

HARRISVILLE HARBOR COMMISSION
Regular Meeting November 3, 2009

Chairman Laatz called the regular meeting of the Harrisville Harbor Commission to order in the W & S Dredge Conference Room at 4:00 p.m. on November 3, 2009. It was noted that this meeting had been duly posted at 4:10 p.m on the prior Saturday at the City Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Art Laatz, Vice-Chairman Robert Sanderson, Secretary Robert Schemanske, Treasurer J. Michael Crick, Commissioners: Marion Tartaglia, Neal Gehring, and Daniel Bruske

ALSO PRESENT: Harbormaster Jim Hamather, Assistant Harbormaster Jerry Brown, Bookkeeper Rose Koenig, and Recording Secretary Jeannette Schultz

GUESTS: None

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call found all Commissioners present .

Reading of the minutes of the Sept. 3, 2009 HHC minutes were waived. MOTION: Gehring/Tartaglia that the minutes be accepted as presented. Minutes were adopted.

Financial Reports:

September Financial Reports were reviewed. MOTION: Tartaglia/Crick that reports be accepted as presented. Motion carried. October Financial Reports were reviewed. MOTION: Tartaglia/Crick that reports be accepted as presented. Motion carried. Reports were adopted and placed on file pending audit.

Committee Reports: Finance - Nothing Operations - Nothing Personnel - Nothing

Harbormaster Report:

Hamather stated that he has filed an insurance claim for a \$1300 loss caused by vandalism that took place on October 28th, which destroyed a lighthouse and a light. He said that the deductible on our insurance policy is \$500. He stated that the vandals, consisting of two boys and one girl, have been apprehended. He has been informed that the vandals will make full restitution for the damages.* He also said that a bike rack was pushed into the water. However, it has been retrieved.

On a positive note, he also reported that he has already received \$5,000 income for 2010 dockage.

Assistant Harbormaster Report: Nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Harbor Record Storage:

Laatz reported that he is still researching the availability of storage options.

NEW BUSINESS:

Security at the harbor:

Bruske suggested getting a cost estimate of fencing the dock area and placing a gate across the dock during the off season. It was stated that the fencing may have to go over the water. Brown questioned the possibility of a removable fence for the convenience of the business season. Bruske suggested a barricade. Tartaglia cautioned the Commission to seek the advice of legal counsel before deciding on a means of blocking entry because of liability issues that may arise.

The security camera currently in place does not appear to be adequate. The possibility of purchasing a night-vision camera was discussed.

Bookkeeper hired :

MOTION: Tartaglia/Crick to hire Jeannette Schultz as Bookkeeper/Recording Secretary beginning Jan. 1, 2010. Schultz had submitted her resume via email to all Commissioners, as requested at the prior meeting. Motion passed by a unanimous vote of Commissioners.

2010 Budget Projections:

Treasurer Crick presented a proposed budget for 2010 for discussion and approval. A line-by-line review of proposed expenditures proceeded with much discussion and some adjustments. In the essence of time, it was decided to table further review of line items and present the proposed budget for approval at the December meeting. The date of that meeting is scheduled for December 8th to allow all Commissioners to be present.

Round Table:

Nothing.

Adjournment: MOTION: Sanderson/Gehring to adjourn at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
N. Jeannette Schultz
Recording Secretary

** Reimbursement will be pursuant to any finding by the court.*