

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
10/06	6:00pm	Manager's Call
10/06	7:00pm	City Council Meeting
10/11	4:30pm	Housing Commission
10/18	6:00pm	Planning Commission
10/18	6:00pm	Traffic Safety Advisory Committee
10/19	6:30pm	League of Women Candidate Forum
10/20	8:00am	Loan Administration Board
10/20	6:00pm	Manager's Call
10/20	7:00pm	City Council
10/21	2:00pm	Bid - North Substation
10/24	5:00pm	Board of Library Trustees
10/25	8:00am	Public Safety Retirement Board
10/26	4:00pm	Joint City Council and Electrical Advisory Committee
10/27	8:00pm	Downtown Development Authority
10/27	1:30pm	Recreation Advisory Board Work Session

LEAF COLLECTION IN ESCANABA

Public Works will make every attempt to collect leaves from your address on your garbage collection day. It is not possible to accurately inform residents of the exact day leaf collection will occur. During the collection period, please contact the Department of Public Works for an update on collection.

Only leaves will be collected, sticks and other yard debris will not. Leaves should be raked to the street at the curb line.

Citizens who choose to bag leaves are encouraged to transport them to the compost Delta County Landfill Compost Facility drop site located at 5701 19th Avenue North. Leaves must be emptied from bags and bags placed in garbage barrels.

Leaves will NOT be picked up with the regular garbage collection.

Leaf collection will run from approximately October 24 to November 18, 2016.

Questions – call Escanaba Public Works - 786-1842



HOW DO WE COMPARE?

City/Utility	Project example customer classification and usage—Effective October 2016		
	Residential 500 kWh/mo	Commercial 4000 kWh/mo	Large Power 200,000 kWh & 463 kW
Escanaba City of Escanaba	\$56.23	1 Ph \$365.38 3 Ph \$373.75	\$16,151.42
Manistique Cloverland REA	\$57.96	\$418.42	\$19,219.89
Menominee WPS	\$62.78	\$450.80	\$17,667.93
Gladstone City of Gladstone/WPP	\$68.05	1 Ph \$494.80 3 Ph \$495.80	\$19,191.00
Iron Mountain WE Energies	\$78.33	1 Ph \$591.35 3 Ph \$605.66	\$22,424.18
Marquette Marquette BLP	\$84.00	\$665.00	\$29,239.50
Ishpeming UPPCO	\$114.83	\$731.48	\$24,909.77
Traverse City Traverse City L&P	\$53.00	\$497.40	\$17,703.00
Alpena Alpena Power Co	\$64.11	\$484.28	\$19,024.21
Gaylord Great Lakes Energy	\$75.41	\$515.76	\$16,359.00
Cadillac Consumer's	\$75.10	\$413.38	\$24,361.25

2016-2017 Cost of Water and Wastewater Per 5,000 Gallons Per Month			
City	Water Rate	Wastewater Rate	Combined Rate
Kingsford**	\$14.00	\$18.65	\$32.65
Escanaba	\$28.10	\$20.14	\$48.24
Iron Mountain**	\$31.25	\$22.98	\$54.23
Gladstone	\$36.00	\$39.25	\$75.25
Marquette (2015)*	\$38.71	\$51.76	\$90.47
Sault Ste. Marie	\$45.00	\$52.22	\$97.22
Iron Wood	\$54.10	\$72.67	\$126.77
Munising	\$57.21	\$80.55	\$137.76
Manistique	\$76.38	\$74.64	\$151.02
*Marquette's rates are from 2015. The 2016-2017 rates will be available October 1st.			
** Kingsford & Iron Mountain are a Joint Sewer Authority - They only take care of the Wastewater Plant (no Collection System). The Wastewater Plant bills the community on the flow of the meter reading at the plant - meaning they get paid for every gallon coming into the plant (including rain water and snow melt).			

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

US-2/US-41/M-35 Escanaba River Bridge - 2017, 2018



Construction and motorist information

What Is Being Done?

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is removing and replacing the bridges over the Escanaba River and under the E&LS Railroad beginning in spring 2017. This will involve replacement of the Escanaba River Bridge, 0.75 miles of roadway realignment and reconstruction, replacement of the E&LS Railroad Bridge and 3,000 feet of track.

Total Cost: \$17.9 million

When Will This Be Done?

The project is scheduled to begin in April 2017 and be completed in October 2018.

How Will Traffic Be Affected?

The project will be constructed part width to maintain one lane of traffic in each direction and minimize detouring. The southbound half of the bridge will be built in 2017 and the northbound half in 2018.

Detour route information:

- An estimated 7 total days of detours will be needed over the length of the 2-year project.
- The 9.5-mile detour route is via Delta County roads 426, 420, 531, and M-35.
- Will be coordinated with County Road Commission.

Long-term Benefits

The highway bridge was constructed in 1929 and widened in 1956. It is considered “functionally obsolete” — not up to current standards. The new bridge will have improved alignment — a gradual curve instead of curve-straight-curve. Some of the “dip” will be eliminated. The new bridge will be 37 feet wider -- including wide shoulders and a pedestrian path. The railroad bridge will be moved to the south, away from the river, creating better sight lines.

How Will We Keep Motorists Informed?

When we get closer to the project, up-to-date information will be at www.michigan.gov/drive or via the free Mi Drive app from iTunes and Google Play.

For More Information

Call the Crystal Falls Transportation Service Center:
(906) 875-6644

Visit MDOT's website at: www.michigan.gov/mdot

Facebook:
MichiganDOT

Follow us on Twitter:
@MDOT_UP

MAP



NEW HIRES + PROMOTIONS



NEW ESCANABA PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS



Pictured above shows Robert Richards, City Clerk swearing in Officer Gregory Kurtz (left) and Officer Austin Young (right).



Gregory Kurtz has recently been hired as a Public Safety Officer for the Escanaba Public Safety Department on August 29, 2016. He has one daughter, Eve (2). In Greg's spare time he enjoys hunting, fishing, and spending time with family.

Austin Young has recently been hired as a Public Safety Officer for the Escanaba Public Safety Department on August 29, 2016. He is a graduate of Northern Michigan University and took part in the NMU RPA, and currently resides in Escanaba. Austin's hobbies include hunting, fishing, and anything that includes any type of sports.

NEW HIRES + PROMOTIONS



Jayson Farley has recently been hired as a Skilled Laborer in the Water/Wastewater Department on September 15, 2016. He currently resides in Spalding, MI. In Jacob's spare time he enjoys hunting and fishing.

Jerry Pirkola has recently been hired as a Distribution Engineer for the Electric Department. He currently resides in Ford River with his wife, Melanie. In Jerry's spare time he enjoys woodworking.



Roxanne Spencer has recently been hired as a Confidential Secretary at City Hall. She currently resides in Escanaba with her husband of 20 years, Daren, and their two daughters, Alli (18) and Zoe (14). In Roxanne's spare time she enjoys crocheting, quilting, sewing and reading.



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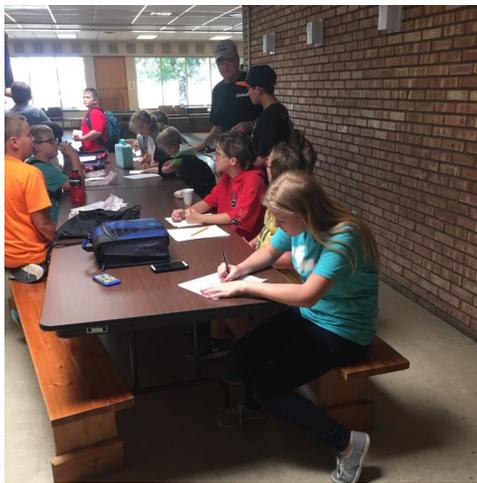
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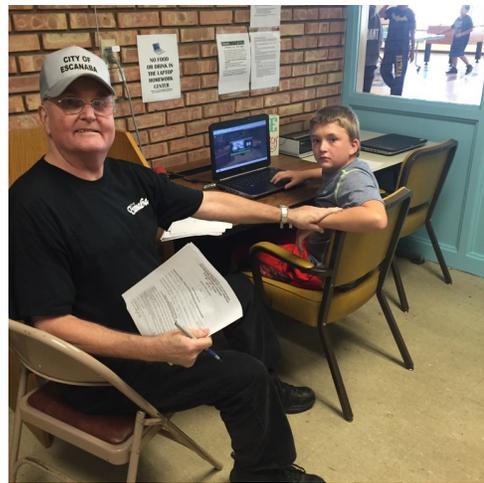


BACK-TO-SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

TOOK PLACE ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH
AT THE CATHERINE BONIFAS CIVIC CENTER



Students registering during
Open House



Civic Center Attendant John Lark
helping with computer registration



Students playing a game of
Lighting Basketball



Card game anyone?

City Council Actions - September and October 2016

Regular Council Meeting, September 1, 2016

1. Approved a CDBG resolution which supported the approval of a \$100,000 loan from Northern Initiatives to Northern Machining and Repair, Inc. of Escanaba, MI.
2. Approved a request from the Escanaba School District to use Ludington Street on Friday, September 30, 2016, from 5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., for their annual Homecoming Parade.
3. Approved a request from Abate of Michigan, Inc. to use Ludington Street on Saturday, October 1, 2016, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. for their annual Great Pumpkin Parade.
4. Approved the purchase of a 2016 trailer mounted vacuum leaf collector from Superior Equipment, Inc. of Iron Mountain, MI. in the amount of \$33,500.

Regular Council Meeting, September 15, 2016

1. Approved Ordinance No. 1174, and a Municipal Services Agreement for the House of Ludington project.
2. Approved Traffic Control Order (TCO) No. 990, for the installation of (2) Speed Limit signs of 15 MPH (Prima Facie) be placed on Aronson Island.
3. 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 8, 2016, from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for their annual United Way of Delta County Uptoberfest.

Regular Council Meeting, October 6, 2016

1. Approved the new City of Escanaba Master Plan.
2. Approved an Abandonment of Right-of-Way Policy #100616-01.
3. Approved to internally refinance two (2) outstanding marina loans by combining the two (2) existing internal loans into a single loan, amortized over 15 years at a rate of three (3%) percent.
4. Approved a resolution that they be recognized Upper Peninsula Down Syndrome Association (UPDSA) as a nonprofit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining a Charitable Gaming License from the State of Michigan.

Regular Council Meeting, October 20, 2016

1. Scheduled a public hearing for November 3, 2016 on a proposed land purchase offer from Basic Marine Inc. to purchase City-owned property located adjacent to the Delta County Jail facility along the lake shore between North 3rd and 4th Street.
2. Approved a request from Mr. Richard Semashko, owner of Wheels & Deals Pawn Shop, 1210 North Lincoln Road, to continue operations as a pawnbroker in the City of Escanaba.



Trick or Treating in Escanaba

will be held
Monday
October 31st
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.



Java with Jim

Sept. 21, 2016
 Oct. 19, 2016
 Nov. 16, 2016
 Dec. 21, 2016



8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
 Swedish Pantry, 819 Ludington St.

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 - Robert LaMarche	rlamarche@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@escanabalibrary.org	789-7323
HR Director/City Treasurer - Bob Valentine	bvalentine@escanaba.org	786-0552
City Assessor		786-9402
Harbor Master - Larry Gravatt	lgravatt@escanaba.org	786-9614
Code Compliance Inspector—Blaine DeGrave	bdegrave@escanaba.org	786-9402

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

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



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

CATHERINE BONIFAS CIVIC CENTER

The Escanaba Recreation Department has planned a wide variety of programs for citizens young and old. Civic Center schedules, program information and sign-up forms are available at the City of Escanaba's website for the Escanaba Recreation Department at www.escanaba.org.

Fees

Students are not charged a fee to utilize the Catherine Bonifas Civic Center. Adult open use of the gym, game room and pistol/archery range requires a \$5 daily use fee or a \$35 annual use fee for residents and \$40 for non-residents. Daily college pass is \$3. Fees can be paid at the Recreation Office. Daily passes are valid for date posted and annual passes are valid from September 1, 2016, to August 31, 2017.

Clerk's Office



Room Rental for Parties, Showers or Meetings

The Catherine Bonifas Civic Center has four rooms, kitchen and gym 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, government or club activities.

To inquire, please e-mail recreation@escanaba.org, stop by in person at the Catherine Bonifas Civic Center or call (906) 786-4141 for more information.

Clerk's Office

LAPTOP HOMEWORK CENTER

(September to April)

Must have current Civic Center Student Membership (free upon registration) and signed internet parental consent required for use.



Clerk's Office



Participants are encouraged to consult the gym and game room schedule prior to scheduling their activity. Call 786-4141 for schedules and information.

City Clerk's Office



YOUTH/TEEN CENTER SCHEDULE

Fall activities begin Monday, September 12, 2016, and will be made available through Friday, May 5, 2017.

High School - Grades 9th to 12th

Monday - Friday 2:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. & Sat. 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Jr. High School - Grades 7th to 8th

Monday - Friday 2:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. & Sat. 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Upper Elementary - Grades 4th to 6th

Monday - Friday 2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. & Sat. 1 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Due to scheduled activities, the gym will be closed Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Clerk's Office

YOUTH/TEEN CENTER ACTIVITIES

Game Room Activities:

- *Ping Pong
- *Pool
- *Foosball
- *Air Hockey
- *Bull's Eye
- *Reading Books
- *Bumper Pool
- *Chess & checkers
- *Card & Board Games



Gym Activities:

- *Basketball
- *Volleyball
- *Bean Bag Toss
- *Soccer
- *Q-Tip Hockey
- *Shuffleboard
- *Dodgeball



Civic Center Activity and Gym & Game Room Schedule available on-line at: www.escanaba.org

Clerk's Office

6th Grade Boys Basketball

Forms will be distributed at the schools mid-October and also on-line.

Tentative schedule is as follows:

- Friday, November 11, 2016
- Saturday, November 19, 2016
- Saturday, December 3, 2016
- Friday, December 9, 2016
- Saturday, December 10, 2016
- Saturday, December 17, 2016

Clerk's Office

6th Grade Girls Basketball

Forms now available at the schools and also available on-line.

Tentative Schedule will be as follows:

- Saturday, October 8, 2016
- Saturday, October 15, 2016
- Saturday, October 22, 2016
- Friday, October 28, 2016
- Saturday, October 29, 2016
- Saturday, November 5, 2016

Clerk's Office

MEN'S RECREATIONAL BASKETBALL

Open to all men on a drop-in basis.

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

*Subject to having enough players

?s Call 786-4141

Clerk's Office

5th Grade Girls Basketball



Forms will be available at the schools in mid-January at which time a schedule will be announced.



Clerk's Office

WOMEN'S OPEN VOLLEYBALL



Open to all women on a drop-in basis. Power volleyball is not permitted.

In the Gym: Mon/Wed 12 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.



Clerk's Office

Pickleball



Join this growing sport which is similar to ping pong and tennis. This sport is for all ages.

Tuesday & Thursday @ 10:45 a.m - 1:00 p.m.
Saturday @ 5 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Bring your own paddles or use ours (limited number available).



For more information call: Recreation Dpt. 786-4141

Clerk's Office

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).



ESCANABA SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTER

Recreational & Social Activities
M-F 8:30 am to 3:00 pm
Call 786-8850



Clerk's Office

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

Clerk's Office

TAKE A BOOK, READ A BOOK, LEAVE A BOOK

The Catherine Bonifas Civic Center now has a book collection for every age at no cost. Thanks to the Escanaba Public Library who has helped with the donation of the book shelves and over one hundred books.

Anyone is welcome to stop in and browse the collection on hand.

For further information, please call the Recreation Department Office at 786-4141.



Senior Citizen Line Dancing

Line dancing is held 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.

Clerk's Office

**CITY OF ESCANABA
NEIGHBORHOOD ENFORCEMENT HOTLINE**

Do you have rubbish, overgrown lawns, 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



Contact Information: (new e-mail addresses)
Escanaba Downtown Development Authority

Edward Legault
elegault.dda@escanaba.org

Judith Schroeder
jschroeder.dda@escanaba.org

789-8696

**Downtown Escanaba
Farmer's Market**

**Wednesdays 3:00pm-6:00pm
Saturdays 8:00am-Noon**

Corner of 9th St. & 1st Ave. N.



WANTED

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 Monthly Newsletter, 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.



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**

ZONING PERMITS REPORT

January 1, 2016 thru October 20, 2016

4	NEW RESIDENTIAL HOME	\$ 721,844
28	RESIDENTIAL REMODEL	\$ 719,900
4	NEW COMMERCIAL	\$ 1,997,600
17	COMMERCIAL REMODEL	\$ 6,219,700
2	CHANGE OF USE	\$ -
2	HOME OCCUPATION	\$ -
0	LAND USE PERMIT	\$ -
8	DEMOLITION PERMIT	\$ 60,220
65	TOTAL	\$ 9,719,264



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: November 16, 2016

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: Call of the Chair., 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: 4th Thurs. of Month, 8:00 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: Every Jan/Apr/July/Oct, 2nd Weds., 4:00 p.m., City Hall, Room 101

Charged with providing continuous information and recommendations to the Escanaba City Council on current electrical policy trends that could impact the community. Five 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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