

CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON
HARBOR COMMISSION MEETING

Monday June 11, 2007 7:00 p.m., City Hall, Lower Level Conference Room

Members Present

Traci Mead, 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)**
Commissioner Gruen welcomed the newest member to the Harbor Commission. Traci Mead was appointed by the Mayor to fill Jimmy Fortunato's position on the commission as he has since moved out of town. Welcome!
2. **Approve Minutes Of Previous Meeting**
Jerry Baganz made a motion to approve minutes as written and Ralph Hess seconded. Motion carried.
3. **Monthly Financial Report**
City Administrator Grams said that there wasn't much to report as of now. Revenue is up and expenditures are down, but will increase as the season goes on. He said that things look good. Harbormaster Cherny added that revenue is down compared to this time last year. Nothing significant though. Everything is just slightly lower than last year. Daily launches are at 366 this year, compared to 371 from last year, season launches are at 231 compared to the 252 sold this time last year. Cash on hand earning interest is \$368,781 at 5.25%.
4. **Update On 2007 Marina Slip Leases**
Harbormaster Cherny said that there are 6- 36' slips left to rent for the season. He said that the marina is getting inquiries about slips almost daily. A lot of the requests are for larger slips, but he feels that the remaining slips will get rented out. He said that a couple with a catamaran wants to rent a slip, so they are looking at slip 401. He also said that a seaplane is requesting dockage at the marina as well. He may let them tie up in the basin if they are able to get in there. He said that he will cross that bridge when he gets to it. Commissioner Hess also added that he may be able to moor just outside the marina in the outer harbor if a slip along the wall doesn't work out.
5. **Hiring Of Seasonal Employees**
Harbormaster Cherny said that an employee recently quit so he would like Sam Mitchell and Rachel Staton approved for hire. Sam doesn't need to have a background check as he is too young, but Rachel still needs a background check. **Frank Metz made a motion to approve Sam Mitchell and Rachel Staton for hire, subject to background checks on appropriate people, and Pete Jushka 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. Harbormaster Cherny said that he is unsure if Jack, the captain of the Rescue Boat, has spoken to all the local clubs about possible donations.

7. **Harbormaster's Report**

Harbormaster Cherny said that 100,000 Chinooks and Coho were planted at the marina recently. The marina added more park benches down by the tent and grill area. Gas prices at the marina are \$3.69 for premium gasoline and \$2.69 for premium diesel. The marina still has some of the cheapest diesel prices on the lake.

Harbormaster Cherny also mentioned that the Dennis Sullivan will return to Port Washington on June 20th thru 21st and again June 26th thru 27th. He said that they are not coming here for any activities, but that they are just stopping in. City Administrator Grams added that the Dennis Sullivan was also here during Pirate Fest which did cause some problems with the organizers of Pirate Fest. They were afraid that the Dennis Sullivan would interfere with their festivities and wanted them to go elsewhere. But, the city informed them that they were welcome anytime. The city wants to maintain their long standing relationship with them. Besides that and some clean up problems, the Pirate Fest went well he said. There was a good crew and a good crowd. Commissioner Baganz wanted to mentioned that there are a bunch of boards that need replacing on pier one at the marina. Harbormaster Cherny said that he will look into it. Commissioner Hess asked if the marina was still planning on replacing stationary piers with floating. Harbormaster Cherny said that he is still working on the design.

8. **Marina Tenants' Comments**

Commissioner Metz said that he had a comment from a marina tenant. Tenant Russ Chapin had questioned why the Harbor Commission minutes couldn't be posted until they are approved. He would like them posted right away rather than waiting a month before they are approved to post.

City Administrator Grams said that the unapproved minutes could be posted at the marina but will not be posted on the website until they have been approved by the commission.

Harbormaster Cherny said that the marina will post the unapproved minutes in the marina office as well as the boater lounge so tenants may view them.

9. **Forthcoming Events**

Harbormaster Cherny mentioned that the Double Handed Sailboat race is coming in next week Thursday. He also mentioned that the Great Lakes Sport Fishermen fishing derby is coming up the beginning of July and Fish Day is July 21st. Maritime Heritage Festival and Lion's Fest will share the same weekend in the beginning of August.

10. **Adjournment**

Frank Metz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m. and Pete Jushka seconded. Motion carried.