

NEPTUNE TOWNSHIP HARBOR COMMISSION November 8th, 2011

Beverly Fey calls the meeting to order at: 1830Hrs and requests the secretary to call the roll:

ROLL CALL

Donald Imbriaco ___ Yes ___ Hank Coakley ___ Yes ___
James McNamara ___ Absent ___ Willis Wardell ___ Yes ___
Beverly Fey ___ Yes ___

* Also present, Tim O'Connor; Marina Supervisor and Jennifer England; Marina Secretary

Flag Salute

The Chairperson announces that the notice requirements of R.S. 10:4-18 have been satisfied by the publication of the required advertisement in the Asbury Park Press and The Coaster on January 6th, 2011, posting the notice on the Board in the Municipal Complex, and filing a copy of the said notice with the Municipal Clerk. The Commission would like to request that the public present hold their questions until the public comment portion of the meeting.

Action Items:

Motion to dispense with the reading of the September 2011 minutes and approval of the minutes.

Offered by: _____ Hank Coakley _____ **Seconded by:** _____ Willis Wardell _____

Vote:

Fey, ___ Yes ___; Imbriaco, ___ Yes ___; Coakley, ___ Yes ___; Wardell, ___ Yes ___

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Old Business

1. Marina Rules and Regulations / Point Bay Fuel

For Marina Customers who wish to contact Point Bay Fuel at their expense at this point are aloud to and this is strictly for Diesel Fuel only! The Marina Office MUST be notified prior to the dispensing of fuel on the premises by the Marina Customer first. The Marina Office already has a Certificate of Liability.

New Business:

1. Marina Revenue / Appropriation Report

Mr.Bascom was unable to attend tonight's meeting because of the election night. He did supply a financial report along with a written financial report for the Commission to review. We are down to two months with the mad dash to break even at the end of the year and with rounding it off we need approx \$50,000.00 and there has been maybe approx \$5,000 that has been incombert that will come back to us at the end of the year. We are up to 5% over last year according to this financial report from Mr.Bascom.

Beverly added in looking at the Marina this year it has been the most vacant in the last 10-20years I have been at the Marina and it seems like we are just going down ward very slowly since the Township

has taken over.

Hank mentioned that the Law-Suit is still going no where and should we as a body send them a letter to get something moving and what is the delay they still just have no answers for us? Beverly added that we have all jumped through hoops, we have all written letters and not just from the Marina body and we have all been ignored. We are batting our heads against the wall here.

Tim stated that it is all still all about where it is going to get de-watered that is the hold up. It has to be done with Mud-Cap dredging and this is our hold up.

2. Flood Mitigation Project / Dockage Update

Tim added that the money was delivered to us for the Flood Mitigation Project. Both of them have been awarded from the Township already, the labor was awarded separate.

Don asked on who reviews the proposals and makes the decision on these? Tim added by the in house engineer and the design engineer make the decision and review the proposal. The purchasing department also gets involved to make sure that all the documents are in place and it is always an Open Public Records for the bidders and public. They make sure the award goes to the person that can do the job and not just a fly by night. There is a lot of money invested into projects like this. R-Cramer was the won awarded the bid, they work a lot in Ocean County and we are looking to start by the end of the month and if not then by January 2012. We have a lot of jobs going on through town so we are able to work very well with them. I am hoping that the sheathing can be delivered soon and it should be delivered at 300 or 400 feet a time. They are composite. If they are not ready for the sheathing and they can't get delivered then they can start on the demo which was an alternate bid to take a pier out and remove the L-shape and we are using the dead men and using the other pilings. This is going from the travel lift down to the end of the Marina to the south. I will have more information and answers for our January meeting.

Beverly asked how much was Crammers Bid? Tim replied with I believe with the base bid he was some where around \$425,000 which was a bargain and we wont have any money left over because we have to add the sheeting onto this as well along with additional items as well.

3. Summer Land Storage of trailers "ONLY"

Removal of empty trailers by November 1st of said year. Any empty trailer that will be winter storing with us can waive this dead-line. New proposed date April 1st thru November 1st of said year of customers who do not winter store with us. Jenn stated that we are having a problem with them because they are all in our way on the bulkhead and if not on the bulkhead then on the winter storage lots where boats need to be at this time for winter storage. Tim advised it is a real problem this year because of the mitigation project approaching. Some of these trailers the brakes wont work the tires go flat and then they try to blame us. The Commission agreed to the new proposed date for trailer storage of customers that do not winter storage or summer dock with us.

4. Winter Storage Updates

Jenn supplied the Commission with a winter storage list of who signed up early for the reduced rate, who still owes and who is new.

Beverly added that she has tried to keep everyone up to date with my involvement with going back and forth with the Township on how the Harbor Commission felt about the winter storage rates. It came down to Mr.Bascom saying that we can not financial do it and it will put us at a deficit but he did agree to honor the \$30/FT if people were paid in full by November 15th and those that were not it would be a \$3 increase which is better off then last year. \$20,800 to date has been deposited for winter storage.

Jenn added that we had approx 42-44 customers last year and it just keeps getting lower and lower and we are approx at 57 on this list. People still keep taking there time on this.

Don asked besides the docks we have enough money to go from the southern side of the Marina to

where with the flood mitigation project? Tim added it will go to the travel lift.

Don then added, Okay now when you start at the southern end with the docks how far down are you going to go? Tim replied with, we are not starting at the southern end with the floating docks we are starting in the middle where the money is. We do not know if we are going north or south. Most of the money was lost in that U-shape area behind the marina on the bulkhead area. Pier 5 is still in the mix as a potential we don't know. We still have to find out who is going to pay us for the storm, the insurance or the FEMA money.

Beverly added that we as a Commission were picked for a reason. We know how the marina works. Jenn and Tim devote their time as well and know how the marina works. The E-mail that we sent out was a slap in the face stating that we all did not supply enough information and it just goes in death ears. So as an advisory board we need to review where we are going from here and what is our role other then coming here every other month? I don't know how to proceed with this. All the Commissioners agreed with Beverly, we all look at all the Appropriation Reports and none of us can make since of it the numbers never give for us and we don't know how to make since of it. Don agreed and we just need to look at what the Marina has, how many boats in the water, how many open slips and we are 5 years into this project. The Commission is all in agreement that there are serious problems in this marina.

COMMISSION COMMENTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bob Forsyth stated that he has been a boat owner for over 30yrs and Beverly you could not have described the conditions any better. I only see it going down hill, not because people are not trying and everyone in this room has my support it is a tough job. No dredging is being done and I took my boat out today at low tide and I barley got out of my slip. I don't hear any talk about dredging out in front of the slips again and that was two years ago and it is all silted in already. The condition of the docks themselves is in very bad shape. We are talking about floating docks going down in the middle of the marina, but nothing to the North and our docks are falling apart and we have not a break wall for over three years. Sludge lies on the side of the boat because of it. After 30yrs I am considering leaving the marina and paying a higher price only so I am comfortable and feel safe. I hate to do it because I love this marina you have a great time and I get along with everyone. The money for the floating docks is going out to bid for the additional and the additional does not involve the whole marina like everyone was promised.

Tim replied with that he is just trying to back into the figure with what he is given from the Township to fix this marina up with what he has to work with.

Bob added, I don't ask for much but is there at least any way we can put a break wall at the end of the dock something? Tim said it is going to all be at the bottom line on where I am with the money and I understand your position, maybe you should think about moving to the new floating docks. Bon replied if I move I am going to Belmar. I understand Per Tim.

Beverly added that our enjoyment and our past time was when the Oliver's owned it because we knew where we all stand. The hardest thing was when the Township took it over they came in bought the marina, put out this beautiful plan and we have been waiting for this beautiful plan and it is not coming and in stead we have all sat hear just watching the marina decline, decline and decline. It is all in red tape all we want is a functioning marina that's all we are asking. They rolled out the plans and nothing is happening and the excuses just go on and on. The only ones that were happy were the Oliver's.

Beverly also added that Belmar is now opening there transit slips. There 5years are up and they have installed new bathrooms down at that end as well.

The 2012 Summer Dockage rates have not gone up.

ADJOURNMENT (Time): 1927hrs

Offered by: _____ Hank Coakley _____

Seconded by: _____ Willis Wardell _____

Vote:

Fey, __Yes__; **Imbriaco, __Yes__;** **Coakley, __Yes__;** **Wardell, __Yes__**