

CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON  
HARBOR COMMISSION MEETING  
Monday November 14, 2022, 7:00 P.M.  
Harborview Lower-Level Meeting Room

**Members Present**

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

**Others Present**

Harbormaster Dennis Cherny

Secretary Lisa Rathke

Kristyn Halbig Ziehm, Ozaukee Press

Stacey Berg, Marina Tenant Representative

Alderman Dan Benning

1. **Roll Call: (Absent: Chad Biersach)**

2. **Approve Minutes Of Previous Meeting**

**Bill Driscoll made a motion to approve minutes and Sue Knauer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

3. **Monthly Financial Report**

Harbormaster Cherny mentioned that the financial report is only through September as that is as far as the interim treasurer and HR have gotten at this time. Member Osowski inquired as to why it says \$0.00 under parking fines received for the year. Secretary Rathke mentioned that is being sorted out between the marina, police department, and the finance department and will be corrected before the end of the year with the proper funds going into the Parking Fines account. This issue arose due to new software at the police department which no longer denotes the marina parking fines with a letter "M" which then pooled the marina's parking fines with the rest of the city's when submitted to city hall.

Member Osowski also inquired about the repair budget being so high and Harbormaster Cherny reminded him that the marina purchased a new commercial hot water heater at a cost of \$10,000 for the public restrooms and tenant restrooms and showers at the North Building.

4. **Approval Of 2023 Marina Budget**

Harbormaster Cherny presented the 2023 Marina Budget requesting approval. **Sue Knauer made a motion to approve the 2023 Marina Budget as presented and Bill Driscoll seconded the motion. Members Driscoll, Knauer, Schwanz, and Gasper were "Ayes", Member Osowski was a "NO", and Member Gruen "Abstained" from the motion. Ayes have it, motion carried.**

5. **Discuss/Approve Harbor Commission Charter For 2023**

Harbormaster Cherny presented the 2023 Charter to the Harbor Commission for approval. Member Gruen asked about the reporting to council quarterly and who would be doing that. Harbormaster Cherny mentioned if someone is needed to report to council quarterly that it could be either himself or Secretary Rathke and if neither of them were available, that a Harbor Commission member could then provide the update to council. Member Gasper mentioned that since this is a document that is updated annually, he believes that it should be listed where every Harbor Commission Member stands in their term and when they would be up for reappointment to the Harbor Commission. **Tim Osowski made a motion to approve the 2023 Harbor Commission Charter with the addition of the Harbor Commission member's terms being listed and Jordan Schwanz seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

6. **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 which they expect to have put together to present to the city by Thanksgiving. It would then go out to bids with those being due by Christmas. Once a company is chosen, the hope is that construction would begin at that time with April 1<sup>st</sup> being the deadline for the project to be finished.

7. **Approve Proposal With McMullen & Pitz For Dredging Pier 5**

Harbormaster Cherny mentioned that one of the requirements of the Army Corps of Engineers is that the rocks that have moved away from the break wall which, at this time are an obstruction, cannot be removed from the water, they must be moved back towards the break wall. The major question to those bidding the project then became, "are you

able to move the rocks back to the break wall and how will you accomplish this task”. McMullen and Pitz were the only qualifying bidder with a way to get this work done from shore. It was also decided that the dirt no longer needs to be trucked away and can be left on the shore along the break wall. The dirt can then be leveled off, planted to help stabilize the area, and this will clean up the look of that area. This proposal is going before the Finance Committee and the Common Council tomorrow. If approval is given, McMullen and Pitz plan to have it dredged before the end of the year. Harbormaster Cherny mentioned that any payback within (10) years is acceptable for borrowing money. However, it looks like we can pay it back within (7) years or so. The Marina will pay this out of the Marina’s fund balance account. **Tim Osowski made a motion to approve the proposal from McMullen and Pitz for dredging Pier 5 and Jordan Schwanz seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

**8. Approve Purchase Of (7) Finger Piers For North Side Of Pier 5 From Meeco Sullivan**

Harbormaster Cherny mentioned that the original bid from a year ago for the finger piers was \$50,970. After speaking with Meeco Sullivan, they mentioned that there may be a slight increase in the price, but nothing significant. The new piers will match the existing Pier 5 slips. Water will be added by the marina staff and the electrical will be done by an electrician at an estimated cost of \$2,400 installed. The city streets crew along with marina staff will be doing the install of the finger piers which will be a huge cost savings over having Meeco Sullivan send a crew to do the install. **Tim Osowski made a motion to approve the purchase of (7) finger piers for the north side of Pier 5 from Meeco Sullivan and Sue Knauer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

**9. Harbormaster’s Report**

Harbormaster Cherny mentioned that the power plant has not been producing electricity for the last couple of weeks. He is hoping that they are just doing some routine maintenance and will be up and running sooner than later as the marina relies heavily on the warm water discharge to keep the marina free of ice during the winter months. He will follow up with We Energies to see if he can get an answer as to when they will be fully operational again.

Harbormaster Cherny mentioned that thanks to the 60 and 70 degree weather, everything is winterized at the marina and all the seagull line is up as well.

Harbormaster Cherny added that the water is down three feet at this time.

**10. Marina Tenants’ Comments**

Marina Tenant Representative Stacey Berg mentioned that she along with Lisa Rathke went through the comments from the marina surveys to better understand what our tenants are looking for or what things they had concerns about. Stacey mentioned that her and Lisa have come up with some fun ideas to get marina tenants and staff interacting more as well as some fun ideas for possible future events at the marina. She is going to try to get “Main Street” more involved with the marina going forward to offer more information to our transient guests.

Stacey mentioned that she was able to resolve the issue with the tenant Facebook page that tenants are now able to find it when they search for it and ask permission to join the group. She looks forward to having the Facebook group be a better way to communicate with the marina tenants going forward.

**11. Adjournment**

**Bill Driscoll made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm and Sue Knauer seconded. Motion Carried unanimously.**