

CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON
HARBOR COMMISSION MEETING
Monday March 28, 2022, 7:00 P.M.
Harborview Lower-Level Meeting Room

Members Present

Sue Knauer, Jerry Gruen, Mike Gasper, Bill Driscoll, Tim Osowski, and Jordan Schwanz

Others Present

Harbormaster Dennis Cherny

Secretary Lisa Rathke

Stacey Berg-Marina Tenants' Representative

Mayor Neitzke

Chad Biersach and Dale Allen (Charter Captain's Association)

Kristyn Halbig Ziehm-Ozaukee Press

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

2. **Approve Minutes Of Previous Meeting**

Mike Gasper made a motion to approve minutes and Sue Knauer seconded. Motion Carried.

3. **Monthly Financial Report**

Harbormaster Cherny mentioned that the Marina opens on Friday. There hasn't been much business besides tenant contract payments up until this time.

4. **2021 Annual Report**

Harbormaster Cherny presented the 2021 Annual Marina Report to the Harbor Commission.

5. **Approve Rehiring Of Seasonal Employees**

Harbormaster Cherny would like the list of employees approved for rehire as they were all good employees, and he would like to have them return this year. **Bill Driscoll made a motion to approve the list of employees and Tim Osowski seconded. Motion Carried.**

6. **Discussion Of Sidewalk Placement Along Lake Street**

Harbormaster Cherny wanted to inform the members of the Harbor Commission about the City's plan to put in a sidewalk along Lake Street where the Marina welcome sign is located. He mentioned that the welcome sign and the new flowers and bushes that were just planted last year along with a couple of trees will have to be removed.

Member Gasper explained the thinking behind this decision as a member of the Board of Public Works. When roads are built, to have a complete street you need to have sidewalk on both sides so that it is easily accessible. He mentioned that Lake Street is being narrowed a couple of feet so that will still allow for some green space. The trees will have to come down and the current flower boxes will have to be removed, but there will be space to install new flower boxes and plant new trees. The sign would also have to be removed and reinstalled. A lot of the road is paying paid for through the TIF District. Speak with the City Engineer to see if stuff can be added to the plan and salvaged.

Member Osowski asked if there was a way to compromise by having the sidewalk closer to the roadway? Member Gasper mentioned that that's not an ideal solution for pedestrians as it doesn't feel as safe and plowing in winter could be a problem.

Member Driscoll feels like it is a lot of work to go through for one block of sidewalk.

Mayor Neitzke mentioned that moving forward he would like to see that if the city has plans for anything at the Marina, that the Marina be on the front end of that. He would also like to see the City Planner and City Engineer appear before the Harbor Commission every November or December and inform the commission of any plans for development for the next 3-5 years that may impact the Marina. That way there are no surprises going forward.

7. **Harbormaster's Report**

Harbormaster Cherny informed the Commission that the Marina's Underground Storage Tanks will no longer be insured after May 10th. Insurance companies have now decided that they will not provide insurance for any tanks that are older than 25 years. The Marina's fiberglass tanks will be 40 years old this spring. The city is strongly pursuing getting insurance from another company. Our fuel system and lines were upgraded in 1996 and again in 2010 when

the new docks were put in. Our tanks get inspected every year. They were also just cleaned on the inside last spring. Our fuel has been tested and approved for sale by Valvtect. Our fiberglass tanks are in good condition and there is no reason that the insurance should be canceled. We are hopeful that this will be resolved before the May 10th deadline. An option in case we don't get insured, which we don't believe to be the case, is to have the city possibly self-insure the tanks until we can get them replaced. We will need to go out for bids to get new tanks.

Harbormaster Cherny gave an update on the expansion of Pier 5. It is now in the hands of the DNR. Fish and Wildlife got involved to prove that it's not a spawning and feeding area for fish. New samples were taken and sent in to prove that there is no PAH in the soil as well. We are awaiting the results of those samples currently.

Water level is down about three feet.

All the slips have been rented for the season.

Due to the new development in the North Slip parking lot, we have been informed that we need to remove the electrical that was installed years ago for the yacht as it is on the property that was sold. It could cost up to \$20,000 to remove and resupply those two pedestals with power. Member Gasper mentioned that we should seek to see if the TIF District could pay for that since is directly benefiting the development in the TIF District.

The fish cleaning station is slated to be finished by the end of May.

New washers and dryers have been installed in the lounge and the new hot water heater will be installed tomorrow.

The marina software is being used for our guest reservations and marina tenant contracts. We are looking to expand with using the POS system in the building and fuel pier in the future.

8. Marina Tenants' Comments

No comments.

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

Per Member Gasper, remove this item from the agenda going forward as any item on the agenda should be properly noticed.

10. Adjournment

Mike Gasper made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 pm and Sue Knauer seconded. Motion Carried.