

CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON
HARBOR COMMISSION MEETING
Monday October 14, 2019 7:00 P.M.
City Hall, Lower Level Conference Room

Members Present

Sue Knauer, Dennis Brede, 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)

Bill Prince (Local Business owner and Marina Tenant)

Richard Laske (Marina Tenant)

1. **Roll Call: (Absent: Jordan Schwanz)**

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 mentioned that as of the end of September we are in the positive \$158,000. However, the remainder of the year is mainly expenditures. There will be gasoline bills coming in yet as well as the payment for the roof.

Harbormaster Cherny mentioned that we did get back approximately \$13,000 from the state on the sales tax that was overpaid. We just received that payment so it will be included under October's monies.

4. **Approval Of 2020 Marina Budget**

Member Gruen mentioned that the budget looks similar to last years. Member Laurence inquired if there was Wi-Fi expense built into the budget somewhere. Harbormaster Cherny said that it was left off the 2019 Budget for some reason and was not listed on the 2020 Budget either. We did ask the City Treasurer to add the \$5,000 for Wi-Fi, but she did not list it. City Administrator Grams said just let him know what account number the Wi-Fi should be under and he will get it added. Harbormaster Cherny mentioned that we had asked Bill Lundgren to present his proposal tonight, but he is out of town. The proposal is a major upgrade from what we have with several additional radios and other equipment to boost service. The total cost for the project would be \$18,700.98 which is not included in the 2020 Budget as of yet. We could list it as a Capital Improvement, or you can wait and hear what Bill has to say before deciding. Member Gruen said that he would prefer to wait to hear Bill's presentation before making a decision.

Member Driscoll inquired about a few items on the agenda. He questioned where the donations come from.

Harbormaster Cherny said that number reflects money donated by Great Lakes Sport Fishermen and the Lion's Club for supplies used during festivals or donations for things that the marina may be in need of for improvements. The other thing that Member Driscoll questioned is the \$8,000 for the telephone as it seems like a lot of money. City Administrator Grams said that it is divided up between the city departments and includes the phone as well as internet costs. Member Driscoll also had some questions regarding employees and why some categories are more than budgeted and why some are less than budgeted and if those numbers should be adjusted. Harbormaster Cherny mentioned that we hired 6 new employees this year, which means employees are doubled up during the training process making one category higher, and we had a couple long time employees that did not return which is why the one category is lower than budgeted.

Bill Driscoll made a motion to approve the 2020 Budget as presented with the 3% slip fee increase and Sue Knauer seconded.

Member Brede questioned if rates needed to be raised by 3% if we are showing a net profit seeing as we are not looking at any major capital improvements or repairs. City Administrator Grams pointed out that we may end up losing money this year if you look at the projected numbers for the remainder of the year, he believes the increase is needed for next year. Member Driscoll added that it has been discussed in past years that we kept the increase low due to the economy for several years, but then we needed the money and had to have a big increase. So, the thought was to

increase it slowly every year.

Member Brede mentioned that the 30' and the 36' slips should have the increase since they are the most desired and to hold firm on the larger slips since they aren't as full. Member Knauer doesn't believe that you can discriminate between slips and the increase should apply to all sizes. Member Gasper mentioned that it would make sense to increase the amount for the slips that have the demand such as the 30 and 36' slips and member Driscoll said that he could agree with that, it's just supply and demand. Member Gruen believes that we should go with the budget as written for this year and put off adjusting specific slips for now and have the 3% increase across the board for all slips. Discussion was held.

Bill Driscoll amended his previous motion to approve the 2020 Budget as written including an approximate \$17,000 increase in slip fees and Dennis Brede seconded. Motion Carried.

5. Update On Newport Shores Project And Fish Cleaning Station

City Administrator Grams informed the commission that the Design Review Board met and approved the site plan for Newport Shores, and it will be going before the Planning Commission on Thursday. As for the fish cleaning station we are looking at putting it further south since it looks like a lift pump may be needed. Member Gasper mentioned that Mayor Becker would like to see that the new fish cleaning station is able to handle the large fish that get caught in the fall. Discussion was held.

6. Update On Painting Breakwater Panels

Bill Prince gave an update on the painting of the breakwater panels. He mentioned that he is now looking at going with a paint called Loxon XP Masonry Coating that is offered through Sherwin Williams. He has 155% of the money pledged for the project. He has a quote from Elegant Estates to do the work. The total cost would be less than \$12,000 including the plaques. He has a total of \$18,000 of donations pledged by 18 different folks. That would leave over \$6,000 in a dedicated fund being kept at PWSB for future maintenance. Sherwin Williams will warranty for at least 5 years and possibly up to 8-10 years and will back the work done by Elegant Estates.

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

7. Harbormaster's Report

Harbormaster Cherny mentioned that half the boats are out of the marina and we expect them all to be out by the 1st. We have spent the last week pulling logs out of the water after all the rain. We had more this last week than we did after the big flood last year. Some were 50' to 60' long.

All the locks will be changed for 2020 after we close.

We had some surge protectors in our electrical panels go out again. They cost approximately \$1,000 a piece to replace. A couple of them are covered under warranty, the others we will have to pay to replace. John Thill was working with the electric company to figure out a source to the problem, and as of now, the electric company is claiming no responsibility.

Harbormaster Cherny mentioned that there were three boats being shown by Seven Marine on a Saturday morning. The boats were lined up on the North Channel for viewing. The one speed boat had two outboard engines that were 517hp a piece. The company is out of Germantown and the motors are manufactured by General Motors in China.

8. Marina Tenants' Comments

Marina tenant Richard Laske thanked Harbormaster Cherny and the staff for doing an awesome job getting all the logs and debris out of the water around the marina. The marina tenants greatly appreciate the job that Harbormaster Cherny and his crew are doing.

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

Member Driscoll questioned the meeting start time as he thought that a few years back the Harbor Commission meetings started at 6pm rather than 7pm. Member Gruen informed him that the meeting time has always been 7pm.

10. Adjournment

Dan Laurence made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 pm and Bill Driscoll seconded. Motion Carried.