

CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON  
HARBOR COMMISSION MEETING  
Monday July 21, 2014, 7:00 P.M.  
City Hall, Lower Level Conference Room

Members Present

Tony Matera, Jerry Gruen, Jerry Baganz, Sue Knauer

Others Present

City Administrator Mark Grams  
Harbor Master Dennis Cherny

1. **Roll Call: (Absent: Dave Larson, Bill Driscoll, and Dan Herlache)**
2. **Approve Minutes Of Previous Meeting**  
**Jerry Baganz made a motion to approve the minutes as written and Tony Matera seconded. Motion Carried.**
3. **Monthly Financial Report**  
City Administrator Grams said that we will have a better indication of where we are at once we wrap up July. Harbormaster Cherny wanted to bring everyone up to date compared to last year. He mentioned that the marina is down on daily launches. Last year we had 1060 launches, this year we have 785. Season Launches last year we had 249 and this year 234 as of today's date. We had 341 transients last year compared to 310 this year but the monies are about the same as the transients that are coming here are staying longer. We sold 43,000 gallons gasoline last year and this year we have sold 36,000. Last year we sold 15,600 gallons diesel fuel compared to 14,040 gallons this year.  
Member Baganz questioned why the repairs were at \$22,500 this year and last year we were only at \$5,900. Harbormaster Cherny said the high number is due to the fuel system, docks, and iceaters that were damaged over winter. We are hoping to get some insurance money back to off-set those costs he said.
4. **Update On Slip Rentals For 2014**  
Harbormaster Cherny said that we have been renting slips out, but the ones that we have open account for over \$30,000 in lost revenue. We have several 40', 45' and 50' slips open this year. We did fill up a number of 36' slips, but having so many big ones open really brings our slip fee revenue down.
5. **Update On Breakwater Improvement Project**  
City Administrator Grams said that the Army Corps should be here early to mid-August to start laying the stone along the breakwall. They should be finished by the end of August. We still haven't heard on any of the grants yet. We should here about the Stewardship Grant in the next couple of weeks. The Mayor and Harbormaster Cherny are heading to Hayward for the Waterways Commission meeting and they should know by the end of that meeting if we get the grant or not. As for the others, we probably won't know until mid to late August.
6. **Harbormaster's Report**  
Harbormaster Cherny said that in addition to all the damage that we had over the winter, the three sections of floating docks by the Blue Bridge were lifted up out of the water and were ripped apart by a wind shear that came through and caused the water level to fluctuate. ¼ inch steel was torn off and the floating piers were found floating upside down at opposite ends of the marina. They have been repaired at no cost, except the time that it took to repair them.  
Harbormaster Cherny mentioned that there was a lot of debris on the boats after the Fish Day Fireworks. Pier 5 got most of the damage. Mainly a gritty residue, paper products, and dust were deposited on the boats and one tenant claims that he had damage to his canvas top.

Harbormaster Cherny mentioned that as for the fuel and other damage we did talk to the insurance people. We are hoping to get back roughly \$40,000. Sadly the ice damage to the piers is not covered, but thankfully they don't see the ice eaters as being a part of the docks so we are hoping to get some money back for all the ice eaters that were damaged over winter.

Member Gruen was wondering if the marina was able to get the WIFI problems squared away. Harbormaster Cherny said that he is looking into upgrading the system and is hoping to get it done for under \$5,000.

As for the Electric Shock Drowning issue, Harbormaster Cherny said that he has checked every pedestal and every tenant cord for leakage and there was not one error. He said that it was checked with a clamp meter. He does plan on going out and checking everything again in August.

He also mentioned his concerns with the Chinese Lantern Launch that the Main Street Has planned for the end of September.

**7. Marina Tenants' Comments**

Paul Markworth, with the Marina Tenants' Association mentioned that he had seen an article In Boat US about Electric Shock Drowning and how you can tell the difference between someone drowning and someone that has been electrocuted. He will get the information to the marina office so that it can be sent out to all marina tenants with the next marina newsletter.

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

No Comments.

**9. Adjournment**

**Tony Matera made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:29pm and Sue Knauer seconded. Motion Carried.**