

CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON  
HARBOR COMMISSION MEETING  
Monday June 18, 2018 7:00 P.M.  
City Hall, Lower Level Conference Room

**Members Present**

Sue Knauer, Dan Herlache, Jerry Gruen, Jordan Schwanz, Dan Laurence, Bill Driscoll, and Mike Gasper

**Others Present**

City Administrator Mark Grams

Harbormaster Dennis Cherny

Secretary Lisa Rathke

Kristyn Halbig Ziehm-Ozaukee Press

Marina Tenants- Richard Lakse, Dennis and Barbara Walters, Robert Drews, Jay St. Peter, Bob Mueller

**1. Roll Call: (Absent: All members present)**

**2. Election Of Chairman And Vice Chairman**

Member Gruen opened nominations for Chairman. **Sue Knauer nominated the current Chair, Jerry Gruen and Dan Herlache seconded the nomination. Dan Herlache made a motion that nominations be closed and Sue Knauer seconded. Motion Carried.** Member Gruen opened nominations for Vice Chairman. **Sue Knauer nominated Bill Driscoll and Dan Laurence seconded the nomination. Dan Laurence made a motion that nominations be closed and Dan Herlache seconded. Motion Carried.**

**3. Approve Minutes Of Previous Meeting**

**Dan Herlache made a motion to approve the minutes as written and Sue Knauer seconded. Motion Carried.**

**4. Monthly Financial Report**

City Administrator Grams mentioned that numbers look great right now as most of the slip revenue has been collected and there hasn't been much in the way of expenditures. As for 2017, it looks like we will end up right around \$32-\$33,000 on the plus side. He will get a final copy of the 2017 financials when they are done.

**5. Marina Control Building Roof**

Harbormaster Cherny said that the roof has been deteriorating over the last ten years. He will be working on getting a couple more bids and will bring those to the commission at the next meeting.

**6. Harbormaster's Report**

Harbormaster Cherny mentioned that the dockside pump out system has a leak somewhere as the system is having difficulty maintaining a vacuum. He said that they are working on it daily when the weather allows. He has gotten dye from the sewage disposal plant and will run the dye through the system and see if they can find the leak that way. He mentioned that here are rumors that the marina is going to abandon the pump out system, which is not true. For the time being the diaphragm pump out at the fuel dock is available and working fine.

Fishing has been good and bad. There is a new invasive species called the Mysis Shrimp and it has been said that the Coho are following these shrimp to deep water and that is why there are not many Coho being caught.

Member Gruen asked how the water levels are doing. Harbormaster Cherny said that we have to keep an eye on it as there is less than two feet before the piers are even with the top of the pilings. Member Gasper inquired about the ramps going down to the docks. Harbormaster said that if the water continues to go up that will be a concern as well.

Member Knauer asked if the marina could invest in a lawn mower as the grass is not being cut on a regular basis. Harbormaster Cherny said that Park & Rec is going through some changes and to give it time. He has faith that they will get the Marina on a regular schedule. Member Knauer also asked if it was possible to have the intersection of Washington and Lake Street changed to a 3-Way stop. City Administrator Grams said that he will refer that to the Traffic Safety Committee.

Harbor Master Cherny said that the Wi-Fi system is all repaired. Bill Lundgren who works on our Wi-Fi came in and discovered that a couple of the radios were not working on Pier 3. The parts to fix them have been on back order and Bill was finally able to repair it last week. Bill is now working on setting up a network and password protecting the Wi-Fi. Once that is done, tenants will receive an email with the password information to log on. Bill also installed a device where he is able to remotely monitor all the equipment that way he will know as soon as something is not functioning and repair it right away.

Harbormaster Cherny said that it was mentioned that the Harbor Commission minutes are not being posted, but people don't realize that there may be a couple months in between meetings. Minutes from meetings will be posted unofficially until they are officially approved by the commission.

Marina Tenant Robert Drews asked Harbormaster Cherny if the marina personnel were going to finish power washing the piers. Harbormaster Cherny said that they went as far as the hoses would reach and now that the marina is full of boats, they will not be continuing as they may kick up dirt onto the boats. Harbormaster Cherny said that he is trying to come up with some ideas on how to keep the birds off the docks this coming winter so we don't end up with the same problem next year. Marina Tenant Robert Drews also asked what can be done with the boaters that are violating the "No Wake" signs and buoys. Harbormaster Cherny said that we had it pretty well under control last year. We need to write a ticket to a speeding boater and the word usually gets out and boaters start paying closer attention to how fast they are going. He said that if possible, get a picture or video of the speeding boater and that can be taken to the police department and they will write them a citation.

**7. Marina Tenants' Comments**

No comments.

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

Member Driscoll said that he would like to have an update on what is going on with the fish cleaning station. City Administrator Grams said that they are waiting on Ansay to make some final decisions on what they are going to do with Newport Shores. They are still in the planning process. They seem to be focusing on the apartments that they want to do by Victors. Nothing will be happening with the fish cleaning station this year. Earliest would be next spring. When the time comes, the Harbor Commission would make a recommendation to the Common Council regarding the fish cleaning station. Harbormaster Cherny said that City Administrator Grams and he discussed flip flopping the fish cleaning stations, taking the big fish cleaning station from the marina and switching it with the smaller fish cleaning station over by Fishermen's Park. There is more parking available over there for vehicles with trailers. The smaller station would then be available for the marina tenants.

Marina tenant Barbara Walters questioned who can use the gas grills at the marina. Harbormaster Cherny said that there is a sign saying "Marina Tenants Only". No one has been asked to leave if they are not a marina tenant, but we don't want to say that it is open to the public as it is meant for the marina tenants and guests as they are the ones paying to stay at the marina.

**9. Adjournment**

**Bill Driscoll made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 pm and Sue Knauer seconded. Motion Carried.**