

CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON
HARBOR COMMISSION MEETING
Monday June 11, 2012, 7:00 P.M.
City Hall, Lower Level Conference Room

Members Present

Sue Knauer, Tony Matera, David Larson, Jerry Baganz, Jerry Gruen, and Bill Driscoll

Others Present

Harbor Master Dennis Cherny
City Administrator Mark Grams
Mayor Mlada

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

2. **Approve Minutes Of Previous Meeting**
Jerry Baganz made a motion to approve the minutes and Tony Matera seconded. Motion carried.

3. **Monthly Financial Report**
City Administrator Grams mentioned that the expense report that shows how each month goes is also included in the packet. Overall we are in good shape he said. The marina is busier than last year. The weather has been great and the fishing has been good, also doing well with launches.
Harbormaster Cherny added that compared to this time last year the marina had sold 317 daily launches and this year almost 600 have been sold. Season launches are up from 186 this time last year to 256 this year almost meeting the budgeted amount for the year. Ice is up from \$688 to \$1,576 this year. Gallons of gas are up from 12,000 gallons last year to almost 20,000 gallons sold this year. Diesel is up from 4300 gallons last year to 6700 gallons this year. Transients have almost doubled from 44 last year to 82 this year. Things are getting busier he said.
Member Driscoll asked if the commission could get the comparison from last year to this year in their packets. Harbormaster Cherny said he will make sure that they are in next month's packet.

4. **Approve Hiring Seasonal Employees**
Harbormaster Cherny said that Lisa Klein from Portal, Inc. had approached him about a girl that would like to work at the marina. Portal will pay her salary for the first 8-10 weeks. If we feel she is capable of doing the job, we can hire her as a seasonal employee and put her on our payroll.
Member Matera added that this is an excellent program. He has worked with Portal in the past as well. He said that this program gets people out of Portal and into the mainstream.
Harbormaster Cherny said that Lisa Klein will shadow her for the first week or two to make sure that she is catching on. **Dave Larson made a motion to approve Christina as a seasonal employee and Tony Matera seconded. Motion carried.**

5. **Approve Installation Of Cameras At Marina**
Harbormaster Cherny said that the Great Lakes Sport Fishermen have not made a decision and approved a camera yet. Harbormaster Cherny said that he mentioned to them that he doesn't like the idea of the viewing public having the capability of panning the whole marina. He said that a camera just to see the harbor entrance to view lake conditions is fine with him, but not a camera with a 360 degree view of the marina like the one in Two Rivers. He said that when he gave them the restriction of not being able to view the entire marina, their board turned it down. So now he is waiting to hear back from them.
Member Baganz asked if it was possible to get a written proposal from the GLSF to view before the commission makes a formal decision. The commission agreed to table the issue until they have a written description and official proposal to approve or disapprove.
Harbormaster Cherny said that he has two other alternatives for cameras. A company that member Driscoll gave him information on as well as Engineering Security Solutions. ESS proposed 4 cameras, a monitor, cable, and other miscellaneous equipment as well as the install and training for \$2,675.

Member Driscoll added that since these cameras are going to have to be voted on separately, he sees no reason not to approve this camera system. He feels that this is a good deal for \$2600.

Harbormaster Cherny said that the library went with this company and have been pleased with them. He feels that the main deterrent is the signage that he would put up saying the marina is under video surveillance once the cameras are installed. Now a decision needs to be made about the capability of the cameras. He feels that they should start out with the four, see how they work and maybe expand if more are necessary. He said that he can have the gentlemen from ESS come to the next meeting and demonstrate the cameras to see if we are good with the proposed cameras or if we want to go with a more sophisticated camera.

Commission member David Larson made a motion to table the installation of cameras until the July 9th meeting until they can see a presentation. Motion carried.

6. Harbormaster's Report

Harbormaster Cherny said that National Marina Day was a huge success. 250 hotdogs, soda, and chips were given out. A lot of marina tenants came out and stayed all day long. Donations from Bernie's Fine Meats and Sentry helped to keep the total cost for the day under \$300. He said that the marina is contemplating doing something like this again this summer. Mayor Mlada added that the volume was fantastic for National Marina Day and maybe the marina could add some children's activities the next time.

Harbormaster Cherny mentioned that the Double-Handed Sailboat race is coming in this Thursday. The LMYA is coming and meeting at the Yacht Club on June 15th. This weekend is also the Child's Wish Outing. The Disabled Vets Fish outing is on June 20th. The Great Lakes Sport Fishermen Derby is being held June 29- July 1.

Member Driscoll added that there will be Fourth of July activities taking place in the park by the Band Shell after the parade in the morning. There will be bands playing there until the fireworks that night. The Yacht club will also be serving drinks. He also mentioned the Freeport Music that takes place on the weekends throughout the summer.

Member Matera asked Harbormaster Cherny for an update on the slip rentals. He said that we are still at about 20 slips open. We lost a couple of 30' slip tenants this last week but managed to fill them right away. Member Matera mentioned that the commission should come up with a game plan for next year if things don't turn around so that the marina is prepared if that many slips are open again.

8. Marina Tenants' Comments

No comments.

9. Any Other Business That May Come Properly Before The Commission

No comments.

10. Adjournment

Tony Matera made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m. and Dave Larson seconded. Motion carried.