

MINUTES
CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, November 19, 2013, 7:30 P.M., City Hall

1. **ROLL CALL-** A duly convened meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Tom Mlada in Council Chambers. Council members present: Aldermen Mike Ehrlich, Paul Neumyer, Bill Driscoll, Doug Biggs, Kevin Rudser, Dave Larson and Dan Becker. Also present: City Administrator Mark Grams, City Planner Randy Tetzlaff, City Engineer Rob Vanden Noven and City Attorney Eric Eberhardt.

2. **PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG-** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approve Minutes Of Previous Meeting
- B. Approve Original Operator License Applications

MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN LARSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BIGGS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED AND ORIGINAL OPERATOR LICENSES FOR JOYCE BARTZ, CHRISTOPHER HAACK AND BRETT KUCHARSKI AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

4. **MAYOR'S BUSINESS**

A. Approve Council Letter Of Support For Breakwater Repair- Mayor Mlada recapped the Breakwater Town Hall Forum held last Thursday evening at City Hall. The Mayor will be going to Washington D.C. to meet with legislators and Army Corps officials regarding our issues. MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN BECKER, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BIGGS TO APPROVE THE COUNCIL LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE BREAKWATER REPAIR AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Appointment To The Police And Fire Commission- Mayor Mlada reported that Police and Fire Commission member Michael Mueller has moved out of the city and can no longer serve on this commission. The Mayor is recommending Bill Malchow as the replacement member. MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN BIGGS, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN EHRLICH TO APPOINT BILL MALCHOW TO SERVE ON THE POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION TO REPLACE MICHAEL MUELLER'S AND COMPLETE HIS FIVE YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE MAY 1, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Student Leadership Advisory Group- The Mayor informed Council of the new group he is developing at the Port Washington High School. There are 24 students selected to participate in this new group, which is designed to bring city youth together with city officials to learn more about local government, identify their interests and promote the governmental process.

D. Presentation From Library Director David Nimmer- David Nimmer gave a presentation on the issues the library faces regarding the digital library including e-books, audio books and the possibility of e-magazines. The teens and tweens are back using the library, meeting in groups to work together on their electronic devices, etc. The children's library met its goal of over 700 children participating in their summer reading program.

5. **OFFICERS'/STAFF REPORT-** Mayor Mlada announced the Chamber of Commerce Awards Dinner will be held tomorrow at Memories Ballroom. Our DPW and Park & Recreation departments are receiving recognition awards for all of their hard work and commitment to the city.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS/APPEARANCES**

Your comments are welcome. Please limit your discussion to 3 minutes. If you need more time, please contact the City Administrator and request that your topic be placed on the City Council Agenda.- Alderman Larson reported on the process that the Finance & License Committee along with the City Administrator go through to prepare the annual city budget. Each department budget is reviewed line by line and the department heads come in for meetings to review their needs and where money can be saved. Municipalities are under a levy limit, which is imposed by the State, and the budget cannot exceed

that amount. With revenues down again, the budget was carefully reviewed and reductions were made where needed. Part of cutting costs involved the Police and Street Department budget expenditures associated with overtime to cover city festivals. The city will need to cover some of those costs within the budget by charging the festivals for the overtime expenses this coming year.

7. COMMITTEES

A. FINANCE AND LICENSE COMMITTEE

1. Public Hearing On The Proposed 2014 City Budgets and Tax Levies- Mayor Mlada opened the public hearing and resident David Tainter, 1027 W. Lincoln Avenue- Addressed the Council representing the nine civic organizations that participate in Fish Day. They have concerns about the festival being charged this next summer for some of the Police and Street Department overtime needed for the event. These organizations donate money to support city projects, groups and programs. They do not have excess in their budgets to cut to cover these extra costs. There being no further public comments a MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BECKER, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LARSON TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Resolution 2013-16 (Approve 2014 City Budgets And Tax Levies)- Alderman Becker and Alderman Larson both spoke about the budget and funding process the city goes through to stay within the State imposed levy limit. The festivals will have to review their price structure and allow for the cost of city staff overtime. The City Administrator reported that this year the City tax rate is \$5.81 per \$1,000 assessed valuation, an increase of six cents over last year's rate. This means that a home assessed at \$200,000 will pay \$12 more in City taxes this year. MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN LARSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BIGGS TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2013-16 AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Approve City Health Insurance Premium For 2014- The City Administrator reported that the premium rate increase is 3% and has been factored into the 2014 budgets and the recommendation is to remain with the same insurance carrier again this year. MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN LARSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN EHRLICH TO APPROVE THE HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM FOR 2014 AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

8. BOARDS/COMMISSIONS

A. BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

1. Approve Engineering Consultant For North Beach Access Improvements At Wastewater Treatment Plant- Rob Vanden Noven reported on the need for an improvement of the beach access area at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The Board of Public Works recommends the approving the proposed improvements and to hire Clark-Dietz/SAA as project consultant for design and bidding services plus the design charrette for a total cost of \$26,400. MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN EHRLICH, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN NEUMYER TO APPROVE HIRING CLARK -DIETZ & SCHREIBER ANDERSON CONTINGENT UPON THE CITY ATTORNEY'S REVIEW. Motion carried unanimously.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS- None.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approve Closing Streets And Parking Lots For Christmas On The Corner And The Christmas Parades, December 7th- MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN BECKER, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LARSON TO APPROVE THE STREET AND PARKING LOT CLOSINGS AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

11. FORTHCOMING EVENTS- The Mayor's annual staff appreciation dinner is coming up on Thursday, December 12th at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall. The Mayor is also going to Washington D.C. this week to meet with our legislators and officials at the Army Corps to discuss out issues with our breakwater.

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS/APPEARANCES-

David Tainter, 1027 W. Lincoln Avenue- commented to the Council that the civic organizations cannot absorb costs, they will just have to eliminate donations to groups and projects.

Kathy Poull, 1890 Jay Road, Belgium- Serves as Fish Day parade coordinator. Informed Council that one of the largest expenses for the parade is the bands that are brought in. They cannot absorb costs they'd have to eliminate bringing in the bands, which would change the parade. They want to keep the quality of the parade as it has been in the past.

Chris King, 924 Westport Drive- Is the Treasurer for Fish Day. Would like to see the City and Fish Day work together to eliminate duplicated services and find ways to cut costs by reviewing what jobs volunteers could do instead of city employees.

Dan Micha, 1269 Tohee Trail- Inquired what other harbors we are competing with for Federal funds to repair them? Mayor Mlada responded that the City does not meet the top three priorities for Federal funding, one being a high use port, second being a commercial port and third a port that needs dredging. Port will have to focus our argument as a sense of urgency due to potential full failure of the breakwater.

Mary Monday, 518 W. Orchard Lane- President of Fish Day Inc. for 20 years and Fish Day will be celebrating its 50 year this coming July. We appreciate the City's past support, but have concerns about the growing costs going forward. Fish Day, Inc. would like to continue to partner with the City to keep this festival moving forward.

13. MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 19. 85 (1) (e) WIS. STATS. FOR PURPOSES OF FORMULATING NEGOTIATION STRATEGIES RELATING TO POSSIBLE INVESTMENT OF PUBLIC FUNDS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OR REDEVELOPMENT OF PROPERTY OWNED BY RENEW PORT HOLDINGS, I, LLC AND LOCATED AT 122 N. FRANKLIN STREET, WHICH FOR BARGAINING REASONS REQUIRES A CLOSED SESSION; AND ROLL CALL VOTE ON MOTION. MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN BECKER, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN EHRLICH TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 9:50 P.M. FOR THE REASONS STATED ABOVE. ROLL CALL VOTE TAKEN, AYE: EHRLICH, NEUMYER, DRISCOLL, BIGGS, RUDSER, LARSON, BECKER. Motion carried unanimously.

14. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION- Open session was reconvened at 10:59 p.m.

15. ACTION IF ANY RELATED TO ITEMS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION- MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN BECKER SECONDED BY ALDERMAN DRISCOLL TO HAVE THE CITY ADMINSTRATOR AND CITY ATTORNEY CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS WITH PARAMETERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION. Motion carried unanimously.

16. ADJOURNMENT- MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN LARSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BIGGS TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 11:00 P.M. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.