

CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON
HARBOR COMMISSION MEETING
Monday May 13, 2019 7:00 P.M.
City Hall, Lower Level Conference Room

Members Present

Sue Knauer, Dennis Brede, Bill Driscoll, Dan Laurence, and Mike Gasper

Others Present

City Administrator Mark Grams
Harbormaster Dennis Cherny
Secretary Lisa Rathke
Kristyn Halbig Ziehm- Ozaukee Press
Mayor Becker

1. **Roll Call: (Absent: Jerry Gruen and Jordan Schwanz)**

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

Member Driscoll opened nominations for Chairman. **Sue Knauer nominated the current Chair, Jerry Gruen and Mike Gasper seconded the nomination. Motion Carried.** Member Driscoll opened nominations for Vice Chairman. **Sue Knauer nominated Mike Gasper and Dan Laurence nominated Bill Driscoll. The Ayes nominated Bill Driscoll. Motion Carried.**

3. **Approve Minutes Of Previous Meeting**

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

4. **Monthly Financial Report & 2018 Year End Report**

City Administrator Grams mentioned that the end of month for April looks look as we haven't had a lot of expenditures. As for the 2018-year end, the numbers are not finalized yet, but it is looking like we will end up with about \$50,000.

Harbormaster Cherny mentioned that the reason the repair budget is already at \$22,000 for the month of April is because we purchased the new Pump Out system for \$11,295, however once the install is complete, we will get 75% of that cost back from a DNR grant. The repairs of \$3,066.50 to the floating dock are a part of that number as well.

The fuel contamination will also impact the repair budget. We are looking at roughly \$24,000 in repair costs for that. Member Gasper asked if there was going to be an insurance claim on it. City Administrator Grams mentioned that it doesn't look like it will be covered by the insurance. If something had happened to the actual tank itself, it would be covered. Harbormaster Cherny mentioned that the last time our gasoline was contaminated they covered it, and he feels that we need to investigate this further. Member Driscoll agrees, and if they don't cover such things, look into a different company.

5. **Update On Marina Control Building Roof**

Harbormaster Cherny mentioned that they will be starting the roof project tomorrow.

6. **Harbormaster's Report**

Harbormaster Cherny mentioned that we only have about 30% of the boats in the water. It has been a very slow spring. The water level is up 5-6" compared to the last couple of years. We are not at a record high yet, but the water is predicted to go up. Last week we had a seiche of about 18inches and it knocked some of the white piling caps off. In an extreme seiche like that we are right at the top of the pilings. A fix for that will be expensive, so we will have to hope and pray that the water level doesn't get any higher than it has been. Harbormaster Cherny has a call into Meeco Sullivan to ask what their recommendations are in cases such as these. Whether we need to only weld an additional couple feet of piling to only a handful of piles or if they suggest that we weld an additional couple of feet to every piling.

Harbormaster Cherny gave an update on the string used to keep the ducks, geese, and sea gulls off the docks and said that there were no birds on the docks all winter long. The line did its job and worked great! There are minor amounts of bird debris now that we removed the lines, nothing that can't be handled by the individual boaters.

The floating piers are in the water now and will be connected over by the blue bridge this week.

Sealing of the trailer parking lot will begin tomorrow, doing half the parking lot at a time.

Fishing has been terrible lately. Member Brede said that he heard they are not having consistent bites down at Winthrop Harbor, Oak Creek is slow and McKinley area is hit and miss. They are catching mainly Browns and Lakers.

Harbormaster Cherny said that the Wi-Fi is up and running. Bill Lundgren will look into adding additional radios to make the signal stronger and change the password for this summer.

7. Marina Tenants' Comments

No comments.

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

No comments.

9. Adjournment

Dan Laurence made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 pm and Sue Knauer seconded. Motion Carried.

Minutes Approved By The Harbor Commission