

**VILLAGE OF FONTANA ON GENEVA LAKE**  
Walworth County, WI

**Lakefront and Harbor Committee**  
Wednesday, October 30, 2013  
(Official Minutes)

The monthly meeting of the Lakefront and Harbor Committee was called to order at 4:30 pm on October 30, 2013 by Chairman Rick Pappas.

**Committee Members Present:** Trustee Rick Pappas, Don Holst, Joel Bikowski, Ed Snyder, Steve Beers

**Committee Members Absent:** Lee Eakright, Bob Chanson

**Also Present:** Village Clerk Dennis Martin, Tom Whowell

**Visitors Heard**

None

**General Business**

**Approval of Minutes for Meeting Held September 25, 2013**

Snyder/Bikowski 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to approve the September 25, 2013 minutes as presented, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

**Dive Club Clean Up Effort Proposal for Geneva Lake October 19, 2014**

Pappas stated that the Lockwood Scuba Museum dive event was successful on Sunday, October 20, 2013 as the group collected about 745 pounds of garbage from the bottom of the lake. The club is seeking authorization to host another clean-up dive on Sunday, October 19, 2014 at a site located three piers north of this year's location. Pappas stated that some local people were not aware of the event this year, and the committee members and staff should be sure to publicize it next year.

Snyder/Bikowski 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of the Lockwood Scuba Museum Geneva Lake clean-up dive event on the Fontana lakefront Sunday morning, October 19, 2014, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

**Left Turns Out of Village Launch Ramp – Direction on Regulations for Commercial Launches and Signage Proposal**

Pappas stated that the current signage posted across the street from the launch ramp states that "Authorized commercial boat launch traffic may proceed southbound on Lake Street Monday-Friday (excluding holidays) under the direction of a village employee only." Tom Whowell stated that the situation that resulted in the agenda item request took place a few weeks ago, well after the busy summer season, when one of the newer part-time police officers was ready to handcuff and arrest a Gordy's employee who was taking an A-boat out of the lake for the season. Whowell stated that the employee had no choice but to drive the Gordy's truck and trailer back to Third Avenue by turning south out of the launch on Lake Street since A-boats cannot make it under the utility wires on Kinzie Avenue. Whowell stated that the village officials should consider addressing the recent actions of some of its police officers, who need to consider the nature of the tourism- and visitor-based economy of the village before creating contentious situations and possibly issuing citations to people who are just loading or unloading vehicles at the lakefront; or to someone who is not aware of the open intoxicants laws and are walking from the Abbey Resort to the lakefront; or to an employee of a commercial launch business who has to drive south on Lake Street in order to take some of the larger boats out of the lake. Whowell stated that the police officers, especially the recently hired officers, should be directed not to always strictly enforce the regulations and instead give the people some latitude and explain the guidelines prior

to going into arrest mode. As far as the situation with the current commercial launch signage, the committee decided after discussion to recommend an immediate amendment to the Municipal Code language to make it more simple and easy to understand; to direct staff to contact the local commercial launch businesses to explain the current guidelines and new signage; and to review the situation and determine if further guidelines need to be established and distributed to the commercial launch businesses that use the Village launch prior to next season. The recommended amendment for the posted sign is to eliminate the last portion so that it just states: "Authorized commercial boat launch traffic may proceed southbound on Lake Street." Beers/Holst 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of an amendment to commercial launch signage so that it states: "Authorized commercial boat launch traffic may proceed southbound on Lake Street." The MOTION carried without negative vote. Ed Snyder and Joel Bikowski abstained because they are employed by commercial launch businesses.

### **Mooring Lease Agreement and Waiting List Policy Workshop – Tabled July 31, 2013**

There has been no further direction provided with regard to amending the current mooring lease agreement language or the waiting list policy, and no further input has been provided on the establishment of a "grace period" time frame to address situations where waiting list members sell their Fontana property but are planning to purchase another property in the village. Pappas suggested tabling the item until such time that a proposal is ready to be considered. Snyder/Beers 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to table the item until such time that a proposal is ready to be considered, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

### **Set Next Meeting Date**

The next monthly meeting tentatively will be held Wednesday, December 4, 2013 at 4:30 pm if there is business to consider. The committee will have to make a recommendation on the 2014 mooring lease rates and launch rates prior to next season.

### **Adjournment**

Snyder/Bikowski 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 4:53 pm, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Minutes prepared by: Dennis Martin, Village Clerk

Note: These minutes are subject to further editing. Once approved by the Lakefront and Harbor Committee, the official minutes will be kept on file at the Village Hall.

APPROVED: 12/4/2013