



# City of Racine

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## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Board of Harbor Commission

*Sherman Foertsch  
Tom Ryan  
Michael Fox  
Tony Herrmann  
Richard Hynek  
James Rooney  
Lynn Monroe  
Dan Strommen  
Tracey Larrin*

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Thursday, February 16, 2017

4:00 PM

Racine Yacht Club - 1 Barker St.

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#### Call To Order

*The meeting was called to order at 4:09 P.M.*

**PRESENT:** 8 - Sherman Foertsch, Tom Ryan, Michael Fox, Tony Herrmann, James Rooney, Lynn Monroe, Dan Strommen and Tracey Larrin

**EXCUSED:** 1 - Richard Hynek

Also Present: John Rooney, Jim Poplawski

Excused: Sgt. Dan Hogan, Tom Molbeck, Bill Halliday

#### Approval of Minutes for the November 17, 2016 Meeting

*The minutes of the November 17, 2016 meeting was approved as printed. Passed unanimously.*

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

*In the absence of Sgt. Hogan, no report was given.*

#### Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department Report

*In the absence of Tom Molbeck, no report was given.*

#### Fund For Lake Michigan - Proposal for Racine County Harbor Monitoring

*Chairman Rooney noted the last he had spoke with the County Executive regarding the bathymetric survey for the harbor and river, it was going to possibly be performed this winter if there was weather permitting to do so. However, with the ice, he believes it will be a spring survey and maybe happening soon due to warmer weather. He informed the Harbor Commission he will be meeting with the County Executive next week and he will have more details as to the progress of the Racine County harbor monitoring.*

### **Harbor Commission Improvements - ADA Kayak Launch at Pugh Recreational Area and ADA Lift Chair Improvement to 5th Street Boat Launch Pier**

*Secretary Rooney informed the Harbor Commission members he applied for two RBF grants back in November. One grant was a \$5,000 administrative grant that could be applied to the ADA kayak/canoe launch and the other was a 50% grant match in the amount of \$13,250 for the estimated \$26,500 project to add the ADA chair lift and ADA upgrades to 5th Street Boat Launch ramp. He noted he went to Fitchburg, WI in January of 2017 to do a presentation for the ADA chair lift grant. He informed the Commission the City did receive the two RBF grants that are administered by Wisconsin DNR. He noted that both projects are in excess of \$25,000, so they are being sent to the Public Works and Services Committee on February 28th to waive formal bidding so the Purchasing Agent can negotiate with Port-A-Pier for the upgrades. He noted he is doing this because the floating dockage system is a proprietary product that was manufactured and installed by Port-A-Pier. It was his expectation that this project would be complete before Memorial Day so boaters with disabilities would be able to enjoy both facilities for the entire season.*

### **Racine Harbor & Root River Water Quality Issues**

*Tony Herrmann updated the Harbor Commission that Representative Cory Mason could not attend. However, he has been in contact with Representative Mason's office staff and noted that several Great Lakes mayors are reconsidering action towards Waukesha. He told the Commission he has heard from that same office there may be 50 to 100 new applications in the works to draw water from the Great Lakes, which he believes is a grave concern to the Great Lakes region. He also expressed his concerns on the discharge pipe going into the Root River from the Waukesha project and a discussion ensued on the water quality in the Root River because of that.*

*Chairman Rooney also discussed the dam removal project and noted that would be discussed with County Executive Delagrave next week, as well. He said the dam removal could have, not only huge impacts on water quality, but also on the facilities the Wisconsin Waterways Commission has funded upstream of the Root River dam to provide non-motorized watercraft facilities to use and enjoy that area.*

*Mike Fox and Dan Strommen wanted to know if there was any update from the City Administrator on the removal of piers and pilings that have fallen in disrepair along the Azarian property. They both recalled that City Administrator Friedel promised the Harbor Commission those would be taken care of this spring after the ice was gone from the river.*

*Mike Fox asked that this item be put on the agenda for discussion so it is not forgotten.*

*Secretary Rooney noted the City Administrator is retiring April 1st and he would get this item on the agenda and make sure this information is passed on to the new City Administrator so this action can be taken care of.*

*The Racine Harbor Commission and the Chairman noted they have enforcement authority over the Root River in this area and this work needs to be done as promised by the City of Racine.*

### **U.S. Army Corp of Engineers Lake Level Bulletin for February 2017**

*The Lake Level Bulletin was distributed. It was information only and no action was required.*

**Next Meeting Date - March 16, 2017 at 4:00 P.M. - Fifth St. Yacht Club, 761 Marquette St.**

**Adjournment**

*The meeting adjourned at 5:05 P.M.*

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