

CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON
HARBOR COMMISSION MEETING

Monday August 13, 2007 7:00 p.m., City Hall, Lower Level Conference Room

Members Present

Jerry Gruen, Sue Knauer, Frank Metz, Pete Jushka, Jerry Baganz, Ralph Hess, Traci Mead

Others Present

Harbor Master Dennis Cherny

City Administrator Mark Grams

1. **Roll Call:** (Absent: All members present)
2. **Approve Minutes Of Previous Meeting**
Frank Metz made a motion to approve minutes as written and Ralph Hess seconded. Motion carried.
3. **Monthly Financial Report**
City Administrator Grams said that everything looks pretty good thus far. Harbormaster Cherny added that the marina is up 300 daily launches, and 11 season launches compared to this time last year. Ice sales and the waiting list are up compared to last year. He also mentioned that fuel sales have been good as well. The marina just had a \$38,000.00 weekend and \$32,000.00 of it was in fuel sales alone. He said that it was one of the best weekends the marina has ever had. He said that good weather and excellent fishing have been good for the marina this year.
4. **Update On 2007 Marina Slip Leases, Boat Launches, And Transients**
Harbormaster Cherny said that there are still four 36' slips available, but the marina has a couple of interested parties. He believes that the slips will rent out for the remainder of the season. He said that transients are up from last year as well. 644 last year compared to 687 this year staying a combined total of 1107 nights.
5. **Memorandum Of Understanding Between City And County Regarding County Rescue Boat**
City Administrator Mark Grams said that the memorandum was drafted based on what the marina has donated to the Rescue Boat in the past. This way there are no qualms about the donation from year to year. It is in writing and understood by both the county and the city as to what the donation will be every year. Harbor Commission members did agree that under #3 on the first page that the word minimum be removed from in front of \$10,000. They were also concerned that paragraph #4 on page two was left open ended, but City Administrator Grams felt that it was best worded in that fashion. The commission feels that this is a substantial contribution. **Frank Metz made a motion to recommend to the council approval of the 'Memorandum of understanding between the city and the county regarding the Rescue Boat' as amended. Jerry Baganz seconded. Motion carried**
6. **Harbormaster's Report**
Harbormaster Cherny mentioned to the commission that Kimberly McCulloch, Port Pirate Festival Inc., sent a letter stating her concerns as to why she was charged for dockage of Tall Ships during her festival and Maritime Heritage festival didn't have to pay dockage fees for theirs. She is looking to be refunded for 2007 as well as 2006 for a total of \$1092.00. Harbormaster Cherny said that he believes that even though they are a non profit organization, they should still have to

pay. They are a private run festival where as Maritime Heritage Festival is a city run festival by the Port Washington Business Improvement District. City Administrator Grams said that he agrees that Pirate Festival should have to pay.

Commissioner Baganz asked Harbormaster Cherny where things stood with changing the finger piers into floating piers. He said that he had spoke with some tenants and they voiced their concerns regarding the steps that will be used to get from the main dock to the floating finger piers. Harbormaster Cherny said that he did travel to Big Bend to Aqua Dock and discussed what the marina would like to do. They said that it was a feasible project. He said that their docks were as good as the ones installed by Atlantic Meeco on pier 5. Harbormaster Cherny estimated the cost to be roughly \$1500 per pier. Aqua Dock's bid came back as \$9000 per pier. He said that that is way too much and that he will talk with Atlantic Meeco and see if they can do the project at a lesser amount. He is still looking into a way to get from main dock to the finger piers. He said that they did make some stairs that weren't quite as steep as the ones they had previously installed. He will keep the commission informed on any progress he makes.

Harbormaster Cherny said that the Jet Ski lift was installed on the north side of pier five and is working great. A tenant has rented it for the remainder of the year. He said that he will purchase and install them as needed. He plans on charging \$550 for tenants and \$650 for non tenants per season for the Jet Ski lifts.

He also mentioned that the water is still down compared to last year.

7. **Marina Tenants' Comments**

No comments.

8. **Forthcoming Events**

Harbormaster Cherny said the only thing coming up is a Sailboat race between South Shore and Sheboygan yacht clubs over Labor Day weekend. Possible 24-30 boats will be participating. Beyond that, he said that the festival season is over at the marina for the year.

9. **Adjournment**

Ralph Hess made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. and Pete Jushka seconded. Motion carried.