

CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON
HARBOR COMMISSION MEETING
Monday June 12, 2023, 7:00 P.M.
Harborview Lower-Level Meeting Room

Members Present

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

Others Present

Harbormaster Dennis Cherny

Secretary Lisa Rathke

Kristyn Halbig Ziehm, Ozaukee Press

Ald. Neumeyer

Dale Allen, Charter Captain

1. **Roll Call: (Absent: Jordan Schwanz and Mike Gasper)**

2. **Approve Minutes Of Previous Meeting**

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

3. **Public Comments/ Appearances *Your comments are welcome. Please limit comments to (3) minutes.***

Charter Captain Dale Allen asked to speak on behalf of the Port Washington Charter Captains Association. They would like to define more direct or stern punishments for people that are illegally chartering on the public and private side (Main Marina). He mentioned that the Charter Captains Association came up with a recommendation that if someone is caught and proven to be illegally chartering that they would be removed from the Marina immediately for (1) year. If they would like to come back the next year, they would then have to apply to the waiting list like everyone else looking to get a slip at the Marina. Dale mentioned that the Charter Captain's Association would like to recommend that this be added to rules #6 and #9 in the *Rules and Regulations for the Main Marina and North Slip*. They would like to see this put on the agenda and formally addressed at the next meeting.

4. **Monthly Financial Report**

Secretary Rathke mentioned that payroll numbers have yet to be updated in the financial statement. The Treasurer did not have time prior to sending the financial statement out to update the transient numbers with the Dockwa payments that came in during the month of May. Transient numbers are around \$22,000 for the end of May including the Dockwa revenue. Slip fees are for the most part all in except for some Charter Captains as their second payments are not due until June 1st. Seasonal and daily launches are up compared to this time last year. Slip fees are up due to the marina being overfull this year. Member Driscoll inquired about the Miscellaneous Expenses. Secretary Rathke mentioned that this includes our Dockwa payment for the year, advertising expenses, membership dues for the WCPA and WMA, and additional dock box purchases for the new slips on Pier 5 just to name a few. He also asked if the missing sales tax number was a mistake and should have been included in the budget and Secretary Rathke mentioned that yes, it should be included.

5. **Approve Hiring Seasonal Employees**

Harbormaster Cherny stated that all staff listed on the agenda memorandum are new staff that have been interviewed and are being recommended for hire. **Tim Osowski made a motion to approve the hiring of seasonal employees listed on the agenda memorandum and Bill Driscoll seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

6. **Harbormaster's Report**

Harbormaster Cherny mentioned that a group will be here filming with a couple of our Charter Boats in conjunction with the DNR promoting fishing in Wisconsin. They will be onsite for a couple of days.

We are waiting for insurance for the new Underground Storage Tanks before we can move forward with the conversion. It is a day-by-day item at this time as to when the shutdown will occur. We will continue to keep everyone informed as the process moves forward.

The Pier 5 addition is finished, and slips are being rented. Dredging was about \$150,000, finger piers were approximately \$59,700, electrical was only \$3,500 as we had spare parts that we were able to use to keep costs down, the water was installed by Marina staff for a total of around \$800 and we saved roughly \$8,000 in labor costs installing the slips ourselves.

Jon Crain and his staff will be planting the flowers under the Marina welcome sign within the next week or two. This is all part of the Lake Street project.

Member Biersach asked about the cameras and Harbormaster Cherny mentioned that we are moving forward with a different company. We are meeting with a company out of Milwaukee tomorrow morning at 9am. Member Osowski mentioned that he knows of a company as well and will send us their information.

7. Forthcoming Events

Harbormaster Cherny mentioned that the following events are coming up in the next couple of months:

Double Handed Sailboat Race is June 15th

Great Lakes Sport Fishermen Derby is June 23-25th

Disabled Vets Outing is June 28th

July 4th events and Fireworks to be held on the Fourth

Fish Days will be a (3) day event to be held on July 13-15th

National Marina Day will be July 22nd

Lion's Fest is July 28-30th

9. Marina Tenants' Comments

Marina Tenant Representative Stacey Berg was unable to attend the meeting. Secretary Rathke gave the update in her place. Stacey is planning a Marina Wide Rummage Sale to coincide with National Marina Day. She will start promoting that event in the next couple of weeks.

10. Adjournment

Bill Driscoll made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 pm and Sue Knauer seconded. Motion Carried unanimously.