

NEPTUNE TOWNSHIP HARBOR COMMISSION May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Donald Imbriaco calls the meeting to order at: 1830Hrs and requests the marina secretary to call the roll:

**ROLL CALL**

Donald Imbriaco	<input type="checkbox"/> Present	Hank Coakley	<input type="checkbox"/> Present
James McNamara	<input type="checkbox"/> Present	Willis Wardell	<input type="checkbox"/> Present
Beverly Fey	<input type="checkbox"/> Present		

- Also Present: Tim O'Connor; Marina Supervisor and Jennifer England; Marina Secretary Office Manager

**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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 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 March minutes and approval of Minutes.**

Offered by:  Beverly Fey  Seconded by:  Hank Coakley

**Vote:**

Fey, ; Imbriaco, ; McNamara, ; Coakley, ; Wardell,

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**New Business:**

- 1. Dockage Status**
- 2. Contract Date May 1<sup>st</sup> thru December 1<sup>st</sup> of said year**

Tim advised that the original contract date for the summer dockage season was April 1<sup>st</sup> thru November 1<sup>st</sup> and about three to four years ago it was changed to April 1<sup>st</sup> thru December 1<sup>st</sup> to accommodate our customer needs. We have had some ongoing problems with the sales and service department with haul out dates and the weather with the vessels staying in longer. Beverly asked if we were considering changing the date again for the future at the marina or now. Tim advised that the Commission should consider this for the upcoming boating season in 2013. We had a blessed summer so far with the weather and everyone got boat fever because it was 80' degrees in April and of course with the construction it put the marina in a huge jam, but now no one wants to go in or do anything and Belmar is going through the same thing along with other marinas.

Don asked what is the percentage of customers that need to schedule a haul-out date with us. Jenn advised that 50% or more need a haul out date scheduled and again if the weather is nice they try to reschedule and push it as far back as possible. Tim stated that we only have an eight hour work

day and we work in the negative with the tide all the time so we have to work around that. Beverly stated, "We have changed the contract date twice since I have been on the Commission and I do not believe we should change it again, we are never going to make everyone happy"

### **3. Hurricane Preparedness Plan**

After review of the plan from Hurricane Irene the Marina Management would like to add a clause into the current Hurricane Preparedness Plan to read the following:

This was added September 2011.

*"In the event of a Tropical Storm/Hurricane the Shark River Municipal Marina will make it MANDATORY for all vessels in the water to vacate their current slip. This will solely be at the discretion of the Office of Emergency Management and the Marina Supervisor to determine prior to the storm and allowing the customers enough notice of said decision. "*

**We would like to also add a new clause: *Anyone who elects to ride out the storm in the marina may be responsible for damage done to pilings or docks by their vessel.***

After a small discussion on the additions to the Hurricane Plan the Commission was in favor and just asked the Township Attorney and Clerk double check the language and please add what they see fit.

### **4. Marina Improvements.**

Tim started this discussion stating that he has 1200 feet of bulkhead to be replaced and they are on schedule with the flood mitigation project. This is Greenacres funds and it comes in increments and through its own revenue it pays for itself. The marina financial CFO would be able to explain this much better in detail. The dredging is moving forward and we are on an excellent schedule considering. The funds were available through FEMA and a grant, we were extremely lucky to have this available to us. In order to have this project work in our favor we must follow the steps. We have to get the sheeting done, the docks in place then the water will be hooked up and then we work on the electric for the marina. With all this in mind we have backed ourselves into a certain figure that I have to work with and it's not easy to do so we are doing the best we can.

We are still on target for May 15<sup>th</sup> for the 1<sup>st</sup> of the water to get hooked up. Then all of the electric needs to get up to code, JCP & L has to bring in all the lines, nothing was market, we had no idea where anything was and trying to disconnect and connect them is a different story. We had a small situation the other day where we had to hold off the pilings being installed because of the dangerous winds and we are hopeful to get that moving as soon as possible again. We just have no answer on the electric and it could be a couple months. I and the Township officials will be meeting with JCP & L prior to our next meeting and we are hoping to have more answers at that point.

Don wanted to add what an excellent job Tim has done in the time frame has had to work with and under all this pressure they are very proud of him. The rest of the Commissioners agreed.

Beverly stated that as a Commission we should put pressure on JCP & L to get updates for ourselves and our marina customers this is ridiculous that we are still without electric to the whole marina we need this to be expedited now!

Don stated, "Yes we need to do something, it is very difficult at this time for everyone involved especially Jennifer and Tim for taking all the heat but the Marina will only get better from this point forward not worse" Tim advised that we also have to be very careful

## **COMMISSION COMMENTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Roman Stefaniw residing in Neptune, NJ had questions regarding the docks and pilings that are and were damaged from the storm. He is now in a slip that has a damaged piling. Tim stated that he has a damaged piling because a boater who was residing in that slip refused to move out of his slip this was one of the reasons on why we are adding an additional clause.

Rick Frank residing in Monmouth County has questions in regards to water, pilings and electric. Most of his questions were answered from above. However he had an issue with being charged a transient fee last year that has nothing to do with the issues at hand and Mr. Frank should come speak to the Marina office about a fee in question first.

Walter Gensheimer residing in Monmouth County. He is very upset with the progress of the Marina and the danger. He knows what we are going through, but when I'm told I have a plank to walk to my slip? That is crazy and you guys can really get sued over stuff like this and I just want to put my boat in and I cannot even take my kids on something like this. You should have thought about scheduling this better and we were never notified about this and I think it is totally unfair. This past Saturday everyone got parking tickets at the Marina. Something needs to get done and I am very upset and I paid all this money and you guys screwed us. I like you guys and I hope I stay but you really messed up this time. That's all I have to say.

Hank asked about the parking violation. Jenn stated that she can answer that. "First of all we had a car park at the stop sign on Melrose and there is a sight-triangle law I am not completely familiar with it, however Tim agreed. Second there was a trailer that parked on Melrose also and you cannot park trailers on the streets. We gave each ramp customer every other option for parking and knew it was going to be a headache on Saturday, but I am aware of two customers that received tickets not all of the customers"

Martin Eninschmeid resides n Jackson, NJ also had many of the above concerns. Tim stated it is ONLY May 8<sup>th</sup> we have some time to put this all together for everyone. Martin is also very concerned with the safety and walking the docks with his family and himself and it is alarming that they have to walk a plank to get to their vessel.

Beverly Fey added that she is a boater and has a boat at the marina also and she agrees with everything however this part was planned out and we knew this time last year what docks were going to be done and the boaters were given the option then to stay deal with it and move on or to leave so all the customers did have a choice to stay or leave. Is this inconvenient yes, is it bad that we don't have water or electric yes but there will be a light at the end of the tunnel. Parking is an issue and we are working on around the clock we are progressing the best that we can. We needed this done and we are getting this done and Tim had to work in a confined space with very little time and very little money. I am not happy my boat is still sitting on land and my slip is paid in full but this is my choice to wait you all had a choice also and we all have to move forward and this was a learning experience for all of us. It is a pain. We are a Commission and we are just an advisory board for the Township that's all we are and we are volunteering our time. There is no way this would have been pulled off if it were not for Tim O'Connor.

Tim thanked Beverly and reminded everyone that the marina is it only utility we pay for it ourselves. It runs on the revenue, Jennifer can qualify for food stamps and I only get a \$5,000 stipend to run this place we get NOTHING else except we get money from you. We were smart enough to lobby and work on a few people and in the permit you can not doing anything in the permit from Dec 31<sup>st</sup> thru June, so guess what would have happened if this was in our permit? This would not have started until June and we are where we are now. This is why Belmar was stopped dead in its tracks. So much for construction management!

**ADJOURNMENT 1940hrs**

Offered by: \_\_\_\_Hank Coakley\_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by: \_\_\_\_Beverly Fey\_\_\_\_\_

**Vote:**

Fey, \_\_X\_\_; Imbriaco, \_\_X\_\_; McNamara, \_\_X\_\_; Coakley, \_\_X\_\_; Wardell, \_\_X\_\_