

ERIE'S GERMAN MAYORS



Mayor Phillip Becker
1883 – 1884

Provided electric street lights for the city and built a new City Hall.



Mayor Robert Saltsman
1896 - 1905



Mayor John Depinet
1899-1901



Mayor Michael Liebel
1907 – 1911

Michael Liebel, Jr. was perhaps one of Erie's most popular mayors. He owned and operated the Liebel Hotel. Originally the West End Brewery, he formed the Cascade Brewery in 1889 and sold it in 1906 to Fred Koehler and it became the Cascade Branch of Kohler Brewing. He was elected by City Council to serve the unexpired term of



Mayor William Stern
1911 - 1916

Saltsman and then was elected to a full term in 1907.



Bernard Veit

Elected Mayor on November 20, 1915, but died on November 30, 1915 before assuming office.



Mayor Miles Kitts
1914 – 1922

Kitts, one of Erie's most colorful mayors, was investigated by a Grand Jury in 1921 for allowing the operation of Erie's then-plentiful speakeasies, casinos, and bordellos.

The investigation, which was sparked by a reform group in the Republican Party known as the "Committee of 16," touched virtually every level of city government. More than 100 witnesses were called, including Kitts and 47 members of the police department. In the end, Kitts was spared an indictment, continued as mayor, and was later elected an Erie County Judge.



Mayor Arthur J. Gardner
1955 - 1962



Mayor Joseph Sinnott
2006 - 2017