

CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON
HARBOR COMMISSION MEETING

Monday April 9, 2007 7:00 p.m., City Hall, Lower Level Conference Room

Members Present

Jimmy Fortunato, Jerry Gruen, Sue Knauer, Frank Metz, Ralph Hess, Pete Jushka, Jerry Baganz

Others Present

Harbor Master Dennis Cherny

City Administrator Mark Grams

1. **Roll Call:** (Absent: All members present)

2. **Approve Minutes Of Previous Meeting**
Jerry Baganz made a motion to approve minutes as written and Frank Metz seconded.
Motion carried.

3. **Monthly Financial Report**
City Administrator Grams said that there wasn't much to report. Mainly just slip rental income and expenditures (salaries and benefits), right now. He did mention that the contribution had been made to the Rescue Boat. The marina donated \$20,000 total, \$10,000 for last year and \$10,000 for this year. The remainder of the money is provided in free slip rental and fuel.

4. **2007 Marina Slip Leases**
Harbormaster Cherny informed the Commission that there are two 30' slips available, ten 36' slips available, and one 40' slip available. Beyond that, everything else has been rented. He said that he did not include the rentals of Pier 5 slips in the budget, so if everything rents out for the season, the marina will be 20 slips ahead.

5. **County Rescue Boat Update**
City Administrator Grams said that he sent the information into the DNR regarding the launch ramp fee increases and the DNR vaguely remembers receiving it. A representative for Mark Gottlieb also sent a letter and will pursue it to see where it goes. Harbormaster Cherny said that a citizen thought that selling caps and jackets with the City's and the Rescue Boat's logo on them was an additional way to raise money. He said that he will discuss it with Captain Jack Morrison.

6. **Harbormaster's Report**
Harbormaster Cherny again brought up the idea of storing a few boats in the parking lot for winter. He said that a gentleman would like to store his sailboat with the mast up for winter in the parking lot. He said that he is only asking to store a couple of boats, and would like the Commission to consider it. Commissioner Jushka said that by allowing one, you are opening of the door for more. Some also feel that boats stored in parking lots are an eyesore. Commissioner Mets mentioned the parking lot north of the North building, by Newport Shores, may be a good place for storage. The parking lot and the boats would be out of sight there. Commissioner Baganz questioned the security of parking boats in the lot. Harbormaster Cherny said that it would be the risk the owners as well as their insurance companies would have to take by storing in the parking lot. Maybe the marina could put up orange fencing for protection and ask the police to patrol it at night.

7. **Repairs To Pier 5**

Harbormaster Cherny mentioned that there were some brackets that snapped off on Pier 5 due to ice damage. He spoke with Dan Adams from Atlantic Meeco when ordering new brackets, and he said that the marina could take the off brackets in winter and use chains to keep pier in place for winter. This way the pier could move a few inches, hopefully lessening the risk of damage caused by the ice when the dock is stationary.

8. **Hiring Of Seasonal Employees**

Harbormaster Cherny said that he recommends all the listed individuals for seasonal employment. **Frank Metz made a motion to approve the hiring of seasonal employees and Ralph Hess seconded. Motion carried.**

9. **Marina Tenants' Comments**

No Comments.

10. **Forthcoming Events**

City Administrator Grams said that this coming Wednesday there will be a meeting to discuss
Port Pirate Festival which will be held June 1-3.

11. **Adjournment**

Pete Jushka made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. and Ralph Hess seconded. Motion carried.