

CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON
HARBOR COMMISSION MEETING
Monday June 6, 7:00 P.M.
City Hall, Lower Level Conference Room

Members Present

Sue Knauer, Ralph Hess, Jerry Baganz, David Larson, and Jerry Gruen

Others Present

Harbor Master Dennis Cherny
City Administrator Mark Grams

1. **Roll Call: (Absent: Dan Herlache)**

2. **Approve Minutes Of Previous Meeting**

Jerry Baganz made a motion to approve the minutes and Ralph Hess seconded. Motion carried.

3. **Monthly Financial Report**

City Administrator Mark Grams said that it is still very early in the year. It is slow right now on the revenue side. Not too much for transients. Hopefully after this past weekend with Pirate Festival and good weather we will see an increase on the revenue side.

Harbormaster Cherny mentioned that the marina is ahead compared to this time last year in many categories. The marina is up from 198 daily launches last year to 282 this year as well as up a couple of season launches. Transients are about the same. Ice sales are up from \$400 to \$600 and fuel sales are up as well. Diesel is up from 2200 gallons last year to 4359 gallons this year and gasoline is up from 7200 gallons to 10,700 gallons.

4. **Update On Slip Rentals**

Harbormaster Cherny said that there are about 15 open slips left yet. Mainly 36' slips are available.

5. **Approve Hiring Of Seasonal Employees**

Harbormaster Cherny said that he would like the Commission to consider approving the list of new employees as several of our previous employees have now taken internships or permanent jobs. **David Larson made a motion to approve the hiring of seasonal employees and Sue Knauer seconded. Motion carried.**

6. **Harbormaster's Report**

Harbormaster Cherny informed the commission that the Marina received an Honorable mention for the Sustainability Award at the 21st Annual Wisconsin Main Street Awards Banquet.

The Port Washington Lion's have donated improvements to the fish cleaning station. They plan on making the fish cleaning table larger as well as improve the look and landscaping around the station at a cost of \$15,000 to be paid back to the marina over a three year period.

City workers replaced shingles on the Control building that blew off over winter.

He mentioned that Pirate Festival was busy. The fishing was good. Not as many transients as a large group from SMYC were unable to attend by boat due to dredging issues at the marina there. The Tall Ship Windy lost its transmission on their way to the festival so there was no tall ship present. He said that he would like to look into the amount of electricity these festivals are using and possibly charge them a nominal fee in the future. He said that Pirate Festival is charging their vendors \$45 for a 120 hook up and \$90 for a 220 hookup. Commission member Dave Larson mentioned that it's not right that they are selling and profiting from the Marina's electricity. He suggested that Dennis contact WE Energies and look into the usage over Festival weekends compared to non festival weekends.

Commission member Jerry Baganz said that they are using the marina and city property. Look into charging them rent for use of property.

Harbormaster Cherny said that a decision will have to be made between now and next year.

7. **Marina Tenants' Comments**

No Comments.

8. **Any Other Business That May Come Properly Before The Commission**

Commission Member Ralph Hess wanted to mention the good job all those participating in the Port Invasion did during the Port Security exercise that was held in May. There were several agencies participating in the exercise from the FBI to Coast Guard Agencies, the military as well as SWAT teams from the area, among others. The exercise was for practice as well as testing interdepartmental communications Commission member Hess said. Harbormaster Cherny felt that it was a successful learning experience based on that.

9. **Adjournment**

Jerry Baganz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. and David Larson seconded. Motion carried.