



# City of Racine

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft

### Board of Harbor Commission

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Thursday, June 23, 2022

3:00 PM

Racine Yacht Club

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#### Call To Order

*The meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m.*

Present: Jim C. Rooney – Chair, Rick Hennig – Vice Chair, Jim Poplawski, James Rooney – HCE, Alder – Amanda Paffrath, John Bertermann, Lynn Monroe, Gary Anders (NV), Sherman James Foertsch, Sgt. Dan Hogan – Racine County Sheriff's Dept. (with 2 additional rep. from the Sherriff's Dept.) and Ara Molitor – Secretary.

Special Guests: Jonathan Delagrave – County Executive and Julie Anderson – County DPW

Excused Sean Fox, Dan Strommen, Kurt Winthrop (NV), Tony Herrmann - HCE, Marc Lovdahl – Harbor Tenders, and Tom Molbeck – Director Racine Parks & Rec.

#### Approval of Minutes for the May 19, 2022 Meeting

*The minutes for the May 19, 2022 were approved as printed. Passed unanimously.*

#### Swearing in Alder Paffrath

*Alder Paffrath was sworn in to the Board of Harbor commissioners by Secretary Molitor.*

#### Racine County Representatives Harbor Improvements

*County Exec. Delagrave and Director Anderson gave an update of the equipment purchased and will upgrade to improve safety on the water, on the beaches and in the harbor. The County has budgeted \$150,000 for expenditures this year on the waterfront. They have also budgeted \$400,000 for the repairs and improvements to the North Pier, repairing the one sections that needs immediate attention and removing other hazards on the pier. They are also still perusing the options for improving the north pier to compliment the south pier; a consultant has been hired to aid them in preliminary design of those alternatives. They asked that the city also provide a resolution of support to the improvements that they are proposing.*

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

*Reported that the season is upon us and they are prepared. They have been advised that the "spot-Locking" issue is really a DNR jurisdiction and this will probably not be addressed anytime soon. They are also looking into replacing one or more of their patrol boats. We discussed several options that might be helpful locally but no*

*resolution was reached on the issue, however there was unanimous support from the board to obtain a replacement boat from the US Coast Guard. Secretary Molitor is looking into the purchase order for the needed buoys and lights.*

Parks, Recreational and Cultural Services Department Report:

*Tom Molbeck was not present to give updates. Secretary Molitor did report on the lake level. He was also asked to push for Mr. Molbeck or a Park representative to be at the next meeting.*

**Old Business:**

Senator Baldwin Infrastructure Reef Project:

*Tony Herrmann was not present to give and update but Lynn Monroe shared pictures showing the lighthouse structure is now leaning. Chair Rooney will try to get an appointment with government officials to see if they are willing to help champion this replacement project. The main concern is if the lighthouse is gone and the rock pile remains it is a matter of time before a catastrophe occurs with a ship running aground on the rock pile.*

Pump Out Station Grant:

*Secretary Molitor updated the board on the status of the purchase of the pump station. We will still need to wait for official award of the grant before we can install.*

**New Business:**

Infrastructure Update:

*Reefpoint Marina: Gary Anders gave a brief update on issues concerning the marina and infrastructure updates.*

**Next Meeting Date: July 21, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.- 5th Street Yacht Club**

**Adjournment**

*The meeting was adjourned at 3:53 p.m.*