

## MINUTES OF THE HARBOR COMMISSION

on Wednesday August 14,2024, at 4:30 pm in the 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. The August Harbor Commission Meeting was called to order by Chairman Nancy Rhode @ 4:30 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Ken Hayes, Nancy Rhode, Lori Stenstrup, Todd Trepanier. Also in attendance: Mayor C. Martin; Director Parks, Rec., and Forestry John Bostedt Excused: Dick Olson
3. **Hayes called for approval of Agenda; Trepanier witnessed a second. (4 Ayes)**
4. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from 7/10/2024 was placed into motion by Hayes. Stenstrup called the second motion. (4 Ayes)**
5. Public Input: None.
6. Correspondence: Live Harbor Cam Views- July 13<sup>th</sup> – August 11<sup>th</sup> – 8,861 Views. Rhode asked if it was possible to look to the users to see how many different users are looking at it.
7. **Discussion/Recommendation/Action on the Following:**
  - a.) Grants for Dredging– At present there have been no updates from Tabby.
  - b.) Meeting with Army Core of Engineers-Martin stated there will be a meeting taking place on August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 and anyone from the Commission is welcomed to attend.
  - c.) 2024 Slip Rentals– We have 44 total, 2 are only for 2 or 3 months, 9 still need to pay second half or all yet. Usually locals and they have been doing it this way for years. Bostedt stated they have always been good with payment.
  - d.) 2024 Transient Boaters– Bostedt stated that revenue is up a bit, Hayes also mentioned that with the slips being rented more transients could be down more. Bostedt did say that 13 options are still available for transient boaters to use as well as the outer wall.
  - e.) 2024 Harbormasters started April 1<sup>st</sup> (Looking for 1 more)- Bostedt stated that he was hoping to have someone hired soon to get trained on paperwork and help with the end of season task. With the potential of current harbormaster retiring at the end of season would need to train 2 next year would make it easier if someone was hired this year still. Also stated that wages may need to be raised.
  - f.) Start of Spies Road Project- Next week should be starting the project. The City Docks Launch will be closed due to this project. Working with Hi-Seas Marina to get another access in place off county road Y to get into the marina.
  - g.) Possible Black Top parking @ City Docks (Spies Road Project)- no update still need to work on the wet spots. Bostedt did talk about when project is done that he hopes it will increase potential rentals for the pavilion.
  - h.) Rip-rap Build up (spots on causeway)- no quote yet on the project- Bostedt did state that the work will need to be done before winter to avoid future problems in spring.
  - i.) Dock boxes (provided by boaters)- Bostedt stated that some boaters are looking for permission to place a dock box by their slip that they are renting. Hayes asked how they would be installed and if all the boxes would need to be installed differently. All agreed that they should all look the same and be the same box, all agreed that it

was possible for the city to supply the boxes to keep appearance nice looking and that if their slip had the dock box that it would be an additional amenity, and the rates would be increased for the year. Also stated that the Harbor would not be reliable for anything inside the dock box or if they were to get broken into. Bostedt will bring some additional information to the next meeting.

- j.) DNR/ Emergency Parking only (Gravel area north side of causeway)- Bostedt stated that the DNR Warden asked for the spot out by the tear-drop where it gets used as an additional handicap spot. Bostedt stated that he doesn't come enough to make it a spot just for that. Asked that he call ahead of time and the spot will be blocked off for his truck and trailer but not to make it a permanent spot just for that.
- k.) Do Not Block parking stalls sign for tear-drop parking area on causeway- boaters blocking regular vehicles when parking in gravel area. Bostedt stated that he would like a sign in place to help stop this from happening "please don't block regular parking, violators will be ticketed"
- l.) Harbormasters/ Bathroom Building (Doors/Frames ordered)- 2-3 weeks will be getting installed, would be a one day installation and will get porta potties for the day.

### **8. Board Report:**

- a.) Marketing & Advertisement– Marine Association all dues are paid. Also ordered calendars.
- b.) City Boat Ramps– Holtwood still doesn't have a dock installed- water is low enough to still be used, Bostedt did state that the end of concrete will need to be cut down. Its not sharp but it is uneven. Martin stated that the high school tech ed might be interested in building something, Stenstrup had the drawings that were made up and gave them to Martin to present to the high school.
- c.) Fishing Tournaments/Special Events – Green Bay Carnage Veteran Edition Saturday August 17<sup>th</sup>, Sheboygan Walleye 19<sup>th</sup> Annual "Battle on the Bay" Sunday August 18<sup>th</sup>. – Green Bay Carnage Captains donate the boat and gas, Guide donates time and takes Veterans out. Harbor Commission waived the launch fee. Martin and Bostedt met with Battle on the Bay members to go over the paperwork and plans for the day. 111 boats are in this tournament. Oconto Girls Softball will be selling food from the pavilion and Golf carts will be available to shuttle boaters.
- d.) Park(s) Inspection Report [John Bostedt]- Signal Flags were installed.

**9. Hayes called for approval of Accounts Payable from July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 through August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 in the amount of \$9,610.23. These accounts, seen as acceptable, were placed in second motion by Trepanier. (4 Ayes)**

**10. Revenue & Expenditure Guidelines from 2024** were viewed by the Commission with acceptance as Director Bostedt reviewed the significant numbers.

**11. Next Meeting Date/Time:** Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>@ 4:30 p.m.

**12. Stenstrup witnessed adjournment @ 5:45 p.m. Hayes witnessed second. (4 Ayes)**