

CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON
HARBOR COMMISSION MEETING
Monday October 10, 2022, 7:00 P.M.
Harborview Lower-Level Meeting Room

Members Present

Sue Knauer, Chad Biersach, Gerald Gruen, Mike Gasper, Bill Driscoll, and Tim Osowski

Others Present

Harbormaster Dennis Cherny

Secretary Lisa Rathke

Kristyn Halbig Ziehm, Ozaukee Press

Stacey Berg, Marina Tenant Representative

Port Washington Charter Captain's Association Representatives (Alex Gantner, Sharon Scheel, Luke Chatfield, Andy Sitarski)

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

2. **Approve Minutes Of Previous Meeting**

Tim Osowski made a motion to approve minutes and Sue Knauer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

3. **Monthly Financial Report**

Harbormaster Cherny mentioned that we do not have a financial report from the treasurer at this time, however, he was able to update the commission on some of the revenue numbers. We have surpassed the budget with daily launches and were just shy of hitting budget with the season launch passes.

4. **Discuss 2023 Charter Slip Fees-Alex Gantner, Charter Captain's Association**

The Charter Captains Association President, Alex Gantner asked the Harbor Commission to repeal the \$200.00 Charter fee that was implemented years ago (because the charters never leave their slips open overnight and the marina cannot generate additional revenue from their slips by renting them to transients during the season) and listed his reasons. Discussion was held. Member Gruen mentioned that the charters are too valuable an asset and wouldn't object to waiving the fee. **Member Driscoll made a motion to waive the \$200.00 Charter Fee and Member Osowski seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

5. **Approval Of 2023 Marina Budget**

Harbormaster Cherny mentioned that the 2023 Budget is not yet complete. City Administrator Brown expects it to be complete by the end of the week. Once the Marina receives it, we will forward it to the Commission members. There is one update that Harbormaster Cherny shared with the Commission. After meeting with the Executive Committee and going over the Marina budget, the Executive Committee is recommending to the Common Council that the Marina increase their slip and transient rates by 10% rather than the 5% that was approved by the Harbor Commission. That decision will go before the Common Council in November.

6. **Discuss Harbor Commission Charter For 2023**

Harbormaster Cherny mentioned that every board, commission, or committee, will be putting together a charter. He asked that the commission look over the criteria for the charter and mentioned that we will discuss everyone's thoughts and ideas at a future meeting.

7. **Update On Marina Fuel Tanks**

Harbormaster Cherny mentioned that the Finance Committee and the Common Council approved the hiring of the company (Graef) to put together the bid package for the fuel tank replacement at the Marina. The replacement would include the fuel tanks, dispensers, piping, fuel tank monitoring system, probes for the tanks, etc.

8. **Update On Pier 5 Project**

Harbormaster Cherny mentioned that he is waiting on the bids to come in for the dredging project north of Pier 5. He has one from McMullen and Pitz and is waiting on second bid from another company. Ideally, he would like to see the dredging completed over winter and the installation of the slips completed in spring.

9. **Harbormaster's Report**

Harbormaster Cherny mentioned that the Edgar B Speer, a 1000' bulk carrier, was anchored outside the harbor waiting for a weather window to get into the terminal in Gary, Indiana to unload its cargo of taconite. He did reach out to them and mentioned that they could tie up at Coal Dock Park, however, they were fully loaded and drew too much to come in.

The road repairs on Lake Street are moving along. They are starting to grade everything for the new curbing and street. The power will be turned off to the marina on October 19th at 11pm that WE Energies can finish all their underground electrical work before the paving commences. The power should be restored prior to opening at 7am on the 20th. Tenants and guests will be emailed/notified of the outage.

He mentioned that business has slowed down quite a bit. He attributes that to fuel prices, poor fishing this fall due to the water being so warm (upper 70's!), and the weather that has not cooperated.

10. **Marina Tenants' Comments**

Marina Tenant Representative Stacey Berg mentioned that she would like a way to contact all marina tenants. She has started the Facebook page for harbor tenants, but she can't invite them if she doesn't know who they are. The Marina will put information about this in their fall/winter email communications.

Stacey would like to see if the Marina could revisit the partnership they had with the Harborview and allowing our tenants to use the pool and fitness area during the week. Harbormaster Cherny mentioned that he did approach the subject with the new owners, however they were not receptive to continuing the partnership with the Marina. We do, however, still have the partnership with the outdoor pool he said. The Marina could reach out to the Harborview again to see if they had a change of heart.

Stacey also mentioned that she would like to help out with the Charter on the tenant side, finding out what their wants or needs may be. Secretary Rathke mentioned that a tenant survey will be going out before the end of the season and her and Stacey can discuss the survey questions and maybe she will get some of the answers she is looking for.

11. **Adjournment**

Chad Biersach made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm and Sue Knauer seconded. Motion Carried unanimously.