

CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON
HARBOR COMMISSION MEETING
Monday January 20, 2020 7:00 P.M.
City Hall, Lower Level Conference Room

Members Present

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

Others Present

City Administrator Mark Grams

Harbormaster Dennis Cherny

Secretary Lisa Rathke

1. **Roll Call: (Absent: Dennis Brede)**

2. **Approve Minutes Of Previous Meeting**

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

3. **Monthly Financial Report**

City Administrator Grams mentioned that the December Financial Statement is not final yet as there are still some bills that are being paid yet. By the next meeting we should have more finalized numbers. The city will be doing some refinancing of older bonds, one being for the marina, which could save the marina \$12-13,000 in debt service payments a year.

Member Driscoll asked what the grant income was for and Harbormaster Cherny reminded him that it was for the new pump out system on the fuel dock.

4. **Update On Newport Shores Project And Fish Cleaning Station**

City Administrator Grams mentioned that he has been talking with Ansay trying to get an update. It sounds like the project is slowing down a bit due to the presales of the condos and the construction costs have come in a little higher, Ansay is unsure at this time if they will start construction in spring or fall. City Administrator Grams mentioned that he told Ansay that we need an answer in the next month or two as calls are coming in regarding festivals that use the Kiwanis Pavilion.

5. **Update On Marina Wi-Fi**

Harbormaster Cherny said that he would like to go ahead with the project and would like approval given to move forward now that everyone has had time to look over Bill Lundgren's proposal. Discussion was held. **Dan Laurence made a motion to approve \$20,000 for the upgrade to the Wi-Fi system at the marina and Sue Knauer seconded. Motion Carried.**

6. **Approve \$11.00 Launch Fee For Boats From Other Marinas That Are Put In/ Pulled Out By Local Transport Companies**

Harbormaster Dennis Cherny said that he is looking for approval for the \$11.00 launch fee charge for all boats from other marinas that are put in or pulled out here by local transportation companies that was discussed at the last meeting. **Mike Gasper made a motion to approve the \$11.00 Launch Fee For Boats From Other Marinas That Are Put In/ Pulled Out By Local Transport Companies and Sue Knauer seconded. Motion Carried.**

7. **Harbormaster's Report**

Harbormaster Cherny informed the commission that with all the storms we've been having the marina has not sustained any damage that he is aware of. However, the strong storms brought a lot of logs back into the marina. We have no means of pulling them out of the water right now so we have about a dozen of them tied up around the marina in hopes of preventing them from getting caught under the ramps and causing damage to the walkways, fuel lines, electrical and water lines.

Slips are full. We rented a couple of the larger open slips to boats from South Shore Yacht Club as their breakwater was compromised during one of the last storms and some of their slips were destroyed.

Harbormaster Cherny informed the commission of the current water levels. Back in 1986 the water was at the all-time high at 582.35 feet above sea level. In July of 2019 the water peaked at 581.92 feet above sea level. During the last storm we had the water level hit 581.53 feet above sea level. They are predicting the water to hit 582.61 feet above sea level by June of 2020. This would then be the all-time record high.

The Viking Cruise Ship is coming to the Great Lakes said Harbormaster Dennis Cherny. City Administrator Grams mentioned that it sounds like it will be starting and stopping in Milwaukee. Kathy Tank from Tourism has contacted the cruise line informing them that Port Washington could be a potential stop as we do have the space along Coal Dock Park for them to dock at, but sadly their itineraries are set through 2023.

8. Marina Tenants' Comments

No Comments.

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

Member Gruen mentioned that Bill Prince who is organizing the painting of the break wall concrete panels is getting the bank account set up and the project will be moving forward.

10. Adjournment

Dan Laurence made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 pm and Bill Driscoll seconded. Motion Carried.

Minutes Approved By The Harbor Commission