

HARBOR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

February 21st, 2018
5:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ted Jennejohn
Joe Holzinger
Peter Allie
Mike Dailey
Rich Larsen
Lee Kummer
Doug Borys
Dave Luckow

STAFF PRESENT

Paul Braun, Harbor Master

OTHERS PRESENT

None

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Fred Radandt

Approval of the Minutes from the February 27th, 2017 Meeting

Motion made by Ted Jennejohn and seconded by Mike Dailey to approve the February 27th, 2017 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously, no further discussion.

New Business

Harbor Commission Membership and Appointments

Chairman P. Allie and the Commission welcomed Joe Holzinger as a new member on the Commission, the appointment of J. Holzinger fills all of the spots on the Commission.

The Commission discussed that the terms for D. Luckow, T. Jennejohn, and D. Borys will be expiring on June 18, 2018 after a brief discussion all three individuals stated that they would be willing to serve another 3 year term on the Commission.

City of Manitowoc's 2018 Harbor Assistance Program's Annual Statement of Intentions

P. Braun detailed the potential harbor projects that are listed in the 2018 Statement of Intentions. P. Braun said that there are 7 potential projects listed, some have been listed in previous years and that there is no penalty in listing a project. The Statement of Intentions is a listing of any project that may occur in the next 3 years. To be eligible for Harbor Assistance Program funds the project must be listed in the Statement of Intentions.

The Commission recommended that an eighth potential project be listed for Briess Malting. The Commission agreed that it would be in the best interest for Briess to include them as a potential project just in case in the future grain boats need to moor along the sheet wall and dredging or other improvements were needed.

Report on Past Harbor Assistance Program Projects

P. Braun provided a summary of the past Harbor Assistance Program projects. The HAP program was created in 1980 and over 139 million dollars have been awarded for 108 projects throughout Wisconsin. Public and private entities in the City of Manitowoc have received a 12 awards for a total of \$18.7 million dollars which places the City 4th in monies received behind Green Bay, Milwaukee, and Superior. P. Braun concluded by stating that without the HAP program a vast majority of the projects would never have been completed and that the HAP program is integral to the continued maritime transportation system.

Annual Tonnage and Bridge Lift Reports.

The Commission discussed the annual tonnage and bridge lift report that the Department of Public Infrastructure compiles every year. The inbound tonnage for 2017 was 123,307 tons and the outbound tonnage was 66,319 tons with the total tonnage moved through the port of Manitowoc equaling 189,626 tons. In 2016, the tonnage was 188,729. The Commissioners felt that the 2018 tonnage numbers should be greater than 2017 because of the improvement in the economy and additional money being spent on transportation street projects.

Sheet Cap Repair Update

P. Braun informed the Commission that the cap for the sheet wall which is east of the grain elevator has been repaired and to help prevent damage in the future 6 heavy duty tires were hung along the sheet wall. In addition, the new cap was secured with some additional brackets adding strength to prevent a barge from lifting the cap up in the future. P. Braun stated that the bridge tenders will be keeping a log of any vessel or barge that docks in the area so there is a record and documentation if the sheet cap is damaged in the future.

Car Ferry Dockwall Project

P. Braun described the car ferry dockwall project to the Commission. P. Braun explained that the wood dock/fender wall at the car ferry slip was in need of replacement. Many of the wood timbers along the dock wall are in very poor shape or are missing altogether; it was assumed that the timbers were exposed to the air which caused some decomposition when the Lake Michigan water levels were low; and when the water levels rose an easterly wind may have caused the timbers to break away. Lake Michigan S.S. Badger Car Ferry made some emergency repairs prior to the 2016 sailing season. The City owns the dock facility but has a lease with the car ferry, the lease states that maintenance costs shall be shared between the two parties.

Lake Michigan Car Ferry (LMC) hired Foth/JJR to begin the engineering and designs to help determine the cost to replace the dock wall. The Badger and City partnered on a Harbor Assistance Program Grant to help cover most of the project costs; in summer of 2016 a grant in the amount of \$2,000,000 was awarded. LMC applied for and was awarded an additional \$1,000,000 of Harbor Assistance Program funds. Foth's engineering cost estimates for the dockwall was in the range of \$3.5 to \$3.8 million. To cover the City and LMC's share, the two entities and the City of Ludington partnered together to apply for a federal FASTLANE grant. According to Foth the FASTLANE grant could be used to cover the City and LMC's 20% share of the Harbor Assistance

Grant in addition to reconstructing the docking facility in Ludington. P. Braun stated that the FASTLANE grant was awarded and that the reconstruction of the car ferry dock wall would begin after the end of the 2018 sailing season.

Marina Project Update

R. Larson provided the Commission with an update to projects that have taken place at the Marina in 2017. "E" dock was completely replaced with a new dock system that included fire connections approximately every 50 feet. Three other docks are currently being overlaid by a contractor with a new composite plank which will extend their life expectancies another 10 years. The labor for the last dock will be completed by Marina staff; there was enough funds remaining for materials but not enough to cover the contractor's labor.

1311 Spring Street Update

P. Allie provided the Commission with an update regarding their sheet wall project along the Manitowoc River adjacent to the 1311 Spring Street (former Consumer Steel) property. The project extended the sheet wall down river to their east property line, all of their river frontage is now sheet wall. The 1311 Spring Street project came under budget. The Commission discussed if it was possible to use the surplus monies to extend the project along the City owned river frontage. P. Braun stated that he would contact Jim Botz from Mead & Hunt who was the HAP grant author and engineer to see if the HAP monies could be used to extend the sheet wall along the City owned property.

CN Property

P. Braun gave the Commission an update regarding the CN peninsula property stating that the City has had discussions with CN regarding the long term plans of the property and both parties are moving ahead with hopes of coming to some type of agreement.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date will be selected at a later time.

Adjournment

Ted Jennejohn made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m. Rich Larson seconded the Motion.

Paul Braun

Harbor Master