

HARBOR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES: **Wednesday, August 16, 2023**

1. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

Chair Dick Pufall called the August 16, 2023 Harbor Commission Meeting to order at 5:30.

PRESENT: Shawn Brede, Alan Smiles, Thomas Yankee, Gary Leino, Peter Herlevi, Dick Pufall

ABSENT: Randy Harvey

ALSO PRESENT: Scott Stegman and other concerned citizens

2. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 16, 2023 MEETING AGENDA

Thomas Yankee moved, seconded by Shawn Brede to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. May 24, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Gary Leino moved, seconded by Thomas Yankee to approve the May 24, 2023 meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Brian Kerr *805 MacArthur Ave.* spoke about weed concerns at the Ashland Marina B dock. Weeds are impeding safe and free passages in the Ashland Marina. Kerr also asked the Harbor Commission to implement a formal system for marina customers to write and address the commissioners about their concerns.

5. FINANCIAL STATEMENT REVIEW

a. Financials

Commissioners had no questions for Stegmann or the Finance Department regarding the 2022 Financial Report, Stegmann stated that there were no changes since the last time information was presented to the Commission.

Stegmann explained 2023 financials, cash analysis, and budget comparison; commissioners discussed. Stegmann will talk with the Finance Department regarding the propane amounts and get information updated to present to

commissioners at the next meeting.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Super Fund Site / Boat Launch - WI Waterways Commission Meeting 8/9/2023 Grant Funding
Stegmann hasn't yet received a report from Sara Hudson, Parks and Recreation Director, who attended the Wisconsin Waterways Commission meeting. Stegmann has reached out and received support from State Representative Chanz Green about a boat launch at the Ashland Superfund site and receiving funding from the Wisconsin Waterways Commission.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Manager's Report
Eurasian water milfoil weeds were vast this year in the Ashland Marina. The Ashland Marina hasn't had a professional weed cutter visit the Ashland Marina in over twelve years and are unable to get their service in Ashland this year. Brede presented an idea about weed control with the product ,Sonar, a treatment he believes is approved by Wisconsin DNR. Commissioners would like to look into taking a more aggressive approach to the weeds for the next summer season.
- b. Marina Rules - Updated Storage Contract
Contract was drafted by Stegmann and the City Attorneys office, the contract is to be revised and discussed at the next Harbor Commission meeting. The contract is recommended for approved by City Staff.
- c. Boat Storage Lot: Event usage and fee's associated
Item was not discussed.
- d. Fuel System: Schaper Estimate
Stegmann provided an estimate from Shaper Fuels for fuel tanks totaling \$58,986.84. The Ashland Marina is currently working with Shaper Fuels on an plan to install the new system and fuel lines above ground to save on costs. The Shaper Fuels estimate does not include the removal of old tanks as this must be done with a separate contract. More information will be presented to commissioners at the next Harbor Commission meeting.
- e. Overflow Parking: Location and Quantity
Since July 4, 2023 the Superfund site has been used as overflow parking for Kreher RV Park. The use for overflow parking has been going well for all. Stegmann did note that he has received both positive and negative comments regarding the overflow parking in this area. Commissioners would like to prioritize the Superfund site asphalt space in the winter for boat storage but agreed that using this space for overflow RV parking in the summer is fine use if area is not needed for Marina storage.

8. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Commissioners will review the storage contract and a vote to approve the contract will be held at the next meeting. Commissioners and Marina staff will continue to look into solutions for the weed issue, specifically looking into the possibility of using the product Sonar. Stegmann will contact the Apostle Islands Parks Service and ask if Ashland Marina can be added to the list of Marinas that have a fuel service. Stegmann is to talk with the Parks and Recreation director about the Wisconsin Waterways Commission meeting and report back on findings to commissioners at the next meeting. Commissioners would like to address customer suggestions about the Marina and how they can improve responding to these concerns. Commissioners would also like to implement a service that will allow for customers and residents to stay up to date about what is happening at the Marina.

The next Harbor Commission meeting is scheduled for September 20, 2023.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Thomas Yankee moved, seconded by Peter Herlevi to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.