

**HARBOR COMMISSION**  
**Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ 4:30 P.M.**  
**City Hall Council Chambers**

**The mission of the Harbor Commission Committee is to promote the use of the harbor and its facilities, maintain the public harbor facilities, and plan for harbor improvements.**

1.) Mayor John Panetti called the meeting to order.

2.) Roll Call: Dick Olson, Steve Stock (Council Alderman), Todd Trepanier, Jim Viestenz; Paul Lukas (Alternate member)

Excused: Nancy Rhode

Also Present: Mayor J. Panetti; John Bostedt, Director of Parks, Rec., and Forestry; Brian Sohr

3.) **Nominations for Chairperson were called by Panetti 3 times. Thereafter they were closed with a motion of Olson and second of Stock. (4 Ayes)**

4.) **Panetti called for the Vote of Jim Viestenz for Chairperson of the Harbor Commission. Olson closed the vote with a second call of Stock. (Commission Aye voiced vote)**

5.) **Nominations for Vice Chairperson were placed under the call of Panetti. After the third call Viestenz motioned to close nominations and Stock voiced second. (M/C)**

6.) **A vote for Vice Chairperson in the name of Todd Trepanier was made by Viestenz and seconded by Stock. (Commission Aye voiced vote)**

7.) **Olson called motion for approval of Agenda after it was distributed and read; Stock followed with a second. (M/C)**

8.) **Approval of Meeting Minutes from 12/08/2021 was called into acceptance by Olson with Trepanier support. (4 Ayes)**

9.) Public Input: Mayor Panetti suggested we raise our launch fee to \$50 if not paid by boat entry. Daily launching, he would like to see raised by 20 – 30%. (Contribution/donation to our Harbor was a requested suggestion by the Mayor to be added to our collection envelopes.) Panetti also suggested the Seasonal Pass @ \$35 - \$45 be raised as well. Director Bostedt stated that the County waits for our cost factors and then raises their fees accordingly. Agreement would make a fall change in fees. A liability launching sign will be addressed by Public Works.

- Lukas suggested the City of Oconto expand their permit availability to the Bait Shop.

10.) Correspondence: Live Harbor Cam Views as-of-date (April 11 – May 10) stands @ 22,378 views, according to Director Bostedt.

11.) **Discussion/Recommendation/Action on the Following:**

a.) Launch Docks/Slip Docks— All are in.

b.) Boat Slips Rented for 2022— Forty out of the fifty-one are rented for 1 month out of 6 months.

c.) Fish Cleaning Station— Opening was last Wednesday, the WI season opening.

d.) Harbor Fence— Cost factor has been paid: update will be made on completion.

e.) 2022 Dock Usage Form, handed out at meeting, met with approval. Clarification on procedure was made by Bostedt. Problems occur: Harbor channel continues to be blocked by some boaters who need to dock 2' closer or pay the larger fee; Wave action places

pressure on placed wall brackets. The 5/1/22 City of Oconto Slip/Dock Renters letter alerts boaters to these 2 issues.

f.) River Buoys Marker/Slow No Wake/Danger— Buoys are in. Channel markers have lights. As the supply chain is affected, we continue to wait on the Danger buoy.

g.) Red Solar Marine Lantern for Causeway has been in operation since the end of April Coast Guard inspection. The wait on the Danger Buoy was understood.

h.) Transient Docks Rented stands @ one for a week now. Seven other transients are set for different times. Last month we started the list for the wall dock rental.

i.) Harbormasters 2022 returning are Joe and Will. Gordon has finished.

j.) Three Year Harbor Development Statement of Intentions & Resolutions handed out at meeting— This is a yearly expectation allowing eligibility for our dredging grant and some future wall construction. **Olson moved to approve the Three-Year Harbor Development statement of Intentions and Resolutions and pass on to Council; Trepanier called second. (M/C)**

k.) 2022 Mooring Permit also handed out at meeting, needed approval as well. **Olson approved that each person who moors outside the City facility pay \$50 with approval of Council. Stock followed with a second. (4 Ayes)**

l.) 2022 Harbor Budget— We await an update in paperwork. Director Bostedt informed the Commission that we did not get the \$15,000 requested for Capital Improvement. The City Audit completion is still anticipated as well as Carryover information.

## 12.) **Board Report:**

a.) Marketing & Advertisement— Renewal of Harbor Towns, AAA, and the live Harbor Cam ads has all been paid.

b.) City Boat Ramps— See other meeting agenda covered.

c.) Fishing Tournaments/Special Events Schedule was handed out at meeting. Potential for next year include the 2 AIMS and one other. (Change of weather date, when alcohol sold, concerning a permit allowed was questioned.)

d.) Park(s) Inspection Report [John Bostedt] The only addition is that we are waiting for Bob from Crandon Docks to place our kayak and fishing docks: the amount for placement needs to be budgeted yearly.

## 13.) **Approval of Accounts Payable from December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 thru May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 in the amount of \$25,545.27 was placed in motion by Stock with a second of Trepanier. (4 Ayes)**

Clarification was made on the new sets of cutting boards. Fish emulsion removal/permits was also discussed as well as DNR file rules.

14.) Revenue & Expenditure Guidelines were viewed and accepted as written.

15.) Next Meeting Date/Time: Wednesday, June 8 @ 4:30 p.m.

Agenda Items: Daily fee rate launch and pass fee increase

Seasonal Pass increase

Bait shop permit availability

## 16.) **Stock summoned adjournment @ 5:58 p.m. Trepanier issued support. (M/C)**

Minutes submitted by: Susan K. Seidl