

HARRISVILLE HARBOR COMMISSION
Regular Meeting May 5, 2011

Chairman Laatz called the regular meeting of the Harrisville Harbor Commission to order in the Harbor Building at 7:00 p.m. on May 5, 2011.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call found all seven commissioners present.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Harbormaster Jerry Brown; Steven Baksis, and Recording Secretary/Bookkeeper Jeannette Schultz.





Minutes of the April 7, 2011 regular meeting, having been emailed to each commissioner, were presented for approval. Minutes were reviewed. **MOTION:** Schemanske/Sanderson to approve minutes as presented. Motion passed and minutes were adopted.

Financial Reports:



The monthly summary of accounts for April 2011 were presented and reviewed. It was noted that although boater deposits are coming in slower than last year, the Harbor is keeping expenses under control and there appears to be adequate cash to meet current needs. **MOTION:** Gehring/Schemanske to accept reports as presented. Motion carried. Reports were adopted and placed on file pending audit.

Harbormaster Report:


Harbormaster Brown reported that:

- The EZ Energy Savers have not been returned t. The seller will probably uninstall them in June to save us the cost of removing them. We will then be reimbursed.
- The Veeder Root machine has been repaired and  “tank compliant”. Two gas hoses will need to be replaced in the near future. Estimated cost of replacement is \$450/each.
- Applicants for dock hands have been interviewed. There will be four new hires; and two employees from last year will be returning. Orientation is scheduled for this coming Saturday.
- He is pleased to report that the pontoon boat is in the water and floating.
- The dredger  appears to be going well.
- He has received two quotes for asphalt sealing of the parking lot. He is waiting for a quote on the striping. **MOTION:** Tartaglia/Schemanske to accept the quote from Mr. Fowler and hire him at a cost of \$1496 to seal the parking lot. A discussion followed and the motion passed unanimously.
- The CRS training was held last Monday. However, due to lack of communication from the DNRE  one from Harrisville Harbor attended.
- We currently have 16 seasonal boaters fully paid, with approximately 3 or 4 more in the pipeline.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

 Several of the Commissioners met with Mayor Dobis to discuss grant opportunities through the State for dock repair. The Mayor explained that the grants are two-fold. Phase I would be for design and engineering and Phase II for construction. He suggested going to another grant agency to request \$25-\$30,000 for a design study. The Harbor would most likely be required to provide \$15,000 toward that study.  recommended three alternative agencies for the Commissioners to consider. There was a 20-year life expectancy on our docks, which are approximately 25 years old and in much need of repair. It was also suggested that we might consider mortgaging our harbor building to secure funding for dock repair/construction. The anticipated cost of new docks is \$800,000.

NEW BUSINESS:

Harbormaster Brown mentioned that he worked approximately 137 hours during the winter months monitoring conditions at the harbor. He was not asking for compensation for that time. However, he advised the Commissioners  to consider how they will want to compensate Steve Baksis, who will be doing that work this next winter. It was agreed that, at budget time, the Commissioners will consider how to compensate Steve for the winter months.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled to be held at the Harbor at 7 p.m. on June 2, 2011.

Adjournment:

MOTION: Schemanski/Tartaglia to adjourn at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

N. Jeannette Schultz
Recording Secretary/Bookkeeper