

CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON
HARBOR COMMISSION MEETING
Monday November 8, 2021 7:00 P.M.
Harborview Lower Level Meeting Room

Members Present

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

Others Present

Harbormaster Dennis Cherny

Secretary Lisa Rathke

Stacey Berg-Marina Tenants' Representative

1. Roll Call: (Absent: Dennis Brede and Jordan Schwanz)

2. Approve Minutes Of Previous Meeting

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

3. Monthly Financial Report

Harbormaster Cherny mentioned that nothing has significantly changed since last month. Member Driscoll questioned if the amount of the Debt Service had gone down. Harbormaster Cherny informed the commission that it did go down to \$200,608 for this year which is significantly less than what was listed on the previous debt service schedule.

Member Gasper said that it is possible that the Debt Service was part of a refinancing change where they consolidated all the dates of all bond issues to come due on the same date in the fall and there were financial benefits to doing that.

Member Osowski asked if we have the final numbers for gasoline. Secretary Rathke said that those numbers won't be final until November/ December as we may still sell fuel after we close, and our billing period ends on the 20th of every month.

Member Osowski asked if the payments for the tenants staying in the North Slip over winter would be included in next month's financials. Secretary Rathke mentioned that payment for one of the vessels for \$1805 is included in the October statement and the other for \$3166 will be included in November's financials.

Harbormaster Cherny mentioned that the transient fees are up this year which he believes is due to the Looper's being on the move again this year as well as having several long-term transients staying with us this year.

4. Discuss Replacement Of Hot Water Heater In The North Building

Harbormaster Cherny mentioned that we should have ordered the water heater back in 2020, but sadly with Covid we did not know how our business was going to be. Now, the water heaters have gone up almost 60%. He has requested bids from three companies. We will purchase it regardless of the cost as delivery time right now is months out. He feels due to lead times we shouldn't wait. If it should go out during the summer, we could end up going months without it.

5. Harbormaster's Report

Harbormaster Cherny informed the Commission that we have ordered two new washers and two new dryers for the lounge as they have finally started to see the end. It's the same situation as the water heater, if we lose them in the summer, we may not be able to get them for months and we will have a lot of unhappy customers.

The seagull line went up over the weekend on all the docks.

A NOAA research vessel came in and stayed overnight and got fuel. They pulled out (3) buoys that NOAA installed in August. They were installed about a mile offshore. (1) off of Port Washington (1) off of Sheboygan and (1) off of Two Rivers. The buoys measure wave height and direction, wind speed and water temperature. They were a real asset to our boaters, especially the fishermen. It was part of a grant that was awarded for the new National Marine Sanctuary. There is a website through Great Lakes Observing System to view the buoys. It will have an expanded platform next year called Seagull which will have all buoys listed around the Great Lakes.

New Port Shores project is moving along. When they took out our patio, they destroyed some things that we did not want removed. We will be receiving a larger patio on the north side of the North Building to compensate us for this.

The water level is down yet again and could go down lower depending on evaporation and precipitation over winter.

Member Driscoll asked if the boats staying in the North Slip over winter will be covering them like they were last year. Harbormaster Cherny informed him that they are.

Harbormaster Cherny mentioned that the floating docks along the blue bridge have been moved into the channel for winter. The water is off, and the lines have been blown out. We had great weather to winterize.

Harbormaster Cherny informed the commission that he met with Rob Vanden Noven, Tony Brown, and four Army Corps. members. They appear to have no objection with what we want to do with the Pier 5 expansion. We are still waiting on the soil sample reports.

6. Marina Tenants' Comments

Marina tenant representative Stacey Berg mentioned that the Yacht Club may be putting a boat in the Christmas parade and asked if the Marina puts a boat or float in the Christmas Parade. Harbormaster Cherny said that he is planning on putting the big lighted marina anchor in the back of the marina truck and running that through the parade if he can make it work.

Stacey was wondering about a Facebook group for Marina tenants as she doesn't really know how to reach out to anybody. She knows they have her information but wondering how she can reach them. Harbormaster Cherny mentioned that it has been suggested that we send out a tenant survey so that is something we should look into. Member Gasper mentioned that there is a marina expert on the team for the Downtown Planning Study group. With the proposal they have drawn up, they are definitely taking the marina into consideration. Harbormaster Cherny mentioned that he is a part of that study group.

7. Any Other Business That May Come Properly Before The Commissions

Member Knauer mentioned that she would like to see Marina Representative Stacey Berg's name and phone number listed on the Harbor Commission agenda in case anyone wanted to speak with her. Harbor Master Cherny and Secretary Rathke didn't believe that it could be as it is an official city agenda and only those listed on the agendas are the actual commission members themselves. They will follow up with the city to get an official answer.

Member Gasper mentioned that his phone number needed to be updated on the agenda.

8. Adjournment

Bill Driscoll made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm and Sue Knauer seconded. Motion Carried.