

CITY OF BAYFIELD HARBOR COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Minutes of May 3, 2021, 4 p.m.

Call to Order - Roll Call: Chairman Dougherty called the meeting to order at 4 p.m.

Present: Bauer, Bryan, Shrider, Zawislak, and Chairman Dougherty

Others: Mayor Ringberg, PWD Kovachevich, Clerk, Hoopman, Engineers Bruce Lunde & Krista Summerfelt, David Eades, Bryce Albrecht, Adam Tindall-Schlicht, and Operator Peterson

Approve Agenda: Bauer/Bryan moved to approve the agenda as presented. Carried.

Review/Approve Minutes from April 29, 2021: No action; minutes from previous meetings will be presented at the next regular meeting for review and approval.

Public Input on Agenda Items – None.

Adam Tindall-Schlicht Director, Port of Milwaukee shared Milwaukee's experience with the cruise industry and helped by answering some of our questions to help us prepare for visitors who once again will come to Bayfield by ship. He noted how the cruise industry has grown in Milwaukee over the past 10 years and how it has been managed (where boats dock, Coast Guard Safety plans and the effect on their community, etc.).

Marina

1. Breakwater and Shoreline Improvement Project Updates

a. Project Budget and Timeline

b. Bruce Lunde, Engineer Update: Permits, Bidding, etc.

The Commission received an updated project budget which shows estimated construction costs at \$4.7 million. This is a great deal higher than our original estimates which were not broken out into detail previously. Lunde noted some cost increases were due to design and some are due to the escalating and unknown material prices. Lunde indicated he has been in contact with both of our funding sources (HAP & ACE) about the higher costs. He noted the ACE's reviews are moving along and he feels we will be ready to bid this summer. Hoopman expressed concerns about the costs, noting engineering is not included in the \$4.7 figure. Since we currently do not have any certainty the funding agencies will pay more, she asked the Commission to consider whether the project should go out to bid now? The Commissioner's inquired on the bid documents and when they would be available for review.

2. Marina Lessee: March Fees Report – Informational, no action required.

3. Marina Lessee: Issues/Concerns/Updates

Operator Peterson noted they are currently ahead of schedule and have already launched several boats. He mentioned there is some metal sticking up in the driveway that is hazardous, and water is still leaking into the women's restroom (even on non-rain days). The PWD said they will take care of the metal in the driveway and will have to continue to evaluate the source of the water.

City Dock

1. Electric Usage Report

The Commission received the historical electric use and winter dockage reports. Hoopman noted it is not a complete picture since we are missing two months of data. Commissioner's focused on the high amount of electric usage on the south side of the dock. What is running during those months? Hoopman will represent the report once the last two months are known for reevaluation.

2. Bayfield Wireless Offered to Boat owners in Bayfield Harbor

The Commission received a copy of an e-mail to Dougherty from Bayfield Wireless about their being able to offer High Speed Internet to boaters on the City Dock. Hoopman should inform our City Dock Boaters of this the third-party option; be clear – we are not responsible for the services offered.

3. Viking Cruises: We are continuing to gather data on Viking's plans to port in Bayfield. Most recently the City learned we are responsible for putting a Coast Guard Safety Plan in place which is a priority item at this time. There will be additional Homeland Security policies that will also be needed. Albrecht noted that some of the rules are contingent upon the number of passengers, and the rules lessen when there are no more than 150, and some of the onus will be on the boat operator.

4. Public Works Director Report: Issues/Concerns/Updates: PWD Kovachevich said there are repairs that are needed on the dock and they have the same annual concrete spalling issues.

L.E. Building-Slip/Fishing Pier/Boat Ramp

1. Boat Ramp – Discuss Options for Repair/Replacement

PWD Kovachevich presented the Commission with a quote for replacement with a floating dock from Pier Genius, and pictures of the new fixed dock at Little Sand Bay. Both will cost the City approximately \$20-25,000. The floating dock is preferred. It was determined that Shrider would investigate a possible WCMG and Hoopman will fill out the DNR Recreation Aid Grant Application for the June 1, 2021 submittal. Since the boat ramp dock is failing it was hoped this work might be done this fall.

Other Business/Concerns

1. Schedule Next Meeting(s): May 13 (Special Mtg.), June 7 (Reg. Mtg.), 2021

2. Marina Lease Discussion (Current Lease Exp. 12/31/23) - Closed Session: Not needed.

Adjourn: Shrider/Bryan moved to adjourn. Carried. (5:45 p.m.)

Minutes by: Billie L. Hoopman, Clerk