

MINUTES OF THE HARBOR COMMISSION
Wednesday September 3rd, 2025 @ 4:30 P.M.
Meeting held at City Hall in the 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.) Chairman Rhode called the meeting to order.
- 2.) Roll Call: Ken Hayes, Dick Olson, Nancy Rhode; Absent: Ron Daul, Todd Trepanier; ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent of Public Works & Parks Jeremy Wusterbarth
- 3.) **Hayes called witness to approval of Agenda; Olson motioned second. (3 Ayes)**
- 4.) **Approval of Meeting Minutes from 08/06/2025 was placed in motion by Olson with a Hayes second. (3 Ayes)**
- 5.) Public Input: As far as harbor use complaints, Wusterbarth states, wind: clients find the facility commendable.
- 6.) Correspondence: Live Harbor Cam Views- July 28, 2025- August 26, 2025 – 7,664 views
- 7.) **Discussion/Recommendation/Action on the Following:** 2026 Slip Rental fee history and future suggestions were found on sheets distributed by Wusterbarth. History parallels monetary gains and losses: changes in fees amend these. It can be noted that slip rentals this year and those of area harbors have been compiled. It was thought that Daily launch fees and Dockage could remain the same. Discussion followed dockage by slip size rather than length of craft. Two major changes appear to be the best forward movement: monthly slips and seasonal slips. Thus the Oconto Breakwater 2026 Rates have been determined: **Olson motioned to accept the Oconto Breakwater 2026 Rates with changes to Monthly Slip Rental fees and that of Seasonal Slip Rental Fees based on slip size. Rhode called completion of the motion which will be sent on to Council. (M/C)** Hayes suggested future thoughts on slip power use. Wusterbarth could monitor power use in the 2026 season and evaluate results thereafter.
- 8.) **Hayes called motion for approval of Accounts Payable from July 31, 2025 through August 27, 2025 in the amount of \$3,499.12. Olson placed the second. (3 Ayes)**
Discussion focused on a pad for a bench @ City Docks.
- 9.) Revenue & Expenditure Guidelines from 2025 were read and found to be in order.
Wusterbarth saw all in line. He stated that it is looking like we will be within this year's budget. We are considering a used golf/utility cart for the Harbor Masters in the future.
- 10.) Next Meeting Date/Time: **Wednesday, October 1 @ 4:30 p.m.**
Agenda Items: 2026 Budget; backup funds
- 11.) **Hayes summoned adjournment @ 5:02 p.m. Olson witnessed second. (M/C)**

Minutes submitted by
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