

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

Members Present

Sue Knauer, Jerry Gruen, Bill Driscoll, Dennis Brede, Mike Gasper, and Tim Osowski

Others Present

Harbormaster Dennis Cherny

Secretary Lisa Rathke

Bill Lundgren- Back40 Broadband, LLC

Stacey Berg- Marina Tenant Representative

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

2. **Approve Minutes Of Previous Meeting**

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

3. **Monthly Financial Report**

Harbormaster Cherny stated that looking at this year's numbers compared to last year, at the present pace we could do even better than last year. Fishing overall has been pretty good.

4. **Update On Marina WIFI**

Bill Lundgren shared an update on the WIFI upgrade. He mentioned that all the equipment has been installed on the docks except for the equipment that needs to go up on the marina roof. Once that equipment is installed, he will switch everything over from the old equipment to the new equipment. Weather dependent, he is looking at Wednesday for everything to be fully operational.

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

Harbormaster Cherny mentioned that the Council approved Ansay's proposal to start dismantling the current fish cleaning station after September 15th. They expect to have it moved and open by April 1st.

6. **Harbormaster's Report**

Harbormaster Cherny mentioned that the lake level is still down about two feet from last year.

The Marina will be celebrating National Marina Day on Saturday July 24th from 11am to 2pm. Bernie's hot dogs, chips, soda and water will be served.

Looking at upcoming events, Harbormaster Cherny mentioned that we are booked for Fish Day weekend despite the festival being cancelled. Boaters are excited to still be coming for music and food at Veteran's Park. We have a large group of boats coming from Michigan during the week and the weekend following Fish Day we have another large group coming out of Chicago. Port Washington Marina is becoming quite the destination for groups to hold rendezvous at. The Clipper Cup Sailboat Race is coming in on August 6th. The Yacht Club is also putting on Venetian night Labor Day weekend on Sunday September 5th.

The lights in the power pedestals are all starting to go out at the same time. Working on getting them replaced as quickly as we can get the bulbs.

Parking remains an on-going issue not only for the vehicles and trailers but also for our tenants on busy weekends. Harbormaster Cherny would like to look into redoing the parking by Veteran's Park to once again accommodate vehicles with trailers.

Member Gasper mentioned that if we would want to reconfigure the existing parking lot or resurface it, the Marina is in TIF 2 and we could justify that the reconfiguration is being driven by the fact that we lost spots due to current construction and development in the area. Would be good to look into this sooner than later.

Member Osowski asked if there is a plan for improvements for the marina. Harbormaster Cherny mentioned that we do have a 5 Year Capital Improvement Budget.

Harbormaster Cherny mentioned that he is also looking into adding (7) finger piers to the north side of Pier 5. We are waiting on someone to do the soil samples to find out if the materials are contaminated or not. He will keep the Commission posted.

7. **Marina Tenants' Comments**

Member Gruen introduced Stacey Berg as the new Marina Tenants Representative. Stacey mentioned that everything that she has been hearing is positive. She has been hearing from transients that we have the most beautiful Marina with gorgeous landscaping and well-kept amenities compared to other marinas. Thanks to Sue Knauer for all her work with the flowers around the marina. Harbormaster Cherny mentioned that the Marina will send out an email introducing Stacey as the new representative and Member Driscoll mentioned that he will get something listed in the Yacht Club's Porthole as well.

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

Harbormaster Cherny mentioned that the Commission has to think about what percentage to raise rates for next year.

Member Gasper mentioned that about 15 years ago we looked into doing winter boat storage in the parking lots. That is something that we may want to explore once again.

9. **Adjournment**

Bill Driscoll made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm and Dennis Brede seconded. Motion Carried.

Approved by the Harbor Commission 9/13/21