



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Board of Harbor Commission

Thursday, July 16, 2020

3:00 PM

Harbor Lite Yacht Club - 559 State St.

Call To Order

Present: James Rooney, Dan Strommen, Mike Fox, Sherman Foertsch, Lynn Monroe, Tony Herrmann, Richard Hyneck, Tom Ryan

Excused: Richard Hynek

Also Present: John Rooney, Ara Molitor, Sgt. Dan Hogan

Approval of Minutes for the June 16, 2020 Meeting

The minutes for the June 18, 2020 meeting were approved as printed. Passed Unanimously.

Racine County Sheriff's Department Water Patrol Report

Sgt. Hogan appeared before the Commission and reported recent activity. He noted that the U.S. coast guard responded to a boat on the rocks near Sam Meyers Park. He also informed the Harbor Commission that boat number one for the Water Patrol is out of service with a problem with the port engine. He noted it was at Pugh Marina to be serviced and they are only able to use boat number two. Sgt. Hogan also reported that he'll be ordering more buoy lights that are needed for navigation in the channel of the Harbor.

Parks, Recreational and Cultural Services Department Report

Secretary Rooney who appeared before the Commission distributed the 2020 Boat Launch Sales Report through June 30, 2020. He noted revenue-to-date was \$17,440.91 of which \$10,671.00 was from sales of daily passes at the kiosk. He noted that numbers will hopefully increase for the July report with much better weather this month and Salmon-O-Rama activities going on.

Secretary Rooney also reported on moorings and dinghies rack rental to date. He noted that there are 13 moorings rented at this time, and there are 10 dinghy racks rented while he noted that revenues for this plus slip fees with the restricted reserve balance total \$186,412.05, when you take out expenses for 2020. He noted this positive cash balance is always available for capital improvements for the Harbor Commission projects and for matching funds when applying for state grants for the said capital improvement projects.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Lake Level Bulletin for June 2020

Secretary Rooney distributed the report and noted that the lake level is currently 5 inches higher than the all-time max from 1966 and from one year ago at this time he noted that there was no information and no action required.

Tony Herman indicated that he would be putting together a communication regarding infrastructure investment to various officials in the Federal Government including US Senators Johnson, Baldwin and Congressman Style to be included in the appropriation for infrastructure and transportation. It is necessary to put the Reef Light House back to the condition it was in before it was rehabilitated and ultimately failed. He asked that this item be put on the agenda for the next month.

Another item that was requested to be put on the agenda for next month was a report on the pump-out station located upstream of the Main Street bridge. Secretary Rooney noted that Interim City Engineer Ara Molitor is looking into replacing that pump and is assembling cost estimates to do so. He noted that the pump has exceeded its useful life that no longer works. He explained to the committee that the funding was obtained to install that pump and floating dock approximately 15 years ago. He noted the funding was approved by the Wisconsin Water Ways Commission due to the lack of pump out facilities in and along the Root River and Racine Recreational Harbor.

However, he noted that there are pump-out facilities that do exist at various marinas. He noted rather than expend Harbor Commission funds on replacing the pump out station could be reimbursable through the same grant. He suggested it may better to not invest in it if there are other places boaters are using to pump out their boats. Rooney noted that Ara Molitor would check to see what kind of activity and how much of it is being used at the other marinas that have this type of facility and we would report back at the next meeting.

He also noted that a discussion could be had if we are going to replace it what type of revenue acceptance do we want at the pump out station as opposed to the current system which only accepts five dollar bills. He noted that now cash with payments are common place with Apple Pay and other electronic devices or even scanning of credit cards.

Next Meeting Date August 20, 2020 at 3:00 P.M. - Racine Yacht Club

Motion made by Fox, seconded by Herrmann to adjourn. Passed Unanimously.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:39 p.m.