

HARBOR COMMISSION
Monday, March 25, 2024 @ 4:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Chambers

- 1.) Chairman Jim Viestenz called the meeting to order.
- 2.) Roll Call: Steve Stock, Todd Trepanier, Jim Viestenz; non-voting member Paul Lukas EXCUSED: Dick Olson, Nancy Rhode ALSO Present: Mayor John Panetti
- 3.) **Trepanier motioned approval of Agenda; Stock verbalized the second. (3 Ayes)**
- 4.) **Approval of Meeting Minutes from 12/20/2023 were placed into motion by Stock with a Trepanier second. (3 Ayes)**
- 5.) Public Input: Lukas noted that the docks in early made for a great success to the early 2024 season: boat traffic increased immediately. He said that placing the docks in is a political game. Viestenz stated that our Mission Statement supports doing so as soon as it is safe and @ Director Bostedt's discretion with the accumulated crew. Viestenz, with Director Bostedt's numbers, said from February 26 - March 25th, \$9,494.58 was gained daily and the total with passes was \$5,670 summing to \$15,164.58 total revenue. Viestenz would like to see the crew who put the docks in rewarded somehow: he will check with **Administrator Burrue**. Mayor Panetti distributed 2023's launches per month. Lukas also said the handicap docks @ City Docks weren't in... why not early too? Viestenz noted that our docks by the sundial are flexible: shouldn't they be in: this will have to be addressed. Lukas had a harbor (brass) bench memorial request from a supporter of the area who recently passed.
- 6.) Correspondence: Live Harbor Cam Views- February 7th to March 7th- 19,131 views
- 7.) **Discussion/Recommendation/Action on the Following:**
 - a.) Grants for Dredging– Tabby is looking into it. DNR soil samples (slated for this spring, noted the Mayor), pre-dredging was discussed.
 - b.) Grant Writer– Again, Tabby–
 - c.) 2024 Slip Rentals– 45 - if all sign in; 1 boater moved to Omro; We have 50 slips, total. The Commission discussed our water table that is approximately 1½' lower.
 - d.) 2024 Transient Boaters– Eight have signed in for the summer.
 - e.) \$10,000 Donation match to City of Oconto Tourism Committee for Waterfest– **Tourism has achieved a public \$10,000 donation which Harbor committed to match. Viestenz motioned to fund the \$10,000 to Tourism from the Harbor slip rentals. Stock called second. (M/C)**

Mayor Panetti had the Harbor Commission sign a "thank you" to NerCon for their donation of the Waterfest City Fireworks.
 - f.) Three year Harbor development statement of Intentions (enclosed in the Commission packet) – No action was taken: More clarification is needed. TABLED
 - g.) 2024 Mooring Permit (enclosed in the Commission packet) – **Stock motioned that the 2024 Mooring Permit as drafted by Bostedt and Van Nuland remain the same as last year. Trepanier followed with the second. (M/C)**

h.) Reserved parking spots for slip renters (how many, wording on signs, etc.) – 6 signs saying **Annual Slip Rental Parking Only**; 3 in a row on the north side; 3 in a row by the shower area - ALL equally spaced.

8.) Board Report:

a.) Marketing & Advertisement– Ads can be found in the 2024 Harbor Towns Membership Magazine, and the 2024 Harbor Cam advertisement segment.

b.) City Boat Ramps– Two City boat ramps have been placed @ Breakwater Park.

c.) Fishing Tournaments/Special Events– Bostedt left word that we are waiting on 1 commitment, otherwise the 2024 schedule is ready for printing and Committee distribution.

d.) Park(s) Inspection Report [John Bostedt] All is within the meeting agenda.

9.) **Viestenz called motion for approval of Accounts Payable from December 13th, 2023 through March 14th, 2024 as presented in the amount of \$10,606.08. Trepanier witnessed a second. (M/C)**

10.) Revenue & Expenditure Guidelines from 2024 were viewed by the Commission and seen as informational.

11.) Next Meeting Date/Time: Wednesday, April 17 @ 4:30 p.m.

Agenda Items: Three year Harbor development statement of Intentions

12.) **Stock summoned adjournment @ 5:50 p.m. Trepanier witnessed second. (3 Ayes)**

Minutes submitted by
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