

THE HARBOR COMMISSION  
Wednesday April 17th, 2024 @ 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.) Jim Viestenz called the meeting to order.

2.) Roll Call: Lori Stenstrup, Todd Trepanier, Jim Viestenz      Excused: Dick Olson,  
Nancy Rhode      Absent: non-voting member Paul Lukas      ALSO Present: Mayor  
Cliff Martin; Director of Park, Rec., and Forestry John Bostedt

3.) **Trepanier called motion for approval of Agenda; Viestenz voiced second. (3 Ayes)**

4.) **Approval of Meeting Minutes from 3/25/2024 was placed in motion by Viestenz with a Trepanier second. (M/C)**

5.) Public Input: Informing new members, Viestenz explained our present revenue stream. The Harbor opened 2/26/24: seasonal passes totaled \$8,408; daily passes totaled \$16,541.28. Through 4/12/24 we have attained \$24, 949.28.

6.) Correspondence: Live Harbor Cam Views- March 10th to April 8th- 22,922 views  
Director Bostedt distributed a handout from EZ Floating Dock Systems/Pickerel, WI which totaled implanting a boat launch and ADA kayak launch with extra choice/installation costs. Viestenz revisited the history of the 1st kayak dock, how a handicap dock and Holtwood dock proceeded from there. Tabby is looking into a DNR grant with 70/30 potential: more ahead.

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

a.) Grants for Dredging– Herein what we have learned was revealed: Phase 2 of the Harbor is in our control, thereafter it is Federal waters. The Army Corps is going to check our spoils with hopes that we can use them for rebuilding our natural shoreline.

b.) Grant Writer– Tabby continues to research the capital we need to dredge. She has found 2 dredging grants which at this time are past the deadline: however she will keep Bostedt aware of when we need to apply. Mayor Martin gave credit to Tabby for the ability to keep the needs of the City in Grants.

c.) 2024 Slip Rentals– 4 out of the 15 are open with 50 potential

d.) 2024 Transient Boaters– 12 are set up for weekends plus 2 for Waterfest

e.) 2024 Harbormasters started April 1st (NEED 1 more Harbor Master – Randy and Joe have returned.

f.) Three year Harbor development statement of Intentions with updated copies will be discussed @ the May meeting. It assures the State that we are intending Harbor improvements.

g.) Reserved parking spots for slip renters had been established @ the March meeting. Viestenz will do a visual with Bostedt.

**8.) Board Report:**

a.) Marketing & Advertisement – No update.

b.) City Boat Ramps – The City crew has been down on help for a while: these are in process. Meantime spring expectations are expansive and are followed according to need and worker power. There remains a need for another worker. The Mayor asked if it could be a volunteer.

c.) Fishing Tournaments/Special Events – **2024 Schedule of Events @ Oconto Breakwater Park, Harbor & Oconto City Docks** was distributed by Director Bostedt.

d.) Park(s) Inspection Report [John Bostedt] stated that all is running fine. There will be reflooring in the Harbor Masters quarters and 2 bathrooms.

**9.) Viestenz called motion for approval of Accounts Payable from March 15th, 2024 through April 12th, 2024 in the amount of \$2,491.72. Trepanier witnessed a second. (M/C)**

10.) Revenue & Expenditure Guidelines from 2024 proved informational.

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

Agenda Items: Three year Harbor development statement of Intentions (reissue paperwork)

**12.) Stenstrup summoned adjournment @ 5:43 p.m. Trepanier witnessed second. (M/C)**

Minutes submitted by  
Susan K. Seidl