

**Harbor Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, February 25, 2009 – 9:00 A.M.**  
**Paul J. Bertschinger Community Center**  
**7860 Hwy 42, Egg Harbor, Wisconsin**

Members Present: Carol Ballje, Josh Van Lieshout, (Mike Fitzgerald, Steve Smith, Bob Dunworth, – by phone)

Members Absent: Ken Mathys and Bill Cammack

Also Present: Kelly Popp, Bill Brose & Brett Oftedahl of JJR LLC, Rich Dirks, Karl Klug, John Moravec

**1. Call meeting to order.**

Meeting called to order by Van Lieshout February 25, 2009 at 9:09 am.

**2. Open Session (Limited To Ten Minutes).**

**3. Approve Harbor Committee Meeting Minutes of January 28, 2009**

**4. Harbormaster Report**

a. Review of February 19 Village Board and Harbor Committee Meeting and resolution of operational issues:

Van Lieshout stated that the recommendation was made to keep the harbor closed for the entire duration after July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009, and turn it over to the contractors.

A. Main Breakwater Condition:

Brose of JJR, LLC stated the original assessment from a couple of years ago was that the dock area was in disrepair. JJR crawled into the areas in last year and it was in worse condition, settling two inches more than originally thought. Smith stated that it is very obvious at this time; there are definite problems with cracking in the area. There may be additional timbers missing and it continues to worsen. There are obvious failures going on at this time.

B. Shore Side Services and Customers:

Smith stated the harbor has gotten themselves into a situation of quandary. The marina will be used through July 5<sup>th</sup>. Discussions have taken place on how they will deal with all the items at present.

C. Shortened Operating Season (May 15 to July 5)

1. Seasonal Boat Launch Pass Fees

The Harbor may only be able to handle a few boaters until July 5<sup>th</sup>. The marina will be closed completely, including the bathroom and showers once construction starts. There will still be 10-12 total slip spots available, but only 2-3 spots long enough and wide enough to fit large boats at this time. It will be a limited operation. They are unsure as to how much of the current list the Harbor can get through. We will possibly try to handle some transient. Only 35% of the season will include May 15 through July 5 when the harbor will be open. This is not the best part of the season, so we will create a price discount of 10-15% for boaters willing to come in. The Harbor has been discussing the possibility of other discounts with gas, etc. for boaters as well. If the vote fails on the referendum (?), there will be 95 days to fill. Safety is the #1 concern. The Harbor will use buoys, etc. in

the area to deter people from being there. Smith stated pump-outs will not continue there once the Marina is closed.

## 2. Slip leases, transients and staffing

Smith stated staffing is an issue. Employees are concerned. There will be plenty of work for employees through July 5<sup>th</sup>, but after that date, there are concerns. If the referendum is voted down, the same people will continue to work there as usual. Approximately 3.5-4 people will be needed. The Village should be able to pay for all the employees with funds as a reduced operation. A lot more will be known in a month. Fitzgerald questioned the possibility of current harbor employees being shifted into Public Works. Smith replied that some employees would physically be unable to do this.

Fitzgerald questioned the unused slips. Smith stated the slips will be stored by public works, but they may never be used again due to their age and custom build.

## 5. Update on Harbor Reconstruction Project

### a. Phase I final design and bidding progress:

Brose stated Bid extension will be open until March 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am. They are in the process of putting together an addendum. A question they did get would be if it would possible to remove dredge disposals by land. Brose thought this would be fine. He stated if dredge is hauled off site from there, it would be most cost effective. Fitzgerald stated the marina project is too important to concern ourselves with any one storefront's concerns. The Harbor should take the least expensive route to complete this.

### b. Phase II Design feature schematic review:

Brose stated the second bid pack is being worked on now and should be out in mid-April. In the mean time, they are currently developing as many design features as possible. For example, he stated that they have been looking at new decking materials to replace the wood decking. Balance and sustainability is the goal.

Parking issues for the Marina were discussed at great length by the Harbor Committee. Various ideas were discussed to make the best use of marina space for additional parking spaces. Together, the Harbor committee discussed the overall critical element due to space limitations in the Marina area. The parking issue is significant for visitors and boaters. Fitzgerald questioned Dock Road and an additional 20-25 parking places for the new Marina area. Different possible areas were considered. Smith did assert other states sometimes require visitor passes to keep them out of the specified customer parking areas. Van Lieshout stated that it was imperative to keep in mind, the most cost effective design. He also summarized that he would like to squeeze out as much parking as possible without moving the playground area and with minimal impact on existing utilities.

Smith was adamant in his concerns regarding a move of the playground area in relation to children's safety. He feels that for safety reasons, the volume of traffic, and the possibility of an accident, it would be appropriate to leave the playground where it is. He stated this has continuously come up over and over again. Crosswalk areas were also discussed. Smith stated some seen in the first design have

disappeared from the current design. Safety concerns were an issue without some crosswalks.

Reduction of speed through the Marina area was also concerning with Committee members. Fitzgerald stated his concerns without a speed deterrent, such as 3 speed bumps; there is accident potential. Van Lieshout stated that more additional parking changes be included on the concept with minimal impact on existing utilities

Brose also commented on the Waterways: Christine Halbur is not sure how much money they will get at this time. There will be a meeting in April, May or June. They may have funds to distribute at that 4<sup>th</sup> quarter meeting. July 1<sup>st</sup> is the new fiscal year. Given the state of the economy, the budget may be signed before the fiscal year. Nothing is definitive at this point, but the possibility of extra funding is not out of the question. She seemed optimistic and they are still on the docket/agenda for additional money. The Village must be at the meeting with an update on where the Harbor currently is.

Fitzgerald questioned the financials and the possibility of getting a DNR permit. Brose stated the permit is already in place. He stated that the option is open to a resourceful contractor to pull apart the jetty and use materials as needed and dispose of what is necessary. Van Lieshout stated disposal sites were discussed. Brose stated it should be affirmed what is expected of the contractor before the bids. Van Lieshout will check with Meyer in Public Works and get back to Brose on this.

Van Lieshout motioned for John Moravek to be recognized by committee members. Seconded. Motion carried. Moravek felt that speed bumps are not good for durability of some cars and campers and asked for another means.

Van Lieshout moved to recognize Rich Dirks. Fitzgerald and Ballje seconded. Motion passed. Dirks reiterated how Moravek felt, especially with regards to bikers and speed bumps. It was a consensus by members that drivers must be slowed in some manner to keep accident potential down.

The dingy rack needs to go back into the drawings per Van Lieshout. Brose agreed.

**6. Next meeting time and date.**

March 25, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

**7. Adjournment**

Van Lieshout Moved, seconded by Ballje to adjourn the meeting at 10:17 a.m. Motion passed.

Recorded by,  
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Deputy Clerk/Administrative Assistant