

CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON  
HARBOR COMMISSION MEETING  
Monday March 9, 2020 7:00 P.M.  
City Hall, Lower Level Conference Room

**Members Present**

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

**Others Present**

City Administrator Mark Grams

Kristyn Halbig Ziehm

Mayor Becker

Harbormaster Dennis Cherny

Secretary Lisa Rathke

1. **Roll Call: (Absent: Dennis Brede and Jordan Schwanz)**

2. **Approve Minutes Of Previous Meeting**

**Mike Gasper made a motion to approve the minutes as written and Sue Knauer seconded. Motion Carried.**

3. **Monthly Financial Report**

City Administrator Grams said the financial statement for January 2020 is very preliminary as the audit is not yet complete for 2019. There should be more accurate numbers at the next meeting. Even though we do not have final numbers for 2019, it does look like we will finish in the black despite all the repairs that took place. One of the main reasons is the contractor has not billed for the roof yet meaning that will be charged to the 2020 budget. The contribution to the general fund was budgeted at \$50,000 and looks like it will be closer to \$30,000 instead.

4. **Refinancing Of The Marina Debt Service**

City Administrator Grams informed the commission, that based refinancing at a 2% interest rate, you can see the difference in the debt service payments of \$19,000-20,000 in savings a year. There should be finalized numbers regarding this in time for the May Harbor Commission meeting.

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

City Administrator Grams said that there is no major update at this time. They haven't reached their numbers in order to get their financing yet. Looks like the earliest would be a fall start for moving the fish cleaning station.

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

Harbormaster Cherny handed out copies of the updated quote/proposal for the Wi-Fi upgrade from Bill Lundgren. City Administrator Grams mentioned that he will talk with DigiCorp about upgrading the bandwidth. **Dan Laurence made a motion to approve the updated quote form Bill Lundgren for the Wi-Fi system upgrade at the marina and Sue Knauer seconded. Motion Carried.**

7. **Harbormaster's Report**

Harbormaster Cherny mentioned that all slips have been rented to permanent tenants.

Harbormaster Cherny informed the commission that he will be attending a meeting with the Army Corps of Engineers the afternoon of March 19<sup>th</sup> regarding the high-water levels of Lake Michigan and what they are predicting for the summer. There is a meeting the same evening from 6-8pm that is open to the public at MATC-Mequon Campus room #289. Harbormaster Cherny mentioned that some predictions have the water level going up an additional 12-14 inches. Some say the jet stream is so full of moisture that even though the lake is not frozen over the water is still not evaporating. Also, the water shed is so saturated that they are saying any rain we get is just running off into lakes and streams, the ground is not able to handle it. If the water continues to go up, we should be okay in the Main Marina since we added the additional pilings last year, however, we could have some problems in the North Slip if the water continues to go up.

Harbormaster Cherny shared the Marina's Annual Report with the commission.

8. **Marina Tenants' Comments**

No Comments.

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

Member Laurence shared an update from Bill Prince about painting the break wall panels. They partnered with Mainstreet and now have their 501 (c) 3 set up. They are looking to start painting this spring if they are able to access the break wall to do so.

Member Driscoll asked if there still was a Marinas' Tenant representative or if that was dissolved as no one has attended the meetings recently. Member Gruen mentioned that he believes that Paul Markworth is still the representative but is in Florida from September through May. Member Driscoll mentioned that he will bring that up at the next Yacht Club meeting.

10. **Adjournment**

**Bill Driscoll made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 pm and Sue Knauer seconded. Motion Carried.**

Minutes Approved By The Harbor Commission