

**VILLAGE OF FONTANA ON GENEVA LAKE**  
Walworth County, WI

**Lakefront and Harbor Committee**  
Wednesday, March 21, 2012  
**(Official Minutes)**

The monthly meeting of the Lakefront and Harbor Committee was called to order at 5:00 pm on March 21, 2012 by Chairman Tom McGreevy.

**Roll Call:** Trustee Tom McGreevy, Rick Pappas, Ed Snyder, Steve Beers  
**Committee Members Absent:** Joel Bikowski, Bob Chanson, Lee Eakright  
**Also Present:** Administrator/Treasurer Kelly Hayden, Village Clerk Dennis Martin

**Visitors Heard**

Rick Pappas stated that the Glenwood Springs Association stored all of its shore stations on its own lakefront property this past winter. Pappas stated that he also spoke with Pam Schense of the Wisconsin DNR and she indicated that the DNR is eliminating the registration requirement to "grandfather" piers and that mooring regulations may be getting less restrictive in the future.

**General Business**

**Approval of Minutes for Meeting Held February 29, 2012**

Snyder/Pappas 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to approve the February 29, 2012 minutes as presented, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

**Village Mooring Lease Application Approvals**

Hayden stated that the distributed list includes 62 of the leases for the slip, buoy and ramp spaces. Some of the buoy lease holders also have ramp spaces for non-motorized boats. Seven of the applicants still have some required documents to submit, and two have not yet paid the fee, which was due March 12, 2012. Hayden stated that there are still two buoys and ramp spaces open, and there was one slip lease that was not renewed and turned over to a new person this year. The new application process requires the annual approval of the mooring lease agreements. The Village Board approved a motion at its last meeting to pre-approve the mooring lease agreements with the condition that they are reviewed and approved by the Lakefront and Harbor Committee.

Pappas/Beers 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to approve the Village mooring lease applications filed by Ben Albright, Zoran Atlija, Dan Baughman, Marv Behm, Scott Bieda and Jack Oberhart, Rhonda Blakesley, Frank Breneisen, Chris Campbell, Paul Catanese, Robert Chanson, William Conklin, Phil Costa, Vito Cristino, Thomas Dunn, Michael Evans, Michael Fedyniak, Albert Fiorillo, Raymond Fitzgerald, F.J. Frazier, Michael Geraci, Glenn Gilstrap, Harvey Goldstein, Christine Gornick, Marie Gornick, Denise Hoth, Dona Johnson, Mark Kennedy, Patrick Kenny, Keith Kinerk, Steven Link, Dan Maus, Mike McNicholas, Jerry and Rich Miller, John and Cathy Murphy, Pete Novak, John Noyer, Rita Nyman, Richard Patchin, Mark Ramljak, Ken Reuter, Greg Scharnott, Tom Schirtzinger, John Schneidwind, Tom Sherin, Frank Taddeo, Phil VanKuiken, Scott Vilona, Walter Watkins, Todd Wilkins, Bruce Wilkinson, Jim Wolande, and Bryan Wright, as presented, with the condition that the application process is completed and the fees are paid. The MOTION carried without negative vote.

**Fourth of July Revenue Generating Ideas**

McGreevy stated that Trustee George Spadoni requested that a list he drafted of ideas to generate additional revenue at the lakefront be reviewed by the Lakefront and Harbor Committee for a recommendation. Hayden stated that with regard to the first two ideas on the list to raise the beach admission rates and charge the admission fee until 9:00 pm, the village has historically

stopped collecting beach admission fees on the Fourth of July at 6:00 pm. Hayden stated that the beach staff remains on duty after 6:00 pm to check coolers and for crowd control, and many of the village residents wait until 6:00 pm before they come down to the beach for the fireworks display. Hayden stated that the fireworks are funded almost entirely by donations from local residents and businesses, and if the Village begins charging admission prior to the display, there could be a lot of upset people to deal with. Hayden stated that if the Village Board eventually decides to increase the fee and to charge the admission rate after 6:00 pm on the Fourth of July, a Village official should be at the beach to help staff explain and deal with all the upset local residents. In response to a question from Snyder, Hayden stated that the Fourth of July is a very busy day at the beach, but most of the people who do not have season passes and pay the admission fee arrive by 9:00 am and stay all day. McGreevy stated that he understands the difficulty it would create for staff; however, most residents have season beach passes and it could raise additional revenue for the Village if visitors were charged a few dollars more for beach admission on the Fourth of July and the other summer holidays. Pappas stated that many of the residents who have season beach passes may not bring them with them on the Fourth of July because of the historic practice of opening the entrance gate at 6:00 pm. Pappas stated that the only items on Spadoni's list that are applicable to the Lakefront and Harbor Committee jurisdiction are the first two items, and he does not support either of them. Pappas stated that if the village is seeking more revenue for the Fourth of July maybe a donation box could be put out at the beach. Pappas stated that to charge more on a holiday and to stop the historic practice of opening the beach gate at 6:00 pm on the Fourth of July is a bad idea. Hayden stated that there already are collection boxes put out throughout the area for Fourth of July fireworks donations, including one that is put out at the beach house once the season has commenced. Beers stated that many of the ideas on the list would not produce enough revenue when all the associated extra expenses and administrative work is considered, especially for a one-day event. Beers stated that increased charges on holidays also may produce unwanted ill-will with potential visitors and they may not come back for return visits.

Beers/Snyder 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to not make any changes to the historic lakefront operations on the Fourth of July or other holidays, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

### **Abbey Harbor Association Engineering Report Update**

Snyder stated that the report will not be completed until April.

### **Set Next Meeting Date**

Following discussion at last month's meeting, the committee members approved a motion to set the starting time for the monthly meetings at 5:00 pm instead of 4:30 pm. The next monthly meeting will be held Wednesday, April 25, 2012.

### **Adjournment**

Pappas/Snyder 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 5:17 pm, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Minutes prepared by: Dennis L. Martin, village clerk

Note: These minutes are subject to further editing. Once approved by the Lakefront and Harbor Committee, the official minutes will be kept on file at the Village Hall.

APPROVED: 5/30/12