

THE COMMUNITY UPDATE

A means to keep the community informed about the City's services, programs, activities and opportunities to participate.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

| Date | Time | Type of Meeting |
|-------|---------|--|
| 10/01 | 6:00pm | Manager's Call |
| 10/01 | 7:00pm | City Council |
| 10/06 | 6:00pm | Special Joint All Boards and Commissions |
| 10/07 | 7:30am | Downtown Development Auth. |
| 10/08 | 6:00pm | Planning Commission |
| 10/13 | 4:30pm | Housing Commission |
| 10/13 | 5:00pm | Harbor Advisory Committee |
| 10/13 | 6:00pm | Recreation Advisory Board |
| 10/14 | 10:00am | Brownfield Redevelopment Auth. |
| 10/14 | 12:00pm | Joint Governmental Meeting |
| 10/14 | 6:00pm | Electrical Advisory Committee |
| 10/15 | 8:00am | Loan Administration Board |
| 10/15 | 6:00pm | Manager's Call |
| 10/15 | 7:00pm | City Council |
| 10/19 | 4:00pm | Historic District Committee |
| 10/20 | 6:00pm | Traffic Safety Advisory Board |
| 10/21 | 8:30am | Java with Jim |
| 10/26 | 5:00pm | Board of Library Trustees |
| 10/27 | 8:00am | Public Safety Retirement Board |



Election Inspectors are needed for the November 3, 2015, City Council Election.

Applicants are asked to stop by the City Clerk's Office, Room 123 of City Hall, or Call (906) 786-1194 for details.



MONDAY October 5, 2015

LAST DAY

to Register to VOTE!

for the November General Election

Questions - Call 786-1194



**2015
Escanaba Little League
Senior Girls
(15-16 years old)
All-Star Softball Team**

**2015
Escanaba Minor League
Boys (9-10 years old)
All-Star Baseball Team**



**2015 Escanaba Minor League Boys (11 years old)
All-Star Baseball Team**



**Abate of Michigan, Inc.
Presents their Annual
Great Pumpkin Parade**

Saturday, October 3, 2015

12:00 p.m.

Ludington Street



**The Pink Pumpkins Breast
Cancer Awareness 5K**

**Saturday, October 3, 2015
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

Ludington Park Pavilion

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.**

SUPERIOR TRADE ZONE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



On September 24, 2015, the Superior Trade Zone Board of Directors had their first formal meeting. At the meeting the board discussed the purpose of the Superior Trade Zone, By-laws of the Board, appointed officers and talked about creating a Marketing plan. The Superior Trade Zone is a multi-governmental partnership between units of government in Delta and Marquette Counties. The Superior Trade Zone provides in helping to establish and implement programs which encourages regional economic growth, development, investment, job creation and job retention. There are eight (8) key roles of the Board:

- A. Educate the public about regional planning issues that will encourage economic development and investment, job creation and job retention, and ancillary growth.
- B. Cooperate and coordinate with other units of government on matters that impact the region with respect to economic development activities and functions supportive of economic development activities within the designated Superior Trade Zone Territory.
- C. Prepare, adopt, and maintain design standards to be applied to property and developments, which receive economic development incentives under the program and relevant laws.
- D. Prepare, adopt, and maintain a Superior Trade Zone Master Design Plan for areas within the district of the Corporation.
- E. Review Superior Trade Zone partners community's draft master plans when submitted for that purpose, and provide coordination of planning and zoning in other units of government when asked to do so.
- F. Review and comment on proposed public works projects for business development when part of a Superior Trade Zone Territory.
- G. Prepare and annually adopt an operating budget and capital improvement program.
- H. Prepare and review incentive plans.

Members of the Superior Trade Zone Corporation include: Bark River Township, Chocolay Township, City of Escanaba, City of Gladstone, City of Marquette, Delta County, Ely Township, Ford River Township, Forsyth Township, Garden Township, Ishpeming Township, Maple Ridge Township, Marquette County, Nahma Township, Richmond Township, and Wells Township.

COUNCIL ACTIONS - SEPTEMBER 2015

Regular Council Meeting, September 3, 2015

1. Approved the William Bonifas Fine Arts Center 2015-16 Service Agreement in the amount of \$5,000.
2. Approved the Delta County Historical Society annual 2015-16 Service Agreement in the amount of \$2,000.
3. Approved the annual Lease Agreement between the Community Action Agency Senior Center and the City of Escanaba for leased space at the Catherine Bonifas Civic Center building.
4. Approved a request from The United Way of Delta County, in conjunction with the Bay de Noc Brewer's Homebrew Club, to use the City Municipal Dock on October 10, 2015, from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the annual United Way of Delta County Uptoberfest.
5. Approved a request from Christ the King Lutheran Church to close off the 1,200 block of North 18th Street between 12th Avenue North and 13th Avenue North for their Fall Festival on September 27, 2015, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m..

Regular Council Meeting, September 17, 2015

1. Approved to retain MERIT Network, of Ann Arbor, MI, for continued internet services through July 1, 2020 in an annual amount not to exceed \$3,334.
2. Approved a request from Mr. Richard Semashko, owner of Wheels & Deals Pawn Shop, 1210 North Lincoln Road, to operate as a pawnbroker in the City of Escanaba.
3. Approved a request from the Great Lakes Sport and Recreation Club to renew their lease for 14 +/- acres of City-owned property on 19th Avenue North through June 30, 2016 with an option for an additional twelve (12) months.
4. Approved a request from Abate of Michigan, Inc. to use Ludington Street on Saturday, October 3, 2015, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m., for their annual Great Pumpkin Parade.
5. Approved a request from The Escanaba School District to use Ludington Street on Friday, September 25, 2015, from 5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., for their annual Homecoming Parade.
6. Approved to set a second reading and public hearing at a special City Council meeting scheduled for September 24, 2015 at 6:00 p.m., and approved a Municipal Services Agreement which would allow developers to seek funding from the State of Michigan Tax Credit Program for the renovation and upgrading of property located at 223 Ludington Street and 216 1st Avenue South.

Special Council Meeting, September 24, 2015

1. Approved Ordinance No. 1164, an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 26 – Taxation of the Code of Ordinance of the City of Escanaba.
2. Approved a contract with Visu-Sewer, Inc. of Pewaukee, WI to furnish and install all labor and material to reline a portion of sanitary pipe from the 23rd Avenue South Lift Station to Lakeshore Drive and a portion of sanitary pipe on South 19th Street, 200 feet +/- north of 8th Avenue South to 10th Avenue South in an amount not to exceed \$104,025.
3. Approved a one year contract with AT&T Centrex Service, Michigan, in an amount not to exceed \$11,000 for continued telephone services.

ZONING PERMITS REPORT

January 1, 2015 thru September 23, 2015

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|-----------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 2 | NEW RESIDENTIAL HOME | \$ 634,000 |
| 21 | RESIDENTIAL REMODEL | \$ 263,474 |
| 3 | NEW COMMERCIAL | \$ 7,510,000 |
| 23 | COMMERCIAL REMODEL | \$ 3,788,920 |
| 1 | CHANGE OF USE | \$ - |
| 0 | HOME OCCUPATION | \$ - |
| 0 | LAND USE PERMIT | \$ - |
| 8 | DEMOLITION PERMIT | \$ 269,450 |
| 58 | TOTAL | \$ 12,465,844 |



5TH/6TH GIRLS AND BOYS GRADE BASKETBALL PROGRAM



GIRLS

6th Grade Girls: Forms now available at the schools and also available on-line. Forms will be picked up from the Principal's Office on Friday, September 18, 2015. Coaches meeting Monday, September 21, 2015, at 5:00 p.m., Civic Center. Schedule subject to change/tentative schedule will be as follows:

Saturday, October 3, 2015
Saturday, October 10, 2015
Saturday, October 17, 2015
Saturday, October 24, 2015
Saturday, October 31, 2015
Saturday, November 7, 2015

5th Grade Girls: Forms will be available at the schools mid-January. Schedule to be announced.

BOYS

6th Grade Boys: Forms will be available at the schools mid-October. No games will be played the weekend of November 28, 2015. Schedule subject to change/ tentative schedule will be as follows:

Saturday, November 14, 2015
Saturday, November 21, 2015
Saturday, December 5, 2015
Friday, December 11, 2015
Saturday, December 12, 2015
Saturday, December 19, 2015

5th Grade Boys: Forms will be available at the schools mid-December. Schedule to be announced.

Forms also available at www.escanaba.org

DDA 2015 Façade Project

BEAUTIFUL BEGININGS PROPOSED FAÇADE IMPROVEMENTS

Design Goal:

Removal of wood paneled false front and awning, the existing brick veneer is not present beneath, from our investigation. The proposed design is to create a traditional downtown building with the existing wood framing beneath. The second story windows are still there, they will be re-introduced along with a storefront that resembles the 1940s image. The stair and door to the second floor will also be brought back. This building is also pursuing rental rehab for the second floor.

Additional Work to be Completed:

- Interior renovation to restore tin ceiling
- Carpet Removal and terrazzo floor restoration
- Bring the stair and entrance to upstairs back
- New pendant lighting in showroom area

New Cornice

Remove Wood and Stone Siding
New Smart Side Siding and Trim
and Painted Accents

New Windows at the Existing
Hidden Openings

Fixed Awning with Signage

New Aluminum Storefront—Bringing Door back to
upstairs and transoms above with Smart Side
Siding over a new Knee Wall below

Paint remaining brick columns (two) at
each side of the Façade



Circa 1940's

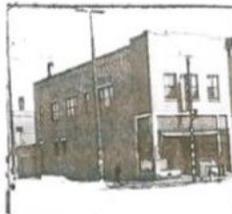


Building - Present

Designed By: Lisa Wrate, AIA
July 16, 2015

DISH NETWORK PROPOSED FAÇADE IMPROVEMENTS

Restore the historic intent of the building. Replace the storefront and restore the stained glass transom, new signage and canvas awnings. Clean and tuck pointing of the street facing facades. The rear entrance to the apartments will also be reconstructed along with bringing the store space back to the tin ceilings and new wall/floor finishes.



Historic Image



Building - Present

New Projection Signage

Repair and Restore Stained Glass

New Canvas Awnings

New Windows and Doors
At West Side and at Glass
Block



Clean Brick and Tuck Point
on both West and South
Sides of the Building

New Windows at the Second
Story, at South and West Sides
of the Building

Remove plywood and sign boards,
repair and patch in brick beneath

New Aluminum
Store Front System

New Aluminum
Door and Transom

Additional Work to be Completed:

- Repair Exterior Apartment Entrance
- Remove Drop Ceiling and Paneling to restore Tin and Walls in the Showroom Area

Designed By: Lisa Wrate, AIA
July 16, 2015

DDA 2015 Façade Project (Cont.)

LUDINGTON GRILL

PROPOSED FAÇADE IMPROVEMENTS

Design Goal:

Removal of the "Big Boy" awnings, create a wainscoting below the windows to join the building visually and bring a base to the buildings and dual awnings. Introduce a column to give the tall front appearance the original old bank façade has provided and cap with a new cornice with a large signage space.



Circa 1950's



Ludington Grill - Present



Remove wood canopies.
New cornice

New raised letter signage

New cornices

Paint bricks

Remove wood awnings and replace with new canvas awnings

New alum windows
New wainscot band below the windows, create with Smart Side



Tuck point and paint both sides

New windows in second floor

Frame brick with Smart-Sides trim framed columns with the exterior edge and window edge

New door

Additional Work to be Completed:

- Tuck point rear parapet area
- Paint rear of the building
- New roof on lower building

Designed By: Lisa Wrate, AIA
July 16, 2015

JIM'S MUSIC

PROPOSED FAÇADE IMPROVEMENTS

Removal of the 1950's glazed tiles, awning and wood frame/signage. The existing tile is broken and is often subject to vandalism. The glazed brick bands were broken off, they will be replaced with new. The existing cornice cleaned and repainted.

The proposed design is a modification of the original due to the use of the building, three doors are shown in the historical photo to access the two separate lease holds and the apartment stair. Today the building is occupied by one tenant. We have shown two full size doors in the center, the one to the left is door to the apartment stair, the one to the right accesses the store with a smaller door that is opened to allow the movement of large instruments. The small door will have a display insert for local performing arts activities. Signage will be letters applied to the glass along with a projection sign in its historical location.

The side of the building as a mural, that is peeling off. The intent is to remove the paint and prove a new base for murals to be annually painted by the local arts community. Also at the side/rear the remaining building is to be repainted and asphalt roofed/sided portion at the second level to be resided with metal siding.



Historic Image - Circa 1940



Jim's Music - Present
Projection sign

Repaint cornice

Clean brick

Remove T2-11 and wood framing

Display case

Restore glazed brick and at both side pilasters



Vinyl letters on windows

Restore Store Front to 1940's Circa

Additional Work to be Completed:

- Paint side and rear of building
- Re-side upper level wood framed area

Designed By: Lisa Wrate, AIA
July 16, 2015

DDA 2015 Façade Project (Cont.)

RAYMOND JAMES - FAMILY EYE CENTER PROPOSED FAÇADE IMPROVEMENTS

Design Goal:

Removal of metal screen and stone work. The screen is projected out from the façade, there are areas on the interior that are still intact and simply covered by the stone and metal. It is proposed to bring back the original storefront look and re-open the second story windows. The right side of the building is planning a significant interior renovation to expose the tin openings.

Additional Work to be Completed:

- Restore original tin ceiling in the Front Office Area
- New Walls to the Ceiling with borrowed lights to the adjacent spaces
- New floor covering throughout
- New light fixtures in Front Office Area
- Remove existing built-ins and refinish walls at the removal



Historic Image, Circa 1940's



Building - Present

- New Roof
- Restore Cornice
- Restore Window Hoods
- New Second Story Windows
- New Insulated Aluminum Store Front System, Transom to be opaque on Eye Care Side
- Signage - Letter on glass
- Restore Stone Columns



- Remove Metal Patch and Repair Brick and Cornices



- Sign Panel Below Transom
- New Canvas Awning



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July 16, 2015

WEIGHT WATCHERS AND JADE PROPOSED FAÇADE IMPROVEMENTS

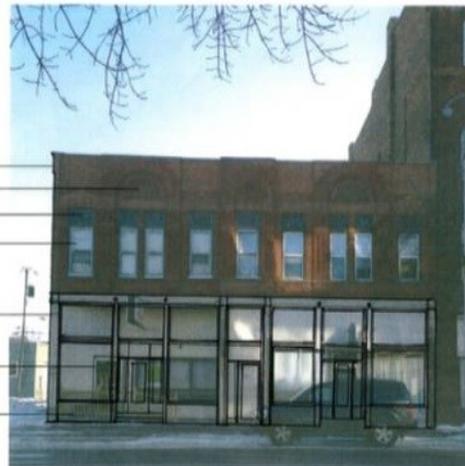
Design Goal:

Removal of the recessed weed framed store front, replacement of the second story windows and restoration of the existing stained glass to bring back the historical integrity of the façade. The plaster and paint on the side of the building will be removed and the brick stored and sealed. Repairs to the soffit at the side will also have to be completed. The side of the building is in full view when walking or driving on Ludington Street. The building has an accessible entrance and parking at the rear of the building.



Historic Photo - Circa 1920

- Remove plaster from side of the building clean and seal brick - Reconstruct parapet, Heal Roof, and provide new cap
- Clean and Repoint Front Façade as needed
- Stained Glass to be Restored
- New Windows at Second Floor
- Re-paint Decorative Cast Iron Header and Columns
- New Aluminum Storefront with opaque transoms and Knee Wall below
- Remove ramp (Accessible Entrance at Rear) Create new steps of poured concrete



Building - Present

Designed By: Lisa Wrate, AIA
July 16, 2015

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



LUDINGTON PARK

Open 7:30 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Picnicking, children's

playground, informal ball field, open areas for informal games, 4 lighted tennis courts, 6 sand volleyball courts, 1 outdoor basketball court, disc golf, pavilion and gazebo, band shell with concerts scheduled throughout the summer, bicycle path, and public restrooms.

For reservations contact the Recreation Dept. 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.



Brooks Bougie has recently been hired as the Recreation Office Assistant/Custodian. Brooks is the proud father to his son, Bryson (4). Brooks was born and raised in Escanaba. He is a graduate of LSSU, with his Bachelor's in Business Administration- Management. In his personal time, Brooks' hobbies include trout fishing and deer hunting, as well as watching the Green Bay Packers.

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: October 21, 2015

RIDE YELLOW. 4 FREE.

Sign Out a FREE Bike & Enjoy!





Escanaba Municipal Marina



The Escanaba— PHDM is pleased to announce the return of the yellow bike program to ensure that adult residents and visitors have access to safe, convenient, and fun opportunities to be physically active in their daily routines. The Escanaba Yellow Bike Program is an absolutely FREE community bike program to those at least 18 years old to utilize for errands, physical activity, enjoying scenery or try something fun!

This program will help create and maintain an environment that encourages and supports physical activity, making Escanaba a healthier place and removing barriers to physical activity making it easy for people to be active.

To be eligible to check-out a FREE bike, the user must be 18 years old and present a valid form of identification (i.e. drivers' license, birth certificate, passport, etc.). The yellow bikes are available at the Escanaba Municipal Marina. Just go there and tell them you'd like to use a yellow bike! The bikes

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

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



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.



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