

VERMILION PORT AUTHORITY

July 12, 2018 - 6:30pm @ Vermilion Municipal Complex, 687 Decatur, Vermilion, OH

Roll Call: B. Carrick; P. Corogin; R. Strauss; T. Sommer
Excused: D. Miklos

Also Present: B. Yancar, PORT OPERATIONS MGR.; F. Loucka, CITY COUNCIL REP.

P. Corogin called the July 12, 2018 meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

R. Strauss MOVED; P. Corogin seconded to approve the minutes of June 14, 2018. Roll Call Vote 4 YEAS. MOTION CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE/OPEN (Audience) DISCUSSION:

Kayak Master Mary Hoholski thanked the Port Authority for allowing them to have the Poker Run as it was an awesome event. She said in conjunction with the Port Authority Appreciation Day they would like to hold a Vermilion River Fun Run that same day (August 19 from noon to 3pm). She said participants would need to pre-register by August 12, and the cost is \$5 per person which covers the launch fee and a small donation to the Port Authority. P. Corogin said the first Poker Run was very well organized and the gifts were much appreciated. M. Hoholski said they will make a few changes if they do this again and one change would be to have staggered start times to make launching manageable. The only complaint was that there was a little wait time when launching.

M. Hoholski presented Peter Corogin and the Port Members with a poster of signatures and comments from the attendees of the Poker Run. B. Yancar said he has received requests on the company where the Port Authority obtained their kayak launch.

B. Carrick MOVED; P. Corogin seconded to approve the Vermilion River Fun Run on Sunday, August 19, 2018, from noon to 3pm. Roll Call Vote 4 YEAS. MOTION CARRIED.

Don Parsons said the Vermilion Lagoons has about 175 residents and asked what happens if everyone starts throwing their grass clippings in the Lagoon. He said a Lagoons resident has been doing this and customers from Mystic Belle have asked if anything can be done about this. He said if the Port Authority doesn't handle this then he will contact the EPA because the grass clippings have chemicals on them and the river is turning green. P. Corogin sensed his frustration. Port Member T. Sommer noted he was doing this and D. Parsons asked him to stop doing this as it's time to change. P. Corogin noted his point and asked him to give the Port Authority time to address this.

F. Loucka asked if the stairway at the South Street Ramp is the Port Authority's responsibility as it needs to be stained. B. Yancar said it's on the agenda to discuss as they agree it needs addressed. The members discussed various options in repairing it.

FINANCIAL REVIEW:

B. Yancar reviewed the April Statement of Cash from Revenue and Expenses with the members. He said the Finance Department closed two months in July, so he provided two statements of cash. The 214 Vermilion Port Authority's Special Revenue Fund ending balance is \$15,319.06. The 411 fund is showing expenses related to the kayak dock, so the balance is \$9,989.89 after the April closing. In May of 2018, fund 214 is still at \$15,040.53, but the revenue has increased so it's

covering their expenses. The balance of fund 411 at the end of the May closing is \$920.37 since it reflects the expenses. He said according to the Finance Director, Fund 411 will stay active since it's a capital account, so they can continue to deposit money into this account for capital projects. The board can determine how much to put in this account from accruing revenues.

B. Yancar addressed the Deposit Recap Sheet for 2018 and noted they have already deposited revenue from the launching areas and event income and donations, which totals \$80,764.57 year to date, which is about a 30-40% increase at this time from last year. He noted that in donations and events alone they have received \$3,240.00.

Pursuant to the Monthly Recap of Lease Deposits for 2018, the total revenue year to date is \$100,554.57.

The McGarvey's Landing dock revenue for the month of June totaled \$3,365.00; the three year average is \$4,763.00 and they are down about 9.10% of the three year average. Water Works Marina dock revenue year to date totals \$11,237.85. In June, they received \$8,144.60; the three year average is \$12,079.69, so they are down 6.97% of the three year average. The South Street Launch Ramp dock revenue for the month of June totaled \$7,263.00 with a year to date total of \$16,733.00; the three year average is \$12,170.00, so they are up 37.49% of the three year average. He said if they equate all the different areas they are down about 2% from last year.

B. McCarthy asked if there is a way to generate a report showing the kayak launches. B. Yancar said it's in his activity report, but he will figure something out to prepare another reporting sheet.

T. Sommer MOVED; B. Carrick seconded to approve the financials as presented. Roll Call Vote 4 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED.**

PORT OPERATIONS REPORT:

B. Yancar provided the board with his activity report as of July 12. He reported they are experiencing higher than normal repairs this year as things are falling apart.

T. Sommer asked if they are providing a source of water from the Water Treatment Plant for the kayak ramp and B. Yancar said it's all done at no expense to the Port.

P. Corogin said the South Street Ramp building was painted and T. Sommer donated the paint and labor and the building looks really good. B. Yancar said the only thing that needs to be done is the trim and he thought it would be nice for the port members to get together to finish this. P. Corogin said they could do this and asked him to pick a couple dates to do this.

B. Yancar noted that the port a john at the kayak ramp is done. It was noted that the company comes in weekly to check the port a john and the cost is \$133 per month for the rental and cleanout. He said he would like to have a ticket and lockbox system for handicap customers in the kayak area. P. Corogin mentioned that the parking lot was cleaned up very nicely.

B. Carrick brought up the issue of the camera's as noted on the activity report. B. Yancar explained he is not happy with the cameras. He was expecting that they could zoom in and be able to see things clearly. The only use is that they can see a car coming in. He said to get a license plate they can't zoom in; they have to take a slide and they need to expand it. The whole process is too cumbersome and it's of no value to them. The only view they have is from the golf cart to the end of the sidewalk in front of the porta john. They can't see the staircase going up to the parking lot or any parking spaces in the entire facility. P. Corogin asked if he was addressing these concerns with Dale Reising. B. Yancar said he won't do it; he refused to move the cameras and said it needs to be a board decision. He said D. Reising refers to it as a forensic

analysis and B. Yancar said he isn't looking for a forensic analysis, but rather real time usage. T. Sommer asked where the recorder is located and B. Yancar replied the police station; yes forensically after the fact if something happens they can look at it. He can't zoom in on the kayak dock. P. Corogin asked B. Yancar if he could get a meeting with D. Reising or would the Port Authority need to take action. B. Yancar wasn't sure of the next step based on the equipment they have. He thought the cameras would have multiple functions. P. Corogin said he will come down and meet with them to advise him they are not happy and to figure out what options are available to them. They will come back to the board next month. B. Yancar said concrete waste was dumped at several locations at the South Street ramp and if a camera would have been facing in those directions they may have been able to catch who did this. G. Fisher and F. Loucka spoke on behalf of a resident's camera system that helped the police catch one of the guys that were breaking in vehicles. They noted he has a really good camera system that maybe they could consider.

B. Yancar provided the members with a copy of an article from the Photojournal that noted B. Carrick and Peter Corogin as Parks Board members. He said he advised the Photojournal of the mistake and they noted they took it from the clerk's minutes. G. Fisher said her minutes don't reflect either one of them being a Parks Board member. She believed they were in a rush to try to get these minutes in the paper before deadline, so it was merely a mistake on their behalf as they know which members serve on which board.

B. Carrick asked for clarification on a comment in the activity report that states "2019 Project Proposals" for the Port that might be proposed to Pat O'Brien Chevrolet must be presented before December 31, 2018. B. Yancar explained if the Port has anything they would like to propose to Pat O'Brien they have to get it in before year end. He understood he donated the scoreboard to the high school along with other things. B. Carrick said maybe they could consider the handicap bathrooms. P. Corogin and B. Carrick will visit Pat O'Brien to see if he would be interested.

B. Yancar said he met with a gentleman from the 104.5/98.5 radio station to get an idea on radio advertising in the future. He said for a 30 second advertisement it could cost around \$1,000. He has a packet of information if they ever want to look into this.

B. Yancar reported he secured two twist lock adapters with three female outlets each. One is a 25' heavy duty cord to minimize running multiple cords for service and the other is 1.5' for local usage. He will secure one additional 1.5" cord to use to electrify McGarvey's Christmas lighting. He said they could run it right into the pedestals which may solve the problem with Christmas lights.

B. Yancar said at last month's meeting the issue of handicap fishing was discussed and the Port Authority has regulations and policies that were established and a historical perspective from Bill McCarthy of what has happened over the years. A lot of it has to do with the interaction between the boaters and the fisherman. Vermilion has a robust fishing community and it's not just fisherman; its families and kids. Other than emptying trash they don't have to do much. Those activities at Water Works and McGarvey's can't be opened up just to handicap; it's for the community. Based on what has happened in the past, his recommendation is to expand so they allow fishing at these areas prior to the start of the season and after the end of the season. It doesn't seem they can change the existing rules and make it work. B. McCarthy said he has observed multiple people in wheelchairs fishing at the South Street Ramp and they seem to get across the grass okay and the goose problem is widespread. The board was in agreement to opening up Water Works and McGarvey's for fishing prior to the start of the season and after the end of the season.

B. Carrick MOVED; T. Sommer seconded to approve the Expense Report submitted by Bill McCarthy in the amount of \$201.54. Roll Call Vote 4 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED**.

B. Carrick MOVED; T. Sommer seconded to approve the Expense Report submitted by Bill Yancar in the amount of \$263.16. Roll Call Vote 4 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED**.

P. Corogin said at the June meeting they had discussed the striping of the parking lot at Quaker Steak and Lube and since that time he has reached out to Gene Gooding as Sandusky Bay is responsible. They are discussing what they can do and hopes to have an answer for the Port Authority shortly.

B. Carrick reported he read on social media that Quaker Steak will be selling items (bait, beer, etc.) in the morning to fisherman from a building around the side. He wasn't certain if they needed to discuss this with the Port Authority. G. Fisher questioned if their liquor license gives them authority to sell liquor from a separate structure. T. Sommer said a lot of the liquor licenses are for consumption in their main building. B. Carrick didn't know if they need to ask for permission from the Port Authority because their other outside stuff is run by the Port Authority. He said they want people to spend money in Vermilion but they don't want to take away from other entities on the river too. P. Corogin wasn't aware they had another structure outside of their restaurant so maybe they should check it out and could touch base with Gene Gooding about this. P. Corogin said they are supposed to talk with the Port Authority about exterior things.

P. Corogin said they had discussed putting information in the South Street Ramp lobby about where fishing licenses are sold and where fish cleaning is done in Vermilion. B. Yancar said it's on his list of things to do.

R. Strauss asked B. Yancar if he made arrangements for the forklift and if not, he could do that along with getting the balloons again this year. B. Carrick said he would make arrangements right now for the forklift. B. Yancar said he made arrangements with Cliff German to MC the event.

ADJOURNMENT:

P. Corogin adjourned the meeting upon no further discussion.

NEXT MEETING:

August 9, 2018 @ 6:30 pm; Meeting Place – Ramp Office, 777 W. River, Vermilion, OH