

CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON
HARBOR COMMISSION MEETING
Monday September 9, 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
Kris Halbig Ziehm (Ozaukee Press)
Mayor Becker
Alderman John Sigwart

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

2. **Approve Minutes Of Previous Meeting**

Dan Laurence made a motion to approve the minutes as written and Dennis Brede seconded. Motion Carried.

3. **Monthly Financial Report**

City Administrator Grams mentioned that the net profit went down quite a bit as two large payments were made; one paying off the Debt Service and the other for fuel. Expenses for the rest of the year will primarily be personnel costs. There will still be some revenue coming in, but the bulk of the revenue is done for the year. Member Driscoll mentioned that the repair costs had jumped up and inquired if the work done to the docks was now paid off. City Administrator Grams responded and said that all dock work is complete and paid for. Harbormaster Cherny mentioned that there will be a bill for a new water heater installed in the North Building and we have yet to receive the bill for the Control Building roof. That should be it for major expenditures he said.

4. **Preparation Of 2020 Marina Budget**

Harbormaster Cherny shared our current slip rates as well as the slip rates of several marinas in the area. Discussion was held. Harbormaster Cherny mentioned that most marinas are planning an increase of some sort for 2020. City Administrator said to hold off on setting the rates until we know where the budget is at with everything.

5. **Update On Relocation Of Fish Cleaning Station**

City Administrator Grams informed the commission that the Newport Shores development will be going before the Planning Commission this month with their site plan. If that is approved, then we can start moving forward with the relocation of the fish cleaning station. He said that they are still looking at the location by the North Building dumpster area as that right now seems to be the best location to make things work. As of now he is hoping that a lift station will not be necessary, however that is not a for sure thing. Member Gasper said that he would like to see the fish cleaning station moved further south if a lift station ends up being required and would also like to see the Kiwanis Pavilion moved with it and have a combined building for the both of them. Member Knauer inquired as to whose decision it would ultimately be as to where the fish cleaning station is moved to. Administrator Grams said that the plans would come before the Harbor Commission for recommendation, with the Council having the final say.

Alderman Sigwart asked for clarification on Ansay paying for the entire package and City Administrator Grams said right, and we are trying to keep as much of the current fish cleaning station's mechanicals.

Member Brede inquired if the table will be the same size or downgraded. City Administrator Grams said that it will be at least what it is now. Member Brede had concerns about the lip that goes around the current table and Member Schwanz had concerns about reaching the hole in the center of the table. Members Schwanz and Brede both feel that these concerns should be addressed when the fish cleaning station is moved. Member Gasper mentioned that it will need to be looked into whether the fish cleaning station would have to meet any ADA requirements.

6. Update On Painting Breakwater Panels

City Administrator Grams informed the commission that he did speak with the Army Corps of Engineers and they gave them their blessing to move forward. Member Laurence mentioned that he did talk with Bill Prince. Bill is talking with Rhino Shield as well as some others. He said that Bill is also looking to get all contributors on paper, so he knows that it's over a 100% paid for. Bill is looking to get it done this October if possible. Member Laurence said that Bill should be prepared to present final plans at the October meeting.

7. Harbormaster's Report

Harbormaster Cherny mentioned that Labor Day weekend was a great weekend at the Marina. Last year we only made \$7,000 and this year we made \$25,000. The pier was just crowded with people.

He mentioned an interesting statistic that back in April Lake Michigan and Lake Huron had 2.5 trillion gallons of water poured into it during that period of time. That is why the lake rose 7 inches in just a couple of weeks.

The water level is down 1 inch as of today. We are still at a record high. We are 4.7 feet above zero on our chart at the marina. That's three feet above 2013 when we were at a low. Member Driscoll asked how much it needs to go down for us to be safe for the winter. Harbormaster Cherny said that we would need at least 4 or 5 inches. He said that the problem will be around the shoreline and he will put in additional ice eaters if necessary.

Member Brede asked if we solved the issue with the water coming into the electrical boxes on the docks. Harbormaster Cherny said that it is condensation from the changes in temperature. The electrician said instead of putting vents in, on those days when there are drastic temperature changes just open the boxes up momentarily and wipe them out. This has solved that problem. Member Brede asked what has happened with the Wi-Fi. Harbormaster Cherny said that he is meeting with Bill Lundgren tomorrow. They will be discussing the next steps for the Wi-Fi system. He has not put any money into the Wi-Fi this year. They will look into to what it will cost to upgrade the radios for next year as they are coming to the end of their life.

Member Driscoll asked if anything had been figured out regarding the sales tax. Secretary Rathke mentioned that the last she heard from the City Treasurer was they were looking into. Secretary Rathke will follow up with the City Treasurer.

Member Driscoll inquired as to whether Harbormaster Cherny had found out anything about the insurance. City Administrator Grams said that he has been working with Tony Matera from Ansay on it. Tony is looking at into agency that Harbormaster Cherny had given to him. Tony is also working with our insurance company EMC to add that to our policy and what the cost would be for that additional coverage. City Administrator Grams said we should have something by budget time so we know what that additional cost will be.

Member Knauer mentioned that there was a lot of drama with the fishermen fishing in the hairpin turn at the marina. Harbormaster Cherny said that the police were called on Sunday to talk with them. Harbormaster Cherny has also contacted the DNR and will ask WIDNR Warden Tony Young keep a close eye on it especially on the weekends.

8. Marina Tenants' Comments

No comments.

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

No comments.

10. Adjournment

Bill Driscoll made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 pm and Sue Knauer seconded. Motion Carried.