

CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON
HARBOR COMMISSION MEETING
Monday May 9, 2022, 7:00 P.M.
Harborview Lower-Level Meeting Room

Members Present

Sue Knauer, Bill Driscoll, Tim Osowski, Jordan Schwanz, and Chad Biersach

Others Present

Harbormaster Dennis Cherny

Secretary Lisa Rathke

Stacey Berg-Marina Tenants' Representative

1. **Roll Call:** (Absent: Jerry Gruen and Ald. Mike Gasper)

2. **Election Of Chairman and Vice Chairman**

Member Driscoll opened nominations for Chairman. **Sue Knauer nominated the current Chair Jerry Gruen and Jordan Schwanz seconded the nomination. With no other nominations, Motion Carried.** Member Driscoll opened nominations for Vice Chairman. **Sue Knauer nominated current Vice Chairman Bill Driscoll and Jordan Schwanz seconded the nomination. With no other nominations, Motion Carried.**

3. **Approve Minutes Of Previous Meeting**

Jordan Schwanz made a motion to approve minutes and Tim Osowski seconded. Motion Carried.

4. **Monthly Financial Report**

Harbormaster Cherny mentioned that it has been a lousy spring so far. We have sold some fuel, beyond that, it has been a slow start.

5. **Approve Hiring Of Seasonal Employees**

Harbormaster Cherny would like the list of employees approved for hire. **Jordan Schwanz made a motion to approve the list of employees and Sue Knauer seconded. Motion Carried.**

6. **Harbormaster's Report**

Harbormaster Cherny informed the Commission that the new fish cleaning station is about 99% complete. They are doing the finishing touches in the next couple of weeks. Harbormaster Cherny mentioned that the new station is really built well, the engineering looks super. Our old grinder was a two-blade cutter, the new one is a three-blade cutter which is great. Member Osowski mentioned that he had heard some concerns about birds being able to nest in the rafters of the new station and Harbormaster Cherny said that the Lion's Club is looking into a system to keep the birds away. There were also concerns about the tables being too low, so they are ADA compliant. We are looking to see if half the table can be ADA compliant and if the other half can be raised up. Member Biersach mentioned that he thought the vents and water line that stick up may be a tripping hazard. Harbormaster Cherny said that the water line will be enclosed, and he will ask them if anything can be done with the vents.

The city crew will be restriping the marina lots tomorrow.

The marina flowers are ready to plant as soon as the weather breaks.

The water is down 2 ½ feet from last year. We will hopefully gain some of that back this summer.

As for Pier 5, Harbormaster Cherny said that we are awaiting DNR to approve the permits. They have concerns about spawning grounds and the wrong time of year do be doing the dredging. Hopefully we will hear something soon.

We did get insurance on our fuel tanks through Ansay and Hartford Insurance. We are insured until next year. We are working on replacing the tanks, the information has been given to Rob Vanden Noven to get the bidding process started.

7. **Marina Tenants' Comments**

Marina Tenants Representative Stacey Berg had asked who sets the fuel prices at the marina. Harbormaster Cherny said that we get weekly fuel prices from our fuel company, and we base our prices on that.

She also mentioned that one of the biggest concerns from tenants is the parking. They are wondering if a \$25 ticket is enough of a deterrent for people. Harbormaster Cherny mentioned that he has put up a couple of signs warning people that the fine has increased from \$10 to \$25.

8. **Adjournment**

Jordan Schwanz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm and Chad Biersach seconded. Motion Carried.