

HARBOR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES: **Wednesday, September 20, 2023**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Wednesday, September 20, 2023 Harbor Commission meeting was called to order by Chair Dick Pufall at 5:30 p.m.

a. Roll Call

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

ABSENT: (Excused)

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Matt Mackenzie, Marina Manager Scott Stegman (5:45 p.m.)

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

a. September 20, 2023 Meeting Agenda

Alan Smiles moved, seconded by Gary Leino to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. August 16, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Gary Leino asked that the item Manager's Report under new business be amended to state that commissioner Shawn Brede presented the idea about weed control using the product, Sonar, in the marina.

Thomas Yankee moved, seconded by Peter Herlevi to approve the August 16, 2023 minutes with the amendment to change the commissioner who presented the weed control product from Gary Leino to Shawn Brede. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

4. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PERIOD

There were no Citizens present wishing to address the Harbor Commission.

5. FINANCIAL STATEMENT REVIEW

Commissioners were unable to discuss the Financial Statements as they did not have them by the time of the meeting.

6. WISCONSIN DNR PRESENTATION

a. Warden Jack Leussman

Warden Jack Leussman was called on assignment to Madison and was unable to attend the September 20, 2023 Harbor Commission meeting, but has asked to be moved to the next meeting agenda.

7. OLD BUSINESS

a. Superfund Site / Boat Launch - WI Waterways Commission Meeting Grant Funding \$700,000

The Ashland Marina was rewarded \$700,000 and will present to the Wisconsin Waterways Commission again hoping to be rewarded \$1.2 million. Sara Hudson will be presenting for the grant on behalf of the City of Ashland Superfund Site.

i. 9/27 WI Waterways Joint Finance Meeting for Additional Funding
Combined with Item 7a.

b. Marina Rules - Updated Storage Contract (*Roll*)

Thomas Yankee moved, seconded by Randy Harvey to approve the Storage Contract as written. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

c. Fuel Systems Update - Storage Tanks

No update provided to the commission.

d. Fuel Additives - Valvetec

Stegmann will receive a quote for the product and provide it for the commission at the next meeting.

e. Weed Management (*Commissioner Brede*)

Commissioner Shawn Brede has left messages with WI DNR and WI Waterways Commission regarding possible solutions for weeds in the Ashland Marina. Commissioners will wait to hear from DNR representative, Jack Leussman, on solutions for the weeds. Pete Herlivi asked that the commission decides their stance and plan of action when it comes to weeds at the next meeting.

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. Managers Report

i. Vandalism

Stegmann reported that there has recently been willful destruction of property at the Marina including vandalism in the restrooms, pulling down posters, and destroying technology. Additionally the Ashland Marina has been experiencing WiFi issues due to destruction of the WiFi instruments. Stegmann and other City Staff are monitoring the destruction with a security camera.

b. Election of Harbor Commission Chair and Vice Chair

Randy Harvey moved, seconded by Gary Leino to nominate Tom Yankee as Vice Chair of the Harbor Commission. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. Randy Harvey moved, seconded by Shawn Brede to nominate Pete Herlevi as Chari of the Harbor Commission. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

c. Federal Grant Funding

i. Congress Representative Tom Tiffany Letter

Discussion in regards to funding for Superfund Site and Boat Launch and gaining the attention of a State Representative to increase funding possibilities.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Tom Yankee suggested an item to be added to the next meeting. He would like the City of Ashland staff to create a clear definition of Harbor Commission member duties and present these duties at the next meeting. After the duties are discussed, he suggested creating a document that can be distributed to new commissioners once they are appointed.

The next meeting of the Harbor Commission is scheduled for November 8, 2023 at 5:30p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Thomas Yankee moved, seconded by Gary Leino to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.