

CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON  
HARBOR COMMISSION MEETING  
Monday December 17, 2018 7:00 P.M.  
City Hall, Lower Level Conference Room

**Members Present**

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

**Others Present**

City Administrator Mark Grams  
Harbormaster Dennis Cherny  
Secretary Lisa Rathke  
Marina Tenant Richard Laske  
Kristyn Halbig Ziehm- Ozaukee Press

1. **Roll Call: (Absent: Dan Herlache)**

2. **Approve Minutes Of Previous Meeting**

**Bill Driscoll made a motion to approve the minutes as written and Dan Laurence seconded. Motion Carried.**

3. **Monthly Financial Report**

City Administrator Grams said that as of right now, it looks like we will end up with a net profit in the low 30's for the year which would bring the fund balance up to around \$165,000 at the end of the year.

Member Driscoll inquired why the parking meter revenue was down. Harbormaster Cherny said that they still need to be emptied before the end of the year as they have not been emptied since October. Also, we have less parking meters due to removing meters and adding all the marina tenant parking only.

Member Driscoll also was wondering what the Discount on Marina Sales number is. Harbormaster Cherny said that he believes that it is tax and credit card fees. He will verify with the city treasurer.

4. **Discuss Tenant Wanting To Rent Houseboat For Overnight Guests**

Discussion was held regarding a new potential tenant who, Harbormaster Cherny mentioned, wants to rent a spot in the charter area for a houseboat that he would then rent out to guests, similar-to a VRBO or Airbnb. They would have to rent a slip in the North Slip charter area as they would be considered a business. Any guests would have to follow the rules of the marina. Member Driscoll thinks this is a great idea. Logistics will have to be figured out as this kind of business at the marina is a first for all of us said Harbormaster Cherny.

5. **Discuss Possible Relocation Of Fish Cleaning Station**

Discussion was held regarding the fish cleaning station. City Administrator Grams mentioned that the Great Lakes Sport Fishermen had brought a concept to the city about moving the fish cleaning station down to the east side of the trailer lot. Taking out the bushes along the parking lot and having the station be built down by the sidewalk and have a picture taking area with hooks along the fence to the Main Marina. This is too far of a run without a lift station. As of right now we are still planning to go with the location down by the dumpster area alongside the tenant parking by the North Building.

6. **Harbormaster's Report**

Harbormaster Cherny mentioned that our Marina was chosen for the 2018 Boater's Choice Award by Marinas.com. The award is based on customer reviews. Harbormaster Cherny said that he has a new system for keeping the seagulls, geese, and other waterfowl off the docks. He said that they strung every dock and finger pier with a thin piece of line. It took roughly 30 minutes per dock. For the last month, there hasn't been a single bird spotted on the docks in the Main Marina. It is working perfectly.

Harbormaster Cherny said that he learned of a new product at a recent meeting that signals if there is electric current in the water. It costs \$150.00. He is looking at getting one for this coming season. At this meeting he also heard that it is predicted that the water level will continue to go up for the next couple of years. It could go up as much as a foot in the next two years.

Harbormaster Cherny said that he applied and received a grant for a new pump-out at the fuel dock.

7. **Marina Tenants' Comments**

Marina tenant Richard Laske mentioned that he didn't understand why the fish cleaning station must be moved from its current location. Its on the south side of the building. Its not visible to any traffic coming in and out. City Administrator Grams said that it is in their traffic flow area and that is why they would like it moved to another location.

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

No comments.

9. **Adjournment**

**Bill Driscoll made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 pm and Dan Laurence seconded. Motion Carried.**

Minutes Approved By The Harbor Commission