

Minutes of the Marina Board Meeting held Thursday, February 19, 2009, at 11:30 a.m. at House of Flavors.

Present: Vice Chairman Dick Boes, members Howard Hansen and Kaye Holman.

Absent: Chairman Jack Bulger and member Avery Benedict.

Also present were City Manager John Shay, Marina Manager Jim Gallie, Assistant Manager Jim Christensen, and Marina Secretary Rachelle Enbody.

The meeting was called to order at 11:40 a.m., with no audience participation.

Moved by K. Holman, seconded by H. Hansen, to approve the minutes from the meeting held 1/15/09, as printed. D. Boes questioned if the sand in the boat launch area will be minimized with the construction of the new breakwater. The reason for constructing the new breakwater is to reduce the need for dredging. The new reservation system was discussed. When implemented, the daily rate for a transient boater will increase by \$3.00 (eg: if the previous rate was \$22.00 per night, it will increase to \$25.00 per night). The reservation fee will increase from \$5.00 to \$8.00. The rates are set by the State of Michigan. The marina will be charged 2% for credit card transactions under the new system, a savings from the old system rate of 2.6% to 2.8%, which should offset the loss of the \$5.00 reservation fee. There are forty-one other marinas under the statewide reservation system including Manistee, Pentwater, and Grand Haven. Motion carried.

Moved by K. Holman, seconded by H. Hansen, to accept the December 2008 and January 2009 Financial Reports. D. Boes asked why the unemployment compensation paid in 2008 was less than in 2007. It was explained that fewer people were drawing unemployment in 2008 compared to 2007. It was noted that the income from interest has gone down significantly over the past year. J. Shay pointed out that the marina funds are invested very conservatively. It was also noted that as funds are spent on the construction of the new transient dock, there will be less money to invest, further reducing the income from investments and interest. The cost of weed control will be lower in 2009. Motion carried.

J. Gallie gave the Manager's Report. J. Shay and J. Gallie met with engineer Mark Lee regarding the new transient dock and received drawings of the dock. The State must approve the plans and it may take up to two months to receive approval before the project can be put out for bids. All of the required permits have been received. It is hoped that the project can be bid out in April, and the project could begin in May. The board discussed the construction process, and the coordination between the transient dock and the breakwater project. The bids for fuel will go out late February, with the bids due in March. The Annual Report is coming together and it will be done in a Power Point presentation like last year. Possible dates for the dinner are April 14th or April 16th. The bubblers have had their monthly maintenance and are working well. The bubblers on Annie's dock were shut off last week. All seasonal slips have been filled for 2009. The waiting list is down to about ten names. The new rules and regulations were printed and are ready to be distributed to boaters. The 2009 parking passes will be printed soon. The parking permit allows for one vehicle per boat slip. J. Gallie showed the Board an advertisement the marina purchased in the Map Guide.

Moved by H. Hansen, seconded by K. Holman, to adjourn the meeting at 12:20pm. Motion carried.

Rachelle D. Enbody, Marina Secretary