



# City of Racine

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## Meeting Minutes - Final Board of Harbor Commission

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Thursday, February 19, 2015

4:00 PM

Racine Yacht Club - 1 Barker Street

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### 1. Call To Order

*The meeting was called to order at 4:05 P.M.*

Present: James Rooney, Sherman Foertsch, Tom Ryan, Richard Hynek, Tony Hermann  
Excused: Lynn Monroe, Mike Fox, Jeff Raffini

Also Present: John Rooney, Sgt. Dan Hogan, Bill Halliday

### 2. Approval of Minutes for the November 20, 2014 Meeting

*The minutes of the November 20, 2014 meeting were approved as printed. Passed unanimously.*

### 3. [14-10841](#)

**Subject:** Communication from Mark Veenstra requesting slip use for the restroom and shower facilities along Gaslight Pointe.

#### **Recommendation of the Board of Harbor Commission on 02-19-15: Defer**

*Chairman Rooney indicated Mark Veenstra could not attend the meeting and asked that the item be deferred.*

*Motion made by Hynek, seconded by Ryan to defer. Passed unanimously.*

**Deferred**

### 4. Racine County Sheriff's Department Water Patrol Report

*Sgt. Hogan appeared before the Commission and noted Deputy Liz Knight will be replaced by Deputy Dave Rohner on Water Patrol for the summer. Deputy Rohner will be a day shift deputy. It was also noted by Sgt. Hogan, USCG informed him that the buoy that was not placed because of shallow water off the north breakwater - No. 12 buoy, needs to be replaced or it will be removed from the USCG navigation charts. Sgt. Hogan indicated the buoy, itself, cost approximately \$339 and the navigation light that goes with it costs \$342. He also noted that does not include the cost of the anchors and chains or installation.*

*Chairman Rooney asked Sgt. Hogan to inventory how many replacement buoys and lights we have in stock and thought that those may be able to be ordered at the same time.*

*Secretary Rooney noted that may be eligible of 50% reimbursement by the Wisconsin Waterways Commission.*

**5. Park, Recreation and Cultural Services Department Report**

*Secretary Rooney distributed the revenue report. He noted that nothing has changed since the distribution of the November 2014 report.*

*Chairman Rooney noted the Harbor Commission would receive approximately \$15,000 from the boat launch operation.*

**6. 5th Street Boat Ramp/Basin Discussion**

*Secretary Rooney noted that a mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on February 25, 2015 to discuss the project which includes Lakefront Lot No. 5, Pershing Park Drive, as well as the boat launch. He noted that once bids are received he will bring bid tabs to the March meeting, if they are available at that time, to discuss who was awarded the project and what the project costs are going to be.*

*Secretary Rooney also gave an update on the dredging project. He noted that dredging has been completed and distributed update reports from the County and their engineer, Foth. He noted approximately 13,000 plus cubic yards of material have moved from the small boat basin over to Belle Harbor Marina via truck. He noted the intent of the dredging contractor, Roen Marine and Salvage, is to leave their barges and tugs and crane in the small boat basin until the ice is out. At that time they will be able to move their equipment out of the small boat basin. They would also like to leave it there in the event any additional dredging is needed after the post-dredge survey is complete to see if everything has been dredged proper elevation. He did note that Roen intended to move any additional dredge materials that are needed by barge up the river, thus not to get in the way of the boat launch parking lot reconstruction project. He also noted the tracking pad and all restoration will be completed, weather permitting, by the end of March.*

**7. U.S. Army Corp of Engineers Lake Level Bulletin for February 2015**

*Secretary Rooney distributed the Lake Level Bulletin report. It was information only and no action was required.*

*Chairman Rooney also discussed, with the Harbor Commission, ideas for possibly dredging the entire Racine Recreational Harbor and shared some discussions he had with current Racine County Executive Pete Hanson. He noted he would like to see an item on the next agenda for a communication that could be written to Racine County to apply for Fund for Lake Michigan dollars for the Racine Recreational Dredge Project and potential containment structure. He indicated this could be a long-term plan for the County with a designated source of revenue to accomplish this.*

**8. Next Meeting Date - March 19, 2015 at 4:00 P.M. at the Fifth Street Yacht Club, 761 Marquette St.****Adjournment**

*The meeting adjourned at 5:25 P.M.*

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