

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

**Lakefront and Harbor Committee**  
Wednesday, August 29, 2012  
(Official Minutes)

The monthly meeting of the Lakefront and Harbor Committee was called to order at 4:30 pm on August 29, 2012 by Chairman Rick Pappas.

**Committee Members Present:** Trustee Rick Pappas, Ed Snyder, Joel Bikowski, Bob Chanson, Lee Eakright, Steve Beers

**Committee Member Absent:** Don Holst

**Also Present:** Darrell Frederick, Village Clerk Dennis Martin, Tom Whowell

**Visitors Heard**

None

**General Business**

**Approval of Minutes for Meeting Held June 27, 2012**

Snyder/Chanson 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to approve the June 27, 2012 minutes as presented, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

**Pier Permit Application Filed for Addition for Paul Burke, Burke Wisconsin LLC, 495 N. Lakeshore Drive**

Darrell Frederick of Austin Pier Service stated that the application was filed with the Wisconsin DNR and the Village Building and Zoning Department to authorize the addition of two slips on the existing one-slip pier. Frederick stated that the proposal is for the two new slips to be added on to the north, where there would still be about 50 feet from the outer slip to the lot line. Also, there currently is no pier on the parcel to the north. Frederick stated that there is 135 feet of shoreline on the Burke parcel, so there is more than enough footage for a total of three boat slips. Frederick stated that the pier addition will have no effect on the pier at the property to the south. Snyder/Chanson 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of the Pier Permit application as filed, subject to approval by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

**Request for Prorated Buoy Lease Refund – Cliff Woodbury**

Pappas stated that Village buoy lease holder Cliff Woodbury has requested a refund of his fee for the remainder of the season because he has moved his boat to slip in the Abbey Harbor. Pappas stated that the committee could recommend approval or denial of the prorated refund request; or it could direct staff to attempt to lease the buoy to someone else on the waiting list for the remainder of the season, and if successful, refund to Woodbury the amount collected from the new lease holder. Snyder stated that Woodbury brought his boat to the Abbey Harbor to be repaired earlier in the season, and he decided to lease a slip at the Abbey because his boat would be better protected there than on a buoy. Pappas stated that it is late in the season, but maybe someone will want to take over the lease so they have it secured for next year.

Beers/Eakright 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to recommend that staff be directed to attempt to lease the Village buoy currently leased to Cliff Woodbury to someone else on the waiting list as soon as possible, and if successful, refund the prorated lease collected from the new lease holder to Woodbury. The MOTION carried without negative vote.

**Buoy Mooring Leases and Placement**

Pappas stated that a couple of the boats on the Village buoys have sustained damage this season from colliding together. In response to a question, Frederick stated that the moorings and their cribs are not shifting and the 25-foot buoy chains are maintained every season. Frederick stated that there are several factors that could cause the boats to drift into each other, especially when there is no wind; however, when there is any wind velocity, all the boats will drift in the same direction and remain at least 25 feet apart. Frederick stated that the boat tie-up lines may be too long, which would result in some boats floating into each other. In response to another question, Frederick stated that the incident that escalated the buoy concern when several boats were damaged earlier in the season appears to have been caused by a boater who was trying to steer between the boats on the buoys or who simply drove his boat into the other boats at night when the incident was not witnessed. Pappas stated that maybe the concerns can be alleviated by shifting the smaller boats into the middle of the mooring area, and keeping the longer boats on the edges of the buoy areas. Frederick stated that problems could still be caused by people who use longer ropes to tie-up to the buoys. The committee members reached a consensus during further discussion that the buoy lease language should be amended next year to add a maximum of 6 feet for the rope lines that are connected to the buoys.

### **Extra Buoy Placement Near Launch Ramp**

Snyder stated that the Fontana Shores Condominium Association would like the Village to consider installing two more buoys on each side of the channel at the launch ramp. Snyder stated that the channel needs to be marked a little better and the two sets of extra buoys, two with green lights and two with red, would resolve the situation. Eakright stated that one of the current buoys has been drifting in front of his pier and it also needs to be addressed. During discussion, Frederick stated that it would cost about \$500 to purchase and install one red buoy and one green buoy. Snyder stated that one set of additional buoy markers would be fine.

### **2013 Budget Request**

Pappas stated that as well as requesting \$500 for the two additional channel marking buoys at the boat launch, he would like the committee members to consider recommending the Village include in the 2013 budget funding for a rip rap project by the Abbey channel and the small beach area used by the Country Club Estates Association. Pappas stated that the erosion problems by the channel could be addressed if the project is approved. Frederick presented a proposal to install rip-rap stone walls on the south side of the channel for \$5,600, and on the north side for \$2,250, for a total of \$7,850 if both sides are approved. Beers stated that it would make sense to do both sides of the channel at the same time, and the committee members were in consensus that they should recommend the entire project be included in the 2013 budget.

Chanson/Beers 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to recommend to the Finance Committee and Village Board that the 2013 municipal budget include \$500 for the purchase of two channel marking buoys at the Village launch ramp, and \$7,850 for the rip-rap stone wall project on the north and south sides of the Abbey channel as proposed by Austin Pier Service, Inc. The MOTION carried without negative vote.

### **2013 Mooring Fee Recommendations**

Pappas stated that the Finance Committee will be meeting to prepare the 2013 budget and the committee has to make a recommendation on the 2013 mooring lease fees. Pappas stated that the ramp space and buoy lease fees seem to be in line with the fair market value; however, the slips could be increased slightly. Pappas stated that a 4 percent increase would calculate to \$88 before taxes on the resident/property owner rate, and \$176 for the non-resident rate. The current lease rates for slips are \$2,200 plus applicable sales tax for resident/property owner and \$4,400 for non-resident. Eakright stated that minor increases spread out over several years would make sense to keep up with the fair market value for renting slip spaces on Geneva Lake.

Eakright/Snyder 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to recommend a 4 percent increase in the resident/property owner and non-resident rates for leasing Village pier slip spaces for the 2013 season, and the MOTION carried without negative vote. Chanson abstained because he leases a Village slip.

**Set Next Meeting Date**

The next monthly meeting will be held Wednesday, September 26, 2012 beginning at 4:30 pm.

**Adjournment**

Snyder/Chanson 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 4:50 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: 10/31/12