

CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON  
HARBOR COMMISSION MEETING

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

Members Present

Jerry Gruen, Sue Knauer, Frank Metz, Pete Jushka, Jerry Baganz

Others Present

Harbor Master Dennis Cherny

City Administrator Mark Grams

1. **Roll Call:** (Absent: Ralph Hess & Traci Mead)
  
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 as of now, still early in the year. Next month there should be more to report, as of now, we look to be in good financial shape. Harbormaster Cherny said that the marina is up in slip fees, ice sales, waiting list, and fuel sales look good too.
  
4. **Update On 2007 Marina Slip Leases, Boat Launches, And Transients**  
Harbormaster Cherny said that there are still six 36' slips available, but the marina has four interested parties. He believes that the slips will rent out for the remainder of the season. As far as daily launches and seasonal launches are concerned, the marina is ahead of last year. Up 100 daily launches and twenty seasonal launches. He said that the marina is also up in transients compared to last year. Everything is looking good he said.
  
5. **Storing Of Jet Skis**  
Harbormaster Cherny mentioned that a tenant on Pier 5 would like to attach a Jet Ski lift to his slip in order to crank his jet ski up and out of the water. Harbormaster Cherny said that having one on the dock wouldn't be a problem, but more than one could undermine the pier. He said that he has looked into what other marina's have been doing as far as Jet Ski slips or ramps are concerned. Generally the marinas have been charging \$500 for tenants and \$625 for non tenants to use Jet Ski slips for the season. Harbormaster Cherny said that he has looked at a floating ramp system that can be attached to the north side of Pier 5. He said that the ramps cost roughly \$1,200.00 a piece, so in a couple of years they would be pay for themselves. He feels that this is another way to bring in revenue for the marina, and he feels that it may really take off once the word gets out and people know that we have them available for rent. The harbor commission agreed. **Pete Jushka made a motion to approve the addition of Jet Ski ramps as requests are made and Sue Knauer seconded. Motion carried.**
  
6. **Update On County Rescue Boat**  
City Administrator Grams said that there wasn't much to update on as of right now, the DNR is still analyzing it. He has been talking with the county regarding a memorandum of understanding about how to proceed with the boat. Commissioner Gruen added that Mark Gottlieb said that they are looking for a permanent solution for the boat.

7. **Harbormaster's Report**

Harbormaster Cherny said that the Great Lakes Sport Fishing Derby was busy. The fishing has been up and down. He said that the marina is still looking into converting the fixed docks into floating piers. He said that he is meeting with Aqua Dock in Big Bend, to look at what kind of docks they have to offer. They are similar to the ones that Atlantic Meeco made for the marina's fifth pier. The floating piers will use the existing pilings and a ramp system or steps will have to be built to get from main dock to floating finger piers. He said that the cost per finger would be approximately \$1,000.00. Most finger piers are going to need major repair work, so now is the time to look into turning them into floating. He said that he would like to try a couple of slips to see how it is going to work.

8. **Marina Tenants' Comments**

No comments.

9. **Forthcoming Events**

Harbormaster Cherny said that Fish Day is July 21<sup>st</sup>, Lion's Derby as well as Maritime Heritage Festival will be August 3-5<sup>th</sup>, and the Clipper Cup sailboat race is coming up August 12<sup>th</sup>. He also mentioned that the Dennis Sullivan is looking into doing dinner cruises up to Port Washington.

10. **Adjournment**

**Jerry Baganz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m. and Pete Jushka seconded. Motion carried.**