

CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON  
HARBOR COMMISSION MEETING  
Monday September 26, 2011, 7:00 P.M.  
City Hall, Lower Level Conference Room

Members Present

Sue Knauer, Ralph Hess, Jerry Baganz, David Larson, Dan Herlache, Jerry Gruen, and Bill Driscoll

Others Present

Harbor Master Dennis Cherny  
City Administrator Mark Grams

1. **Roll Call: (Absent: All members present)**

2. **Approve Minutes Of Previous Meeting**

**Dan Herlache made a motion to approve the minutes and Ralph Hess seconded. Motion carried.**

3. **Monthly Financial Report**

City Administrator Mark Grams said that this is it for the year. There may be a few extra dollars in transient monies and fuel coming in yet. Harbormaster Cherny presented the members with a Detailed Revenue and Expense report which is what the City Treasurer works off of. He was wondering if the Commission would rather the Financial Report come in that form or remains the same. Next couple of meetings he said that he will provide both forms and the Commission can decide in the future which format they prefer.

4. **Approve 2012 Marina Budget**

City Administrator Grams said that the projected revenue for next year is \$1,095,642. Slip rates are projected to stay the same as well as transient and launching fees. He said that the numbers were based on what we've seen the last couple of years. He said that they bumped up the gas sales. They are guessing and estimating where numbers will be at next year. He said that the tenants additional parking passes available for purchase will be reduced from \$100 to \$50 for next year. On the expense side he mentioned that they, on Commission member Hess's suggestion, moved the deicers out of the supply category and into their own category. Beautification of the marina will also have its own category. Supplies were reduced by \$10,000 with moving these items into other categories.

He informed the Commission that the Debt Service principle and interest number that they will likely see over the next 10-15 years is \$223,070. Commission Member Gruen questioned at what time of year that was paid. City Administrator Grams said that he will look into it.

He said that we are looking at a net surplus of \$44,000. He said that it will be a true test as to where we stand after the full Debt Service payment.

Harbormaster Cherny added that the \$5,000 a year from the Lion's for the work that they are doing on the fish cleaning station needs to be shown as income on the budget for the next couple years as they are giving \$5,000 a year for a total donation of \$15,000.

**Jerry Baganz made a motion to approve the 2012 Budget as submitted and Ralph Hess seconded. Motion carried.**

5. **Approve 2012 Marina Rates**

Harbormaster Cherny said that slip rates, transient, daily, and season launch rates were going to remain the same for 2012. No increases. **Dan Herlache made a motion for the 2012 rates to remain the same as stated in the 2011 budget and Jerry Baganz seconded. Motion carried.**

6. **Harbormaster's Report**

Harbormaster Cherny mentioned that there was a dramatic rescue of two individuals who were trapped by waves on the break wall out by the lighthouse. He also mentioned that the marina had a boat sinking due to the spray washing over the break wall. He said that they helped pump out the boat and secured it in a different slip.

He said that the Cruise Ships have been in touch about returning to the marina for the winter. He will keep the Commission posted.

City Administrator Grams added that he along with Rob VandenNoven and Dennis went to the Army Corps. of Engineers Meeting regarding money earmarked for commercial ports. They were hoping for a more positive out come. Harbormaster Cherny said that unless the break wall would literally fall apart, nothing will happen to repair it. City Administrator Grams said that our congress doesn't believe in earmarks, so it is far more difficult to get things done.

Harbormaster Cherny said that a tenant is planning on traveling for a large part of the 2012 season and was hoping not to have to give up his slip or pay the full amount since he will only be using it for a short period. Harbormaster Cherny understands their concern, but feels that if he would give them a per month break, he would open Pandora's Box for the next tenant to want the same deal because they were only in for a limited time. The Commission members agree that he should have to pay the full amount or give up his slip and pay as a transient while he is here.

Harbormaster Cherny said that the tenants association seems to be falling apart. He feels that the association is a necessary vehicle of communication between the tenants and the Marina. Commission member Driscoll added that they are looking for representatives from each pier and then those individuals would answer to a person in charge. They don't want this to be a complaint session but a way to open lines of communication with the marina. Harbormaster Cherny feels that having the association can only help in building and maintaining a strong relationship with the Marina.

7. **Marina Tenants' Comments**

No Comments.

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

Commission member Baganz mentioned that a new vice- chair should possibly be voted on the next time the Commission meets as Frank Metz is no longer a member.

9. **Adjournment**

**Dave Larson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. and Sue Knauer seconded. Motion carried.**