

CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON
HARBOR COMMISSION MEETING
Monday April 12, 2021 7:00 P.M.
City Hall, Common Council Chambers

Members Present

Sue Knauer, Jerry Gruen, Bill Driscoll, Jordan Schwanz, Dennis Brede, and Mike Gasper

Others Present

Harbormaster Dennis Cherny

Secretary Lisa Rathke

Mayor Marty Becker

Joe Burke

1. **Roll Call: (Absent: Dan Laurence)**

2. **Approve Minutes Of Previous Meeting**

Dennis Brede made a motion to approve the minutes as written and Sue Knauer seconded. Motion Carried.

3. **Monthly Financial Report**

Harbormaster Cherny mentioned that it is still early in the season and there isn't much to report.

4. **Update On Marina WIFI**

Harbormaster Cherny reported that Bill Lundgren sent an email update. Bill will be ready to move forward with the install around the end of the month. The new high-speed connection in the building will be installed by Spectrum on Thursday. Marina staff installed all the towers for the new radios last year and will be ready to move forward with the upgrade as soon as Bill comes with the equipment. Once he starts, it should take about a week to get everything installed.

5. **Update On Newport Shores Project And Fish Cleaning Station**

Harbormaster Cherny reported that he had a good talk with Ian McCain (Ansay), Dan Buehler (Wastewater), and Jon Fuehrer (Newport Shores Project Superintendent). They discussed what was needed for the fish cleaning station. They will do a pitched roof in blue like the Marina Control Building. The roof will be large enough to cover the existing table with a five-foot overhang on all sides. The existing table and hoses will be moved to the new fish cleaning station. The structure will be supported by cream city brick to match the existing marina buildings. The construction company for the project moved the fence away from the fish cleaning station and it is now currently open. They will be using Crane Engineering as we had asked. We should have plans for the new fish cleaning station in a week or so. The construction company should be moving the fencing out of those park spots to the west of the North Building sometime in May.

Member Driscoll mentioned that he is worried about the amount of parking they have taken from the marina. Member Gruen stated that the Harbor Commission should express their concerns to the city. Member Gruen and Member Knauer both stated that they would appear before the Council at the next meeting on the Harbor Commission's behalf to be on the record about getting the parking back to the west of the North Building that is now currently fenced off by the construction company.

6. **Harbormaster's Report**

Harbormaster Cherny mentioned that there are about 20 boats in the water as of today. After turning on the water, Harbormaster Cherny reported that there was only one 21' section of pipe that broke. The pump out system is up and running with no issues to report. Now all we need is good weather and good fishing.

Harbormaster Cherny reported that the water level is down two feet and he doesn't see that coming back up. Maybe a foot will come back, if that.

Harbormaster Cherny reported that there are about 60 boats on the waiting list.

7. **Marina Tenants' Comments**

No comments.

8. **Any Other Business That May Come Properly Before The Commissions**

Mayor Becker wanted to thank Dennis and Lisa for the great job they do and the Harbor Commission members for volunteering their time to be on the commission. He truly appreciates everyone's time and effort. Mayor Becker also mentioned that there is a Planning Commission meeting on Thursday, and he would be more than happy to bring the Harbor Commission's concerns to them regarding the construction and parking issues at the marina.

Mayor Becker would also like to see the commission honor long time Harbor Commission member Frank Metz who recently passed away at some point in the future.

Joe Burke mentioned that he would like to see a clear decision being made on the Blues Factory and the North Slip parking lot and doesn't believe that we should lose that valuable marina parking. Mayor Becker stated that the parking lot is privately owned by Gertjan. The previous Mayor and Council voted it as excess land and Gertjan bought it. The city has first right of refusal at the \$250,000 price. However, until then, it is privately owned, and the Council and Harbor Commission have no say as to what happens with that lot.

9. Adjournment

Dennis Brede made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 pm and Bill Driscoll seconded. Motion Carried.

Minutes approved by the Harbor Commission on 5/10/21