

CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON
HARBOR COMMISSION MEETING

Monday September 10, 2007 7:00 p.m., City Hall, Lower Level Conference Room

Members Present

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

Others Present

Harbor Master Dennis Cherny

City Administrator Mark Grams

1. **Roll Call:** (Absent: Jerry Baganz)

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 the marina is now through the busiest months of the season. Budget wise, everything looks good. Right now the marina is showing a profit of \$346,000, but out of that comes the debt service payment of \$164,000, as well as fringes, utilities, wages, and other miscellaneous expenses.

4. **Kimberly McCulloch- Pirate Fest**

Kimberly McCulloch, from Pirate Festival, asked the Commission to grant her a refund of \$1,128.00 for Tall Ship dockage in 2006 and 2007. She believes that her non profit group shouldn't be charged dockage just like Maritime Heritage Festival and the Denis Sullivan aren't charged. She doesn't understand why she has to pay, and the other groups do not.

City Administrator Grams explained that just because she is a non profit organization, that doesn't mean that, she, should get the dockage for free. Then every non profit group who came in the marina would expect free dockage.

Commissioner Metz said that he would like to see her financial reports before a decision is made: Her profit and loss statements, a list of the officers and directors of the organization, as well as an explanation of where profits would go once she starts turning a profit. The Commission agrees that they will look at her request on a year to year basis for now.

5. **Update On 2007 Marina Slip Leases, Boat Launches, And Transients**

Harbormaster Cherny said that there are still three 36' slips available. Daily launches are up 3100 this year compared to 2700 last year at this time. Season launches are also up 335 this year compared to 325 last year. He said that transients are up from last year as well. 910 last year compared to 914 this year staying a combined total of 1478 nights. He mentioned that ice sales are also up from last year, due in part to good weather and fishing, as well as the fact that Nicky Boy Charters and Iverson Sport fishing Charters are running two ice chests for the marina on the west side of the North Slip.

6. **Update On 2008 Budget Preparation**

Harbormaster Cherny said that he is proposing a 3% increase in slip fees for 2008. According to a listing of other marina's slip fees, even with the 3% increase, Port Washington will still have competitive slip fees. He said that he will have the budget prepared for the next meeting.

7. **Harbormaster's Report**

Harbormaster Cherny said that he would like to meet at 5:30pm next month at the marina to walk around and look at the docks, ect. Once everyone is done at the marina, then all will proceed to city hall for the actual Harbor Commission meeting. The commission agreed that this would work out for everyone.

He also wanted to discuss the bids that he received from Atlantic Meeco and Aqua Dock for the construction of the floating finger piers. Atlantic Meeco's bid was from anywhere between \$8,000 and \$10,000 per unit. Each unit will be a 60 foot section with four slips. He thought that was fairly reasonable. Aqua Dock's bid was for \$9,000 per unit. Each unit for them consists of a 30 foot section and two slips. So they came back almost twice as expensive as Atlantic Meeco. But their bid also included installation and shipping cost. So they plan on resubmitting a bid minus those charges.

He said that the finger piers will be attached around existing pilings, and he plans to build stairs to go from the main dock to the finger piers.

After some discussion, the Commission agreed that the marina should look into replacing the entire piers 1 thru 3 rather than leaving existing main dock and only replacing finger piers.

Harbormaster Cherny said that he will look into it, and have the companies resubmit their bids for replacing entire piers rather than just fingers.

8. **Marina Tenants' Comments**

No comments.

9. **Forthcoming Events**

No comments.

10. **Adjournment**

Frank Metz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m. and Ralph Hess seconded. Motion carried.