

CONNEAUT PORT AUTHORITY  
929 BROAD STREET  
CONNEAUT, OHIO 44030  
October 18, 2018

Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Joe Raisian, at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Joe Raisian, Wally Dunne, Bill Kennedy, Bill Cooper, Patrick Arcaro, Babs Legeza, Denver Spieldenner, Debbie Vendely and Sandee Wilkerson.

ABSENTEES: Bruce Fleischmann

MINUTES: A motion was made by Patrick Arcaro to accept the minutes from the September 20, 2018 board meeting, seconded by Bill Kennedy, motion carried.

GUESTS: Nick Sanford, Conneaut City Council Member.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: Deborah McCauley was present to discuss horses not being allowed on the Sandbar.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Denver Spieldenner announced the following events: The Conneaut Chamber of Commerce Luncheon, to be held November 1<sup>st</sup> at the New Leaf Event Center and the Conneaut Harvest Arts Festival, October 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. He mentioned the Conneaut Girls Basketball Booster Club was requesting that the CPA donate a Sandbar Season Pass for their Reverse Raffle. Everyone agreed to donate the pass.

Denver also discussed the steelhead fishermen and the ice fishermen who are requesting a porta potty to be placed near the Fuel Dock. Everyone agreed to accommodate their request.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Joe Raisian discussed the RFQ with the City and Conneaut Foundation for Economic Development Consultant. An ad was advertised in the Star Beacon and we have had about 20 inquiries as of 10/18/18.

**FINANCE REPORT: Wally Dunne**

Patrick Arcaro made a motion to appropriate \$15,000 to Line 257 Property Purchase on the Budget Report and Wally Dunne seconded the motion, motion carried.

Bill Cooper made a motion to accept the September 2018 Financial Report, seconded by Patrick Arcaro, motion approved.

Bill Kennedy made a motion to accept the Current Bills for payment, seconded by Patrick Arcaro, motion approved.

MOTIONS:

**Resolved #53-18...** Patrick Arcaro made a motion to appropriate \$15,000 to Line 257 Property Purchase on the Budget Report and Wally Dunne seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Resolved #54-18...** Bill Cooper made a motion to accept the September 2018 Financial Report, seconded by Patrick Arcaro, motion approved.

**Resolved #55-18...** Bill Kennedy made a motion to accept the Current Bills for payment, seconded by Patrick Arcaro, motion approved.

**Resolved #56-18...** Wally Dunne made the motion to accept requests for donations decided by the board on a case to case basis, seconded by Bill Cooper, motion carried.

**Resolved #57-18...** Patrick Arcaro made a motion to excuse Bruce Fleischmann from the meeting, seconded by Wally Dunne, motion approved.

**Resolved #58-18...** Patrick Arcaro made a motion to accept the resignation of Denver Spieldenner, Harbormaster, effective December 31st, seconded by Bill Cooper, motion carried.

**Resolved #59-18...** Bill Kennedy made a motion to rehire Denver Spieldenner as Harbormaster, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019, at a pay rate effective for January 2019, seconded by Wally Dunne, motion carried.

DOCK REPORT: Debbie Vendely

Debbie introduced Sandee Wilkerson as her replacement for Administrative Assistant.

Debbie gave the current Launch Ramp and Sandbar Income Reports for the board's review along with the 2017 reports for comparison.

Debbie also reported that the dock deposits for 2019 have started to be received.

GRANTS: Bill Cooper

Bill submitted the grant applications for Public Entity Pool \$500 Grant and the Navigational Aids Grant. Denver signed the agreement for pump out station located at the fuel dock.

Bill Kennedy mentioned Foth Engineering is waiting on info from EPA and ODNR for the marina rebuild. Joe Raisain made a suggestion to contact U.S. Representative David Joyce and Senator Sherrod Brown respectively.

LEASES: No Report

HARBORMASTER REPORT: Denver Spieldenner

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- Helped Bill Cooper prepare the Aids-to-Navigation Grant.
- Touched up the paint on the north side of the maintenance building.
- Built three camera poles and installed one along the west wall in PCM and two along the west wall in the Lagoon Marina.

- We dug up the foundation of the old maintenance building and water proofed the walls and installed drain tile to prevent water from getting through into the building.
- We cleared the weeds and brush from the lot above the sewer plant.
- We continue to have to reset the power for the docks on the north end of the Lagoon.
- Sent a letter to Simone Derby at the Ohio Department of Taxation explaining why we want the Suntan Room and the maintenance building property exempted from property taxes.
- Talked to ODNR about minnow pots in our marinas.
- We have started our Fall shutdown.
- We replaced six standoffs on docks that were damaged during stormy weather.
- We graded the Lagoon road.
- We have been painting the wood siding on the Suntan Room.
- We have removed the air conditioner from the guard shack at the sandbar and boarded up the windows for the winter season.
- We had the portable toilets removed from the sandbar.
- We filed a new application for a grant for our pump out at the fuel dock.
- Working with Bill Cooper on a safety grant from PEP. (our insurance company)
- Serviced both tractors.
- We have stopped collecting money at the sandbar.
- We mowed the sandbar one last time before shutdown.
- We ordered a new counter top for the sink in the men's room at the launch ramp.
- We ordered a new window for the suntan room. The old window and frame were completely rotted out.
- We repaired two water line leaks in PCM.
- We cleaned out the drainage ditch at the west end of Naylor.

Respectfully submitted: Denver Spieldenner Harbormaster, Conneaut Port Authority

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Bill Kennedy ordered one more camera for our marina. It was mentioned that we will need to update the hard drive soon.

Joe Raisian spoke about the old maintenance building updates. Joe signed the contract for new windows to be installed and is currently getting quotes for siding.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Joe Raisian discussed the upcoming Christmas Party to be held on Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at the Conneaut Boat Club.

Wally Dunne discussed starting a policy for donation requests and giving out a Sandbar Season Pass. Community requests for donations from the CPA will be considered on a case by case basis as decided by the Board. Wally Dunne made the motion to accept requests for donations decided by the board on a case to case basis, seconded by Bill Cooper and motion carried.

Patrick Arcaro made a motion to excuse Bruce Fleischmann from the meeting, seconded by Wally Dunne, motion approved.

The Chairman of the Board entertained a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. to discuss property acquisition and personnel.

Wally Dunne made a motion for Executive Session at 7:45 p.m., seconded by Bill Cooper, motion carried.

Roll Call: Joe Raisian, Wally Dunne, Bill Kennedy, Bill Cooper, and Patrick Arcaro.

Bill Cooper made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:14 p.m., seconded by Bill Kennedy, motion carried.

Regular meeting resumed at 8:14 p.m.

Patrick Arcaro made a motion to accept the resignation of Denver Spieldenner, Harbormaster, effective December 31st, seconded by Bill Cooper, motion carried.

Bill Kennedy made a motion to rehire Denver Spieldenner as Harbormaster, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019, at a pay rate effective for January 2019, seconded by Wally Dunne, motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Chairman of the Board entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m., moved by Bill Cooper, seconded by Patrick Arcaro, meeting adjourned.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be held on November 15, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. at 929 Broad Street, Conneaut, Ohio.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joe Raisian, Chairman  
Wally Dunne, Treasurer