite terms and are reappointed every two years.

BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Meets: 4th Mon. of Month, 5:00 p.m., City Hall, Room 101

Responsible for formulation of general policies and procedures relating to library operation for preparation and submission of annual budgets, planning future operation, hiring and overseeing nonunion library employees, and other duties as may be assigned by the City Council. Five members are appointed for three-year terms.

BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Meets: 2nd Wed. of Month, 10:00 a.m., City Hall, Room 101

Facilitates the implementation of brownfield plans relating to the designation and treatment of brownfield redevelopment zones and to promote the revitalization of environmentally distressed areas in the community served by the City of Escanaba pursuant to Act 381. Five members are appointed for three-year terms.

CITIZENS' ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meets: Call of the Chair, City Hall, Room 101

Accumulates and coordinates citizen concerns as they pertain to environmental impacts within the City of Escanaba. Five members are appointed for three-year terms.

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (DDA)

Meets: 1st Wed. of Month; 7:30 a.m., City Hall, Room 101

Established under P. A. 197, 1975, creating a DDA Board made up of the Mayor and 7 members to be appointed by the Mayor with Council concurrence. Not less than a majority of the members shall be persons having an interest in property located in the downtown district. Not less than one of the members shall be a resident of the downtown district, as the Escanaba area has over 100 people residing within the area. The establishment of the DDA is to correct and prevent deterioration in the business district, as described in P. A. No. 197, 1975. The Mayor and City Manager will serve for an indefinite period. The seven members meeting the criteria set forth serve for a four-year period.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS (Cont.)

ELECTRICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meets: 2nd Wed. of Month, 6:00 p.m., City Hall, Room 101

Created to provide continuous information and recommendations to the Escanaba City Council on current trends, operations, and needs in our community. Seven members are appointed for three-year terms.

HARBOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meets: 2nd Tues. of Month, 5:00 p.m., City Hall, Room 101

Created for the purpose of advising Administration concerning operation of the Municipal Marina and concerning development, and improvements. Five members are appointed for three-year terms.

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Meets: 3rd Mon. of Month, 4:00 p.m., City Hall, Room 101

Created to regulate the construction, addition, alteration, repair, moving, excavation and demolition of resources in historic district within the City limits. Seven members are appointed for three-year terms.

HOUSING COMMISSION

Meets: 2nd Tues. of Month, 4:30 p.m., Harbor Tower

Created for the purpose of providing public housing for low-income & elderly persons, including management of publicly-owned housing. Five members are appointed for five-year terms.

LIQUOR LICENSE REVIEW BOARD

Meets: Call of the Chair, City Hall, Room 101

Created to review all applications for the issuance of new liquor licenses. After the Board's review and findings, a recommendation is made to the City Council. Three members are appointed, one (1) council member and two (2) city residents at large, each serving for a term of three (3) years.

LOAN ADMINISTRATION BOARD (LAB)

Meets: Every Jan/Apr/July/Oct, 3rd Thurs., 8:00 a.m., City Hall, Room 102

City's approval body for economic development loans. Loan requests that meet federal, state, and local requirements are presented to the Loan Administration Board for approval, modification, or denial. Five members are appointed for six-year terms.

LOCAL OFFICERS COMPENSATION COMMISSION

Meets: Every odd numbered year, Nov., City Hall, Room 102

Charged with determining the salaries and expense allowances of the City Council, the Mayor, and elected City officials. Five members are appointed for five-year terms.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Meets: 2nd Thurs. of Month, 6:00 p.m., City Hall, Room 101

Primary objective is to develop and oversee a master plan for the physical development of the City. The Commission recommends action to the City Council on preliminary plat applications, reviews and makes recommendations concerning proposed land development, rezoning, or amendments to the Zoning Ordinance. Nine members are appointed for three-year terms.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS (Cont.)

PUBLIC SAFETY RETIREMENT BOARD

Meets: 4th Tues. of Month, 8:00 a.m., City Hall, Room 102

Administers the investments which constitute the Pension Fund of Public Safety personnel covered under Act 345. Membership consists of the City Treasurer, two Public Safety Officers elected by their peers for four-year terms, and two citizens of Escanaba serving indefinite terms.

RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Meets: 2nd Tues. of Month, 6:00 p.m., City Hall, Room 101

Advises the City Council and Administration about all phases of recreation in the City, including current operations, long-term planning, and expenditures. Five members are appointed for three-year terms.

TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meets: 3rd Tues. of every other Month, 6:00 p.m., City Hall, Room 101

Serves the City Council and Administration in an advisory capacity, particularly as concerns vehicular traffic in the City. This includes traffic flow, parking restrictions, street cuts, and sidewalk planning. Five members serve three-year terms.



**New Year's Eve
Rock the Dock Event**

New Year's Eve
Thursday, December 31st
Civic Center Activities
5—8:30 p.m.
Fireworks 9:00 p.m. at the
Municipal Dock

Civic Center will be open on New Year's Eve

KIDS ARE WELCOME TO COME TO THE CIVIC CENTER ON NEW YEAR'S EVE, DECEMBER 31ST FROM 5:00 TO 8:30 P.M. THERE WILL BE A DANCE, GAME ROOM WILL BE OPEN. FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED FREE OF CHARGE.

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