

CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON  
HARBOR COMMISSION MEETING  
Monday October 13, 2014, 7:00 P.M.  
City Hall, Lower Level Conference Room

Members Present

Jerry Baganz, Dan Herlache, Jerry Gruen, Bill Driscoll, Sue Knauer

Others Present

City Administrator Mark Grams

Harbor Master Dennis Cherny

1. **Roll Call: (Absent: Dave Larson and Tony Matera)**
  
2. **Approve Minutes Of Previous Meeting**  
**Bill Driscoll made a motion to approve the minutes as written and Sue Knauer seconded. Motion Carried.**
  
3. **Monthly Financial Report**  
City Administrator Grams said that this will be will probably do it for revenue this year. We are on the plus side \$218,915. We have made the debt service payment but still do need to make the payment of \$45,000 to the City. Harbormaster Cherny added that we still have one more fuel bill before the end of the year as well as \$6200 for WIFI and \$9600 for ice-eaters. City Administrator Grams estimates that we should end on the plus side for the year.
  
4. **Update On Slip Rentals, Boat Launches, And Transient Boaters**  
Harbormaster Cherny said that slip rentals remain the same. Boat launches were down 1811 this year compared to 2430 last year. Season Launches were down as well 242 this year compared to 255 last year. Sadly that shows what a year of bad fishing can do. Transients were down as well, but we did find that those that did come stayed longer.
  
5. **Preparation Of 2015 Marina Budget**  
Harbormaster Cherny started by mentioning that the Lion's Club did pay the remainder of their \$2762 bill. As for the revenue side of the budget, Harbormaster Cherny said that he has kept the numbers relatively the same as last year. City Administrator Grams added that they look at the two previous years and try to get an average or a feel for what the numbers may be for next year.  
Harbormaster Cherny said that he did not reflect an increase in slip fees, but wanted to know if the commission felt there should be an increase in fees.  
Member Driscoll said that he doesn't feel that there is a real good reason to raise the rates if we don't have to. Why, if we are keeping up with the maintenance and showing a profitable number. He believes that you may be risking some people leaving on principal.  
Member Baganz said that if we raise the rates 1% that would be \$4350, 2% would be \$8700 and so on. He believes that we should be increasing the slip fees a small amount each year rather than raising them a larger amount five years from now. Member Herlache added that this is a public marina, we need to break even and that's it. Unless we have some major projects coming up and need the additional revenue he doesn't believe an increase is necessary.  
Member Gruen mentioned that his opinion is to hold back on raising rates. Member Knauer agreed with Member Gruen.  
Harbormaster Cherny mentioned that he kept the numbers relatively the same as the last couple of years on the expense side as well. Obviously the major expense is the debt service. Fuel is always up in the air based on business. The only major projects planned for next year under Capital Improvements are the shrubberies that need to be removed and replaced and the fish grinder needs to be overhauled.  
  
**Jerry Gruen made a motion to approve the budget as written with no slip fee increase. Sue Knauer seconded. Sue Knauer, Jerry Gruen, Bill Driscoll, and Dan Herlache all signified by saying Aye and Jerry Baganz signified by saying No. The Ayes have it. Motion Carried.**

**6. Harbormaster's Report**

Harbormaster Cherny said the three haulers have started pulling boats out daily. He did mention that the water is up a ½ foot from this time last year and a good two feet from two years ago. He also mentioned that the wireless internet is up and running better. Also, the pumpout system is running better as well. After flooding the system with water a couple of small leaks were detected and repaired helping the system to maintain its pressure.

**7. Marina Tenants' Comments**

No Comments.

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

No comments.

**9. Adjournment**

**Jerry Baganz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:07pm and Sue Knauer seconded. Motion Carried.**