

**VILLAGE OF FONTANA ON GENEVA LAKE**

Walworth County, WI

**Hybrid Lakefront and Harbor Committee**

Wednesday, November 30, 2022

(Final Minutes)

The hybrid meeting of the Lakefront and Harbor Committee was called to order at 4:00 pm on November 30, 2022 by Chairman Pappas.

**Committee Members Present:** Chairman Rick Pappas, Ed Snyder, Don Holst, Steve Beers, Bob Chanson, Joel Bikowski

**Committee Members Absent:** Lee Eakright

**Also Present:** Drew Lussow, Erick Johnson (Lake Geneva Regional News)

**Visitors Heard**

None

**General Business**

**Approval of September 21, 2022 Meeting**

Chanson/Snyder 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to approve the minutes for the September 21, 2022 meeting, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

**Review Village Pier Slip Installation Date**

Chairman Pappas explained that the Village received a communication from slip renter Albert Fiorillo about potentially renegotiating the Village's contract with Austin Pier Service to have the municipal piers installed earlier than the contract states. Pappas stated that we cannot unilaterally renegotiate a contract and has spoke to Austin Pier Service and they would be willing to provide a proposal for an earlier installation. Pappas also informed the committee that a similar request was made by slip renters three or four years ago, and a survey was sent out asking slip renters if they would be willing to pay an increased rate of 5, 10 or 15% to have an earlier install date, and majority of the responses at that time were not in favor of the increase for earlier installation. After some discussion the committee decided to have a new survey emailed to all slip renters and once responses have been received, they would make a further recommendation on the request by Mr. Fiorillo.

Chanson/Snyder 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to direct Village staff to prepare and distribute an email with a survey to all slip renters asking if they would be interested in paying a small percentage more to have their piers installed at an earlier date than called for in the current contract with Austin Pier Service, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

**Correspondence to Slip Owners**

Chairman Pappas explained to the committee that some boat lifts when left in down position extend out from their slip and can make it harder for neighboring slip renters to navigate into or out of their slips. Pappas asked the committee if as a reminder, correspondence should be distributed to all slip owners reminding them that if their lift is not in use, then it should be left in the up position to be considerate of other slip owners. Pappas also included that this language could be included within the email letter containing the survey from the previous agenda topic since that is being distributed to all slip owners as well. The committee agreed with that proposal and thought it would be most efficient if included with the pier installation survey.

Chanson/Snyder 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to direct Village staff include a reminder in the pier installation survey email that will be distributed to slip renters that boat lifts must be up when not in use, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

### **Channel Marker and Swim Buoy Replacement**

Member Bikowski explained that Gordy's typically has taken the Village's buoys out of the water and put them back in every season. When taking some of them out this year they noticed that a few were waterlogged or damaged and need to be replaced. Bikowski stated he brought this up to Public Works Director Day and that he thought he may have a few spares up at the shop. Per conversations with Public Works Director Day, he stated he only believed that one or two buoys needed to be replaced. Village Clerk Lussow then stated he had pulled previous invoices from Gordy's to the Village from prior buoy replacements, however these invoices were broad and wasn't sure for what kind of buoy they were for. Member Snyder made a comment that the Village might also want to do some price comparison before making a purchase to get a better deal for the Village and offered up Walsh Marine Products as a potential retailer. Chairman Pappas stated based on what has been presented that it would be best to table this matter until a definitive number can be confirmed on how many buoys require replacement as well as current pricing.

Chanson/Beers 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to table the channel marker and swim buoy replacement to a future meeting so the necessary items could be properly addressed, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

### **Set Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, January 18, 2022 at 4:00 pm.

### **Adjournment**

Chanson/Beers 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 4:12 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: 01/18/2023