

CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON
HARBOR COMMISSION MEETING
Monday July 8, 2019 7:00 P.M.
City Hall, Lower Level Conference Room

Members Present

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

Others Present

City Administrator Mark Grams

Harbormaster Dennis Cherny

Secretary Lisa Rathke

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

2. Approve Minutes Of Previous Meeting

Dan Laurence made a motion to approve the minutes as written Mike Gasper seconded. Motion Carried.

3. Monthly Financial Report

City Administrator Grams said that the main numbers daily and seasonal launches, and transients are way down as well as fuel sales. This is just through June, hopefully things will be picking up. The cost (\$37,900) for adding the additional pilings is not yet listed under repairs.

Harbormaster Cherny added that July has been excellent so far. The weather has been nice, and the fishing has picked up.

Secretary Rathke added that Charlotte (Accounts Payable) and Jennifer Clark (City Treasurer) are looking into the sales tax issue and why it appears to be so high this early in the year. Jennifer believes that it should be around \$33,000-\$34,000 rather than \$42,000.

Member Laurence inquired about any insurance payment that we received for the fuel issue from spring. City Administrator Grams said that he spoke with Tony Matera regarding the insurance coverage and he has discovered that there is no coverage for getting water in the tank through a defect in the tank in any insurance policy that they have. Harbormaster Cherny mentioned that he has a phone conference with the Wisconsin Marine Association tomorrow and will inquire what insurance companies they deal with.

4. Update On Repairs To Pilings In Main Marina

Harbormaster Cherny said that they have all been completed, painted, and white caps put on them. The work was completed in about a week and half. They did a good job and got the work done just in time as the water continued to rise.

Member Gasper mentioned that he had read on the Army Corps of Engineers site that Lake Michigan is at it's all time high for the month of July and predicted to go up two inches by August 5th.

Harbormaster Cherny said that winter is going to be a problem if the water doesn't go down at all as all the water, electrical, and pump-out out system piping is all under water at the start of every dock.

5. Painting Breakwater Panels

Marina tenant and local business owner Bill Prince put on a presentation about beautifying the inside of the 17 concrete panels on the break wall by covering them with a ceramic coating like Rhino Shield covering them with a spectrum of colors from deep blue to white making them blend in with the surrounding scenery. He is looking at doing it with zero tax-payer dollars. The cost according to Rhino Shield looks to be about \$20,000 which he plans on funding through pledges from local businesses. Each wall will come with a small placard attached to the wall mentioning who sponsored it.

City Administrator Mark Grams mentioned that he will speak with the Army Corps. of Engineers to verify that they do not have an issue with the idea as well as the city attorney.

Member Driscoll inquired what the warranty would be on such a project as it probably hasn't been tested under these conditions.

Member Laurence questioned how it would hold up to graffiti and if it could easily be cleaned off.

Bill Prince said that once all the money has been pledged, he will let the city know, and we will go from there.

6. Harbormaster's Report

Harbormaster Cherny mentioned that the new pump-out system that we received the grant for is up and running on the fuel pier. The 3 surge protectors in the large electrical panels on the docks have now been replaced. The roof on the Marina Control Building is done except for the rain gutters and downspouts.

It has been discovered that the Wi-Fi is being tripped due to condensation in the electrical panels caused by the quick changes in temperature and is looking at how to vent those panels to reduce the condensation issue.

Thanks to good fishing, as of today, and good weather business will hopefully continue to pick up!

7. **Marina Tenants' Comments**

No comments.

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 7:34 pm and Dennis Brede seconded. Motion Carried.

Minutes Approved By The Harbor Commission