

Minutes of the Marina Board Meeting held Thursday, May 21, 2009, at 11:30 a.m., at House of Flavors Restaurant.

Present: Chairman Jack Bulger and members Howard Hansen, Kaye Holman and Avery Benedict.

Absent: Vice-Chairman Dick Boes.

Also present were City Manager John Shay, Marina Manager Jim Gallie, Asst. Marina Manager Jim Christensen and Acting Marina Secretary Jackie Steckel.

The meeting was called to order at 11:35 a.m.

There was no audience participation.

Moved by K. Holman, seconded by H. Hansen, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on 03/19/2009 and the annual dinner held on 04/16/2009, as printed. Motion carried.

Moved by A. Benedict, seconded by H. Hansen to approve the March and April 2009 Financial reports. K. Holman asked City Manager John Shay if the investment interest was down overall amongst all city funds. John Shay stated the interest rate the City has been receiving since the first of the year is about 1% - 1.5% compared to 4%-5% it was receiving at this time last year. The interest income is down for all funds due to the lower interest rates. J. Gallie asked what the longest period of time the City invested funds. John Shay reported that he will confirm with the City Treasurer, but he believes the City typically invests for 6-12 month periods, sometimes only 3 months. J. Gallie stated that Amber Township was recently approached by Northwest Bank offering a 3.5% - 3.75% interest rate for 3-year investments with a 90-day interest penalty if the funds were withdrawn prior to the 3-year period. John Shay informed the Board that even though the interest rates may increase over the next year, it needs to remember that the Marina's fund balance is going to be going down substantially due to the cost to construct the new transient dock along Loomis Street. This will result in less interest because there will be less money to invest. K. Holman asked whether the Viewing Machine lease was a one-time cost. J. Gallie reported that it is a one-time annual cost of \$500 but the viewing machine generates about \$350 in revenue, reducing the actual cost to about \$150 per year. Motion carried.

J. Gallie gave the Manager's Report.

Transient Dock Update: The MDNR has completed its review of the plans but the Office of Management & Budget has not yet given its approval for the project. Based upon the time it will take to bid out the project, send the bids back to the state for its approval, award the bid, order the construction materials, the anticipated start date is now August. Mark Lee received a cost estimate to install cable service to the new dock from Charter Communications of \$5,700 plus an additional \$1,500 per year. The Board agreed that cable service was not needed along that day dock. The electrical breaker boxes will be quite large and some shrubbery will need to be planted near them to help conceal them. A. Benedict asked if approval had been given for the additional seasonal slips as a result of the new day dockage wall. J. Gallie stated that the state will not make a decision on this request until such time as the new dock is completed.

Paint Projects: The Marina staff has completed several painting projects including the picnic shelter, doors and trim on the old building, bird house pole and will be working on the bike racks within the next week. The new paint is a brighter burgundy color and is an enamel paint which will withstand the weather much better than the old paint.

Bill Changer: Last year the bill changer broke and the new one has been installed and will accept all of the new currency.

Pig Roast: J. Gallie invited the Board members to attend the Marina's annual pig roast which will be held on Sunday, May 24th at 1:30 p.m.

Petunia's Planted: Originally there was some discussion about not planting petunias along Loomis Street, however now that that projected start date isn't until August, the petunias were planted.

Broken Back Flow Preventer-Water Leaks: J. Gallie reported that there have been 6-8 water leaks already this year compared to the normal 2-3 in the past. J. Shay stated that he has spoken with the Utility Maint. Supt. Jon Kortge regarding his crew doing a better job of blowing out the lines in the fall to eliminate these problems in the future.

Misc.

Boat Numbers: The seasonal slips are full. They had one boat in April and 9 so far in May. J. Gallie stated these numbers are less than those from last year but feels the upcoming holiday weekend will result in higher boat numbers.

Water Level: J. Gallie reported that water level is at a solid eight feet this year.

Fuel Prices: Gas is presently being sold for \$2.56 per gallon and \$2.27 per gallon for diesel.

Benches: Six of the new style recycled material benches have been ordered. Three will be placed at new locations along the Marina and three will be used to replace three of the existing wooden benches. J. Gallie reported that the Steelhead Group has paid for one of the benches (\$1,795) so the Marina only had to purchase five. K. Holman if the wooden benches were in good enough shape to be placed in the downtown area. J. Gallie said the new benches are supposed to be delivered June 8th. John Shay stated he would let DPW Supt. Shawn McDonald know that the three wooden benches removed from the Marina could be placed downtown.

New Dock Signage: J. Gallie reported the dock signs (A, B, C, D, E, & F) will be replaced this year. The new signs will be painted to match the new burgundy color throughout the Marina and will include two fish hanging down off of a post.

Picnic Tables: Eight of the permanent picnic tables that are cemented into the ground are in very poor condition. The wood has rotted and needs to be replaced. The wood tops will be replaced with the gray permanent composite material that will last forever and is maintenance free. The cost to redo these eight tables is about \$1,000.

Father Marquette Memorial: A letter has been received stating that the Lions Club has disbanded. K. Holman has spoken with Ron Wood (Mason County Historical Society) who has stated that the picture could be taken to White Pine Village and stored until such time as the new Maritime Museum is started at the old USCG Station where it would be taken to and displayed. The bricks are in bad shape too. In the past, the Marina has paid \$800 to replace the glass twice after it had been broken. The Board agreed that the next time the glass is broken; arrangements will be made to remove the picture and demolish the brick structure. K. Holman will contact Ron Wood about the Board's decision. J. Shay stated the DPW crew could demolish the brick structure and haul away the debris. The Board discussed ideas of what could possibly be put in that location. J. Gallie said he would like to see a compass rose with a sundial as it would be an interactive piece. The possibility of having a sculpture placed there was discussed and K. Holman offered to talk to members of the Sculpture Committee about the location.

Moved by H. Holman, seconded by A. Benedict to adjourn the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

Jackie L. Steckel, Acting Marina Secretary