

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

**Lakefront and Harbor Committee**  
Wednesday, February 27, 2019  
**(Official Minutes)**

The monthly meeting of the Lakefront and Harbor Committee was called to order at 4:00 pm on February 27, 2019 by Chairman Pappas.

**Committee Members Present:** Steve Beers (arrived at 4:25 p.m.), Joel Bikowski, Bob Chanson, Don Holst, Trustee Rick Pappas, Ed Snyder

**Committee Members Absent:** Lee Eakright

**Also Present:** Greg Blizard, F.J. Frazier, Jim Frost

**Visitors Heard**

None

**General Business**

**Approval of Minutes for January 23, 2019**

Snyder/Chanson 2nd made a MOTION to approve the minutes from the January 23, 2019 meeting, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

**Gage Marine Pier Lease Agreement Renewal Recommendation**

At last month's meeting the committee recommended village board approval of a two-year lease with Gage Marine at a 4% rate increase each year and to have the pier installed at the same time as the other village piers, or, offer a two-year lease with a 20% rate increase the first year and a 4% rate increase the second year with the agreement that Pier No. 1 will be installed prior to May 1<sup>st</sup>. F.J. Frazier attended the meeting on behalf of Gage Marine and stated he was against the rate increase because Gage had already booked charters in May in conjunction with the Abbey Resort and had not budgeted for the increased lease cost. Pappas explained that village slip leaseholders were sent a survey last summer questioning whether they would be willing to pay more for their slip lease in order to have the piers installed earlier in the spring. The piers are currently guaranteed to be in not later than May 30<sup>th</sup> but have always been installed prior Memorial Day. Pappas stated he received complaints last year about the installment of Pier No. 1 several weeks prior to the other Village piers and wants to treat everyone fairly which is why Gage Marine was presented with the same offer as the other slip leaseholders. There was discussion on why the rate Gage pays to use Pier No. 1 was cut nearly in half in 2011 – which was a result in the company using a smaller portion of the pier. There was additional discussion about putting the pier installation out to bid, the length of the lease, and the percentage of price increase over the length of the negotiated term. On behalf of Gage Marine, Frazier agreed to a 10% rate increase in 2019, 10% rate increase in 2020 and 3% rate increase in 2021 in order to have Pier No. 1 installed by May 1<sup>st</sup> notwithstanding reasonableness for a weather delay.

Chanson/Bikowski 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of a three-year lease between the Village and Gage Marine with a 10% rate increase in 2019, 10% rate increase in 2020 and 3% rate increase in 2021 with the agreement that Pier No. 1 will be installed by May 1<sup>st</sup> notwithstanding any reasonable weather delay, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

**Austin Pier Service Inc. 2019 Proposal for Pier No. 4 Boat Landing**

Pier No. 4 boat landing was erroneously left out of the 2019 Austin Pier Service Inc. proposal which was approved at last month's meeting. The remainder of the proposal for repairs is \$2,250.

Snyder/Chanson 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of the 2019 Austin Pier Service proposal for Pier No. 4 boat landing, for the amount not to exceed \$2,250.00, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

### **Village Launch Cleaning Station Proposal**

There was discussion at last month's meeting on obtaining brooms to be kept at the launch ramp for boaters to clean their watercraft after they exit the lake. Since the DNR will be ticketing boaters that leave the launch with any aquatic plants hanging from their boats or trailers, they have recommended municipalities provide brooms or cleaning stations to avoid the transfer of invasive species. The committee recommended purchasing brooms for the launch and keeping one by the side of the building and one by the sign.

Chanson/Beers 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to approve the purchase up to \$250 for brooms for the Village boat launch, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

### **Update on Ordinance to Restrict Private Boat Rental Operations from Village Piers**

Last summer the village board directed Trustee Pappas to work with Attorney Thorpe to develop ordinance language to prohibit private boat rental companies from operating off any of the village piers. A draft ordinance amendment of Chapter 54-163 was submitted to include a section on Commercial Use of Village Launch Site and requires issuance of a Village Commercial Launch Permit to operate. The permit requires an application and fee submitted to the village clerk, proof of substantial local physical business presence, and proof of at least \$1,000,000 liability insurance. There was discussion on additional boat safety requirements such as a minimum amount of life jackets, fire extinguisher, etc., and age restrictions for boat operation as set forth by the DNR. The committee recommended staff work with Attorney Thorpe to update the ordinance and add the additional suggestions prior to sending it to the board for approval. If further discussion is warranted, it will be brought back to the committee next month.

Chanson/Snyder 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of the amended Chapter 54-163 ordinance, with the addition of committee suggestions, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

### **Set Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting was scheduled for March 27, 2019 at 4:00 pm.

### **Adjournment**

Chanson/Snyder 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 4:48 pm, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Minutes prepared by: Theresa Loomer, Administrator/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: 04/24/19