

**VILLAGE OF EPHRAIM
MARINAS AND MOORINGS MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2025 – 8:00 AM
9996 Water Street- Ephraim Village Hall**



Action Items:

B. Nelson moved, Thorp seconded to approve the minutes of December 4, 2024, as presented, all ayes.
Motion carried.

The consensus of the Marinas and Moorings Committee members present was if ice forms between now and the next meeting at Firehouse Dock, Somerset Marine should be contacted first, then Biwer Welding LLC to get the hole on the North side of the main dock repaired if the ice formation will support the work. There is a short window of opportunity with the drop in water levels and ice formation, if the work is not completed by the next meeting, the repair shall be discussed at the February meeting.

Thorp moved, Plansky seconded to adjourn at 9:22 AM, all ayes. Motion carried.

Present: John Held, Bruce Nelson, BD Thorp, Robert Plansky, and Tim Nelson - Chair.

Guests: None.

Staff: Brent Bristol - Village Administrator/Harbormaster, Justin MacDonald/ Fire Chief - Maintenance Manager, and Kim Roberts - Deputy Clerk.

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by T. Nelson at 8:00 AM.
2. **Changes to the agenda:** There were no changes.
3. **Visitors' Comments:** There were no comments.
4. **Approval of the previous minutes:**
B. Nelson moved, Thorp seconded to approve the minutes of December 4, 2024, as presented, all ayes. Motion carried.

5. Discussion and consideration regarding Anderson Dock Breakwater:

T. Nelson provided the Committee with an update regarding the Anderson Dock Breakwater. He reviewed that the Village Board approved the consulting agreement with Death's Door Design and Development at a cost not to exceed two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) with funding coming from the Marinas and Moorings budget. He explained that he sent an email to current Anderson Dock slip holders requesting their experience with current conditions at Anderson Dock. He noted that the responses were what you would expect and that the letters would go to the Village Board for reference. Once we have something from Kahr they will again be part of the project presentation packet.

6. Discussion and consideration of navigational channel markers and mapping:

A discussion was held regarding navigational markers. Bristol noted that the Committee now has the appropriate maps from Stantec for the mooring area. It would be a good time to have a discussion with Jeff Long about creating fixed navigational markers for the mooring area.

After discussion, the Committee agreed it would be worthwhile to request Jeff Long attend the next meeting to discuss his experience with permanent anchors for navigational markers, what design he would prefer from an installation and removal perspective, and the current condition of the ground tackle and how to handle any necessary replacements that are needed before next season. The goal is to start with permanent ground tackle for the mooring area markers and all channel markers as the first stage. The second stage would convert all remaining existing markers.

7. Discussion and consideration of maintenance redecking:

A discussion was held regarding maintenance redecking. The Committee agreed, at this time, that there were no immediate needs for redecking. There may be a few boards that need to be replaced here and there. B. Nelson noted that there had been previous discussions about redesigning how the piers are constructed.

The Committee discussed how the piers were constructed, the remaining boards from the previous redecking in five-foot (5') lengths, the internal condition of the piers, and the need to patch the steel at Fire House Marina on the North side of the main dock. The Committee also discussed moving the floaters at Anderson Dock to provide better flotation and making a decision regarding the Fireboat slip.

The Committee agreed that it would be a good idea to invite Henry from Somerset Marine to review work that needs to be completed to ensure they save some time for Village marinas in Spring. B. Nelson reminded the Committee that the bolt connections need to be inspected while the piers are out of the water (all attachment points). Bristol agreed that it would be an opportune time to review expectations with Somerset regarding inspections and repairs as they are installing and removing for the season.

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A brief discussion was held regarding the new trailer parking lot on German Road at the dump site. Held felt that the Physical Facilities & Utilities "PFU" Committee was responsible for managing and it should be on their agenda. T. Nelson discussed that someone needed to do the work to ensure that the site is a functional parking lot for trailers; he would discuss it at the Village Board meeting. He would expect a follow-up from PFU regarding signage and a gate. B. Nelson noted that there had never been any answers to the questions posed by Held to the PFU Committee (5/8/2024 M&M Committee Discussion List: Who could park their trailers at the site, if proper planning had been completed to ensure successful use of the property, communication with those who use the property, allowable uses (transient, daily launch, seasonal slip holders, and mooring customers), recommendations that could be made from the M&M Committee to PFU, forwarding the list drafted by Held to the PFU Committee, and the layout of the property.)

8. New business for the next meeting:

- a. Discussion regarding permanent ground tackle for navigational markers with Jeff Long.
- b. Somerset Marine discussion regarding dredging, rectification to dredging materials dumped at the German Road dumpsite, Anderson Dock repairs, general expectations for maintenance, and welding to the North side of the main dock.
- c. Marina Contract Updates (Trailer Parking and Clean Marina).
- d. If required, welding repair to the North side of the main dock at Firehouse Marina.

The next meeting of the Marinas and Moorings Committee will take place on Wednesday, February 5, 2025, at 8:00 AM.

9. Adjournment:

Thorp moved, Plansky seconded to adjourn at 9:22 AM, all ayes. Motion carried.

Recorded by, Kim Roberts – Deputy Clerk