

CITY OF BAYFIELD HARBOR COMMISSION MEETING
Minutes of Thursday, January 19, 2017
2:00 p.m. at the Bayfield Fire Hall

Call Regular Meeting to Order: Chairman Bryan called the Special Harbor Meeting to order at 2:04 p.m. at the Bayfield Fire Hall followed by roll call.

Present: Chairman Bryan, Eric Fredenberg, Terry Bauer, Carl Dahl, and Jim Edwards (2:25 pm)

Others: Robin & Gary Russell, Mike Radtke, Arnie Nelson, Billie Hoopman and Tom Kovachevich

Approve Agenda & Review/Approval of the Minutes from January 10, 2017:

No formal action was taken on these.

Public Input on Agenda Items: None.

AGENDA:

1. Madeline Island Ferry Lines – Memorandum of Understanding

Robin Russell thanked the Commission for having the special meeting.

Discussion ensued:

- Arnie Nelson explained the language crossed out in item #1 is very important to MIFL.
- There is a 14" fall in the City Dock that needs to be taken into consideration.
- They don't know what's under the cap at this point.
- They have the drawings from the City Dock and it will be built the same and will have a concrete top. Their intent is not to need a ramp that protrudes onto the City Dock. If water goes up 1½ feet from today that's when a transition strip is needed.
- Concern over the height of the water. If there were ever all time high water is when a ramp might be need.
- Removal of the word "Unduly" is acceptable to all parties.
- Handicap accessibility is also needed.
- Goal and intent is to have the ramp needed on their (MIFL) dock.
- MIFL said they want their dock to look nice and we all will have pride in the development/structure.
- Add language to the MOU that says in the event the record high water levels would be exceeded, the City would be willing to discuss with MIFL ... MIFL provided sample language to this affect.
- Issues with seiches were discussed.
- Some boats sit higher than others. Need to be able to accommodate whatever boat is being used.
- All agreed the goal is to have a minimal transition strip.
- Sheet pile on the east side, will it be tight up to City Dock? Nelson, said the correct way would be to take off one of our sheet and connect them, but they are proposing to make a tight joint. All agreed we didn't want one of our sheets pulled off.

- It was noted they wouldn't be spending this kind of money and not try and meet the goal. Climate events are going to be a continued issue. How far do you go to meet the extreme when it's an unknown? Feels they are doing what is sensible.
- The proposed changes to MOU #2 is acceptable.

Edwards arrived at 2:25 p.m.

Fredenberg suggested they convene into closed session.

Closed Session:

Fredenberg/Dahl made a motion to convene into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1) (e. and/or g.) for purposes of discussing the MOU. They further reserved the right to reconvene into open session to make a decision on the closed session, to continue with remaining agenda items or for purposes of adjournment. Carried; all ayes. (2:35 pm).

Open Session: Fredenberg/Dahl moved to reconvene into open session. Carried. (2:45 pm)

Fredenberg/Bauer moved to approve the MOU (Harbor Commission January 10, 2016 Version) with the following amendments:

1. Strike out "Unduly" as shown in #1.
2. Add last sentence back in #1 and add "as approved by Harbor Commission".
3. Add proposed MIFL language to #1, as listed below:
If at some point in the future climate events cause Lake Superior to reach record highs or lows in excess of what we have presently, the City of Bayfield and Madeline Island Ferry Line agree to work together to keep the harbor open and operating. These types of severe lake level changes will no doubt affect boat landings throughout the city harbor. Both parties agree to cooperate and support each other to find solutions.
4. Accept language as shown in #2.

Discussion. The last remaining concern of the Harbor Commission is regarding use. It has been noted the dock/extension will be used when there are storm conditions or other related weather issues. Have some concerns if it went back to regular use (prior to 1980). Preference is not to have this issue addressed in the MOU. Some thought there might be an ordinance to the effect. Hoopman was asked to look into this further.

Carried; all ayes.

2. Set Next Meeting – February 2, 2017 at 4 p.m. (if needed).

Adjourn (2:48 pm)

Minutes by: Billie L. Hoopman, Harbor Secretary