

CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON
HARBOR COMMISSION MEETING
Monday April 13, 2015, 7:00 P.M.
City Hall, Lower Level Conference Room

Members Present

Jerry Baganz, Dan Herlache, Jerry Gruen, Bill Driscoll, Sue Knauer, Dave Larson, Tony Matera

Others Present

Harbor Master Dennis Cherny

1. **Roll Call: (Absent: All Members Present)**

2. **Approve Minutes Of Previous Meeting**

Jerry Baganz made a motion to approve the minutes as written and Sue Knauer seconded. Motion Carried.

3. **Monthly Financial Report**

Harbor Master Cherny said that there is not much to report as it is early in the season. He is postponing end of year 2014 till next month when City Administrator Grams will be available to discuss.

4. **Update On 2015 Slip Rentals**

Harbormaster Cherny mentioned that the marina has 17 new tenants so far this year, but the bad news is that we still have 20 -36' slips open, 6-40' slips open, 4-45' slips open, and 2-50' slips open. The marina continues to get calls from interested boaters. He is optimistic that we will continue to rent more slips as the season progresses.

5. **Approve Hiring Seasonal Employees**

Harbormaster Cherny said that all the employees listed worked for the marina last year. They were all good employees he said. **Tony Matera made a motion to approve the hiring of the seasonal employees listed. Dan Herlache seconded. Sue Knauer, Jerry Gruen, Bill Driscoll, Jerry Baganz, Tony Matera, and Dan Herlache all signified by saying Aye and Dave Larson Abstained as his son is one of the employees listed. The Ayes have it. Motion Carried.**

6. **Harbormaster's Report**

Harbormaster Cherny said three boats launched the day the marina opened. Dan fox went out on a charter last week and caught 6 fish which is good compared to the season we had last year. He caught some browns, a rainbow, and couple Coho. He mentioned that the DNR has been planting fish this spring. They planted 35,000 Coho, 6,000 steelhead, and another 16,000 Coho.

He mentioned that the fish grinder was repaired this spring. They put all new teeth in the grinder. He estimates that it will cost around \$6,000 for the repair. The last time it was repaired was 6-7 years ago. He had to close the fish cleaning station in early October last year because it wasn't working properly. He is contemplating closing it early again this year as the late fall fishing takes a toll on it. The fishermen drag their fish over to the fish cleaning station and all the gravel goes into the grinder wearing down the teeth. Besides the fact that a lot of the fish caught in fall are simply too big to go down the grinder and the people just leave them lay there.

He mentioned that the water level has remained the same since last fall which is good for the marina.

Member Gruen asked if the marina had to run the ice eaters at all this winter. Harbormaster Cherny said that he only had to run two ice eaters in the North Slip for only a couple of hours. The power plant did well by the marina this year. They were running all winter and the marina stayed free of ice because of it. He estimates that the marina saved eight to ten thousand dollars this winter.

Member Matera asked if the marina was going to be doing anything for National Marina day as he is on another committee and they were possibly looking to help promote it. Harbormaster Cherny said that it is on June 13th. The marina has celebrated it in the past by offering marina tours and free hot dogs and soda. He was hoping to do that again this year as there is not another festival going on that day.

7. **Marina Tenants' Comments**

No Comments.

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

Member Driscoll said that last year it was discussed possibly doing some hands on training with the marina employees. It was discussed that possibly some members from the Yacht Club would be willing to use their boats to help train the employees had to tie a boat up to the fuel pier. Harbormaster Cherny said that the employees are trained, but he isn't against them getting hands on training to learn proper line handling if there are boats willing to do so.

9. **Adjournment**

Dave Larson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:34pm and Tony Matera seconded. Motion Carried.