

VILLAGE OF FONTANA ON GENEVA LAKE

Walworth County, WI

Lakefront and Harbor Committee

Wednesday, January 18, 2023

(Final Minutes)

The meeting of the Lakefront and Harbor Committee was called to order at 4:00 pm on January 18, 2023 by Chairman Pappas.

Committee Members Present: Chairman Trustee Rick Pappas, Don Holst, Bob Chanson, Lee Eakright

Committee Members Absent: Steve Beers, Joel Bikowski, Ed Snyder

Also Present: Darrell Frederick, Erick Johnson (Lake Geneva Regional News), Theresa Loomer, Drew Lussow

Visitors Heard

None

General Business

Approval of November 30, 2022 Meeting

Chanson/Eakright 2nd made a MOTION to approve the minutes for the November 30, 2022 meeting, as presented, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Update on Quote for Repairs – Austin Pier Service

Chairman Pappas presented the quotes for repairs from Austin Pier Service and stated they had already been approved by the Village Board but wanted the Committee to review. Pappas felt it was best to get the quotes approved right away so that Austin Pier Service would not have to wait an additional month to get started. The committee members reviewed the quote and did not express any concerns.

Discussion or Action on Pier Slip Survey Results

Village Clerk Lussow gave a brief review of the results of the survey based on all the residents who submitted replies. A small majority of respondents replied to the survey that they would be in favor of a 5% slip rate increase to have the pier installed by May 10, only a minority of respondents would be in favor of a 10% increase and only two respondents were in favor of a 15% increase. Chairman Pappas also asked Darrell Frederick from Austin Pier Service if a 5% increase would even be enough to cover the early installation as proposed. Mr. Frederick stated he would have to come back after reviewing the numbers on his end but thought 5% would not be enough for the early install since it would require him to drop other customers. Mr. Frederick also stated the earlier installation dates can sometimes be detrimental due to unpredictable weather conditions that occur early in the season which can cause more damage to the piers. Chairman Pappas and the Committee felt based on Mr. Fredrick's response and the results from the survey that it would be in the best interest for now to stop any further investigation into the matter and revisit it again before next season to see if there is any more support at that time. Chairman Pappas asked if the Village could send out a response letter to affected Slip Renters to inform them of the decision as well.

Channel Marker and Swim Buoy Replacement – Tabled 11/30/22

Administrator Loomer explained that she spoke with Public Works Director Day regarding the costs for Channel Marker and Swim Buoy replacement. Administrator Loomer stated Director Day informed her only one replacement buoy was needed, and three spares are typically kept up at the Public Works Garage. Administrator Loomer stated that there were some price comparisons in the packet that was distributed regarding the replacement marker and buoys. Darrell Frederick informed the Committee that they should look into a company he does business with to get them in bulk for less and he thinks they

might even be able to get just one at a better price than what was being discussed. Staff was directed to determine whether the one needed was a channel marker or a swim buoy and investigate Mr. Frederick's recommendation. The matter was tabled.

Chanson/Eakright 2nd made a MOTION to table the channel marker and swim buoy replacement to a future meeting and directed staff to determine if a channel marker or swim buoy needs replacement, and also research costs including looking into the recommendation made by Darrell Frederick, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, February 22, 2023 at 4:00 pm.

Adjournment

Chanson/Eakright 2nd made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 4:18 pm, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Minutes prepared by: Drew Lussow, 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: 03/29/2023