

CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON
HARBOR COMMISSION MEETING
Monday April 13, 2009, 7:00 P.M.
City Hall, Lower Level Conference Room

Members Present

Jerry Gruen, Ralph Hess, Jerry Baganz, Sue Knauer, Frank Metz, David Larson, and Peter Jushka

Others Present

Harbor Master Dennis Cherny

City Administrator Mark Grams

1. **Roll Call: (Absent: All Members Present)**

2. **Approve Minutes Of Previous Meeting**

Pete Jushka made a motion to approve minutes as written and Frank Metz seconded. Motion carried.

3. **Monthly Financial Report**

City Administrator Mark Grams said that it is still early in the year and most revenues now are coming from slip fees. Operating expenses are mainly on the utilities side. He said that we are close to the final numbers for the season with roughly a \$15,000 surplus for 2008. As for the reserve fund balance, part of the money may be earmarked to help pay for the engineering costs for the pier project. He said that he is unsure if some or all engineering costs will come this money, or from borrowed monies. Final reports for 2008 should be available within the next couple of months.

4. **Report On Floating Pier Design Project**

Larry Ryan said that discussions have been made regarding the inadequate power on pier 4. 120/240 is desired at each slip. This is needed because of the lack of power at the end of pier 4. Motors are requiring the 240 volts to run generators, air conditioning units, ect. The problem being experienced is a voltage drop. Every 50 amp outlet installed is drawing more voltage. One option is to use buck and boost transformers. They cost barley over \$1,000.00. Providing 120/208 versus 120/240, step down transformers will be needed to push power out far enough with the 120/240. The differential between the two is roughly \$52,000.00. This number does not include the power pedestals which run approximately \$1,200 installed. With the 240, walkways will have to be wider to compensate for transformers. Harbormaster Cherny added that Quarterdeck Marina is the only one with 240. The remainder of marinas generally carries 208 volts. If we go with the 208v rather than the 240v, we will be no different than roughly 90% of the marinas out there. No transformers will need to be on the dock if we go with the 208v.

As far as the cost estimate of the project, Larry Ryan said that we are looking at approximately 3.5 million. This number included the dockside sanitary pump out as well as the modifications to the fuel pier. The BID package will ask for what the city truly wants, and they can come in with alternatives if necessary. Timetable for bids is midsummer. Work won't begin until fall. Get bids returned in one month. Award project sometime in August and start demolition in September/October.

5. **Request To Army Corps Of Engineers To Extend Some Marina Piers Into Federal Waterway Easement**

Larry Ryan said that issues related to the Federal Channel are based on conversations with the Detroit District real estate section of the Army Corps of Engineers. He said that they had to seek a permit to occupy that area and were denied based on navigational concerns. He said that no pier 5 slips are encroaching on the easement. He said that they will make an appeal to reverse the decision. He said that he is working with Dennis and Rob on a resolution to send to the Corps. The resolution will request the need to move 42 feet into the wide open space. There is no official appeal process, just asking them to reconsider their decision. He said that the federal channel is pretty meaningless since not a stitch of work has been done since 1982. **Jerry Baganz made a motion to approve the resolution as presented and Ralph Hess seconded. Motion carried.**

6. **Hiring Of Seasonal Employees**

Harbormaster Dennis Cherny said that he is looking to hire the listed returning employees as well as a couple of additional new employees for the season. Also, he said that Michelle Baranek would be taking the place of Josh Keller on the list as a new hire. **Frank Metz made a motion to approve the hiring of seasonal employees and Pete Jushka seconded. Motion carried.**

6. **Harbormaster's Report**

Harbormaster Dennis Cherny said that the remodeling is completed in the women's tenant restrooms. Also, he said that the gas grills are being fitted with natural gas hook ups rather than the propane tanks. He said that the marina took over possession of the police boat as they no longer have that program. He said that the boat will be for not only marina use, but that the fire, police, and rescue boat may use if needed.

He mentioned that Jim Bonnetti from the Army Corps of Engineers stopped in to look at the break wall as there is money available for such repairs. He said that Jim feels that we could be a high priority as the break wall is severely damaged.

As far as the floating pier project is concerned, Harbormaster Cherny said that there may be some ways to save on costs, as the marina has fire extinguishers, no need to purchase new ones. We have at least 73 dock boxes that could be used rather than purchase new ones. Also, he said that if we decided to use the buck and boost rather than going from 208 volt 50 amps to 240 volt 50 amps, we could save money there as well.

Pete Jushka had asked about the telephone bill again as he still can believe the amount that is budgeted for it. Harbormaster Cherny said that other alternatives are being looked into.

7. **Marina Tenants' Comments**

No comments.

8. **Adjournment**

Frank Metz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. and Ralph Hess seconded. Motion carried.