

NORTHPORT VILLAGE COUNCIL
WATERFRONT COMMITTEE MEETING

November 13, 2019

Members Present: Cook, Gremel

Members absent: Harper

Staff Present: Joni Scott, Chris Holton, Susan Holtz

Public present: Mike Stoffel

Discussion Items:

1. Rescue of the Marina from high water levels was the main topic. Discussion revolved around what needed to be addressed first. Initially correcting "C" dock first was the focus but all of the docks need to be raised and should be raised at the same time, since all of the equipment to raise the docks will already be there. We are currently looking into whether or not we can fund upgrading "C" dock with our own funds, thereby applying for funding only for the remaining docks. The docks need to be raised 12-18 inches. It is imperative that we obtain a firm estimate and an engineering study post haste since the grant application for the Waterways grant needs to be in their hands by January 1. The parking lot has issues as well but it was decided that the parking lot repair should fall under a separate grant request.
2. All of the infrastructure at the marina needs to be moved and updated including the electrical, plumbing, gas lines and sewer connections. "C" dock really should be the first dock to be raised due to the level of infrastructure involved with that dock. The electrical system may be under its own grant, with the rest of the infrastructure funded together.
3. It would be nice if the raising of the docks could be accomplished this winter so that the infrastructure could be addressed in the spring.

4. Chris will continue to contact the engineer from Elmer's to come and look and give us an estimate and the needed engineering study that will accompany the grant request.
5. The committee has concerns that the boating season for 2020 will not happen or will be curtailed to an unknown degree due to the work that needs doing, especially in light of the requirements that need to be met for a successful grant request.
6. Mr. Cook expressed concern regarding the raising of the boating fees at a time when the marina use may be compromised by the high water levels. Boating rates were raised and are now on a comparable level with other neighboring marinas.
7. It is important to let our boaters know that we are trying to get the problems corrected, the same problems that other marinas are facing.
8. Still waiting for final estimates on a security camera system for the marina area. There have been more incidents of vandalism in the bathrooms, including one after the meeting with Sheriff Borkovich.
9. The Harbor Master contract is up for renewal. Susan is requesting a \$10,000.00 increase for cleaning due to the time involved. Her former cleaning contract (before harbor master) was \$30,000. She is doing the same amount of cleaning for essentially half the pay at this point. Susan did break down her hours: in the 25 weeks she spent at the marina she accumulated 875 hours cleaning and 1,937 hours as Harbor Master totaling 2,812 hours. (52 weeks X 40hrs/week = 2,080 hrs.) Susan has had many positive comments from boaters for the great job she has done with both cleaning and her Harbor Master duties. It's time for a formal job evaluation so we can move forward on next year's contract.

Public comment: Mr. Stoffel pointed out that the average raise per year for village employees is 3% or less. This new contract for Susan is a matter for the Employee Relations committee.