

VERMILION PORT AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

July 9, 2026 – 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Peter Corogin, David Miklos, Larry Drouhard, Jonathan Hauck, Heidi Riddle

Present: Marty Sekeres, Port Operations Manager; Bill Yancar, Assistant Operations Manager, Drew Werley, Council Representative; Melanie Wood, Clerk of Council.

Meeting video is available on the city website at www.cityofvermillionohio.gov under Meetings and Ordinances.

Peter Corogin, Chairman called the meeting of July 9, 2026, to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Vermilion Municipal Court Complex.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

L. Drouhard MOVED; D. Miklos seconded to approve the minutes of June 11, 2026. Roll Call Vote 4 YEAS. MOTION CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE/OPEN DISCUSSION: None.

FINANCIAL REVIEW:

M. Sekeres reported on the Statement of Cash from Revenue and Expense for period ending March 31, 2026. The Port Authority Special Revenue Fund 214 beginning balance totaled \$68,324.99. The following reported by M. Sekeres indicates the following: Net Revenue YTD - \$31,380.71; Net Expense YTD - \$19,552.28; Unexpended Balance - \$80,153.42; Ending Balance - \$57,716.10.

The Port Authority Capital Fund 411 beginning balance as of March 31, 2026, was \$30,234.71. The following reported by B. Yancar indicates the following: Net Revenue YTD - \$5,961.25; Net Expense YTD - \$14,376.00; Unexpended Balance - \$21,819.96; Ending Balance - \$16,719.96.

The Dredge Grant Fund beginning balance of March 31, 2026, was \$404.99, which stayed the same.

M. Sekeres reported that the cash position YTD is \$109,268.13 and if you look at the average from 2024 and 2025 it averages to be about \$108,000.

Water Works Marina:

Dock revenue reporting shows a total of \$14,239.00 for the month of June. The three-year average is \$14,964.50 and with a difference from the three-year average they are down \$725.50 (-4.85%). M. Sekeres reported that in comparing 2026 to 2025, the revenue for Water Works Marina is down \$688.50 (-4.61%).

McGarvey's Landing:

Dock revenue reporting shows a total of \$6,283.50 for the month of June. The three-year average is \$4,106.25 and with a difference from the three-year average they are up \$2,177.25 (53.02%). M.

Sekeres reported that in comparing 2026 to 2025, the revenue for McGarvey's Landing is up \$1,747.75 (38.53%). They attribute the increase to longer stays and bigger boats.

South Street Launch Ramp:

Dock revenue reporting shows a total of \$21,997.65 for the month of June. The three-year average is \$22,196.92 and with a difference from the three-year average they are down \$199.27 (-0.90%). M. Sekeres reported that in comparing 2026 to 2025, the revenue for South Street Launch Ramp is up \$2,151.65 (10.84%).

With all three marinas, they are up about \$3,210.90 (8.17%) from 2026 versus 2025. J. Hauck said you can see where the weather played a factor in June because there were two good weeks in June for launching and the other two weren't very good, which was the only number they missed as far as doing better than last year.

ACTIVITY REPORT:

Miscellaneous:

M. Sekeres reported the water tower is finished. The light is up and working and they are happy with that, and a lot of people are commenting that they can see the light. J. Hauck said with the new lens, it is a lot brighter and it looks great.

Waterworks Marina:

M. Sekeres said there are no projects on hold here. They are having some electrical issues, and they couldn't figure what was going on so they had Lake Erie Electric come out to both Waterworks and McGarvey's and everything is checked out. They can't figure what is happening when it kicks out the bigger boats. It is something they are going to continue to look at; he is not sure if it has to do with the larger boats that have bigger amps and more things are running. They don't want to lose business because they can't plug their boats in. P. Corogin asked how much the boat that had to leave was paying per night. B. Yancar answered \$210 per night. P. Corogin said that is significant and wherever he goes next, he will tell them he is there early because of what happened. B. Yancar answered yes, they don't want a reputation, which is why they acted so quickly. J. Hauck said the bigger boats tend to stay longer so those are the ones they want to make sure they can accommodate. B. Yancar said it has been a nagging issue with the ground faults, and they have everyone on it. There is still an unknown there that they haven't determined. M. Sekeres said they want to make sure they are good on their end because it is hard to ask a boater to check their panels so they will look in house first and according to the electricians they have power down there they are just not understanding why they are having issues with some of the bigger cords. They will continue to try to understand what is happening. B. Yancar said they had tested everything in the pedestals and had verified everything was properly wired but they didn't go back to the box to see the main feeds coming in; there might be deterioration there and they can look at that.

Financial/Grants/Leases:

M. Sekeres reported they placed the order with Gabel Welding & Minderman Marina in Port Clinton for the three docks. They have followed up with Erie Shores and Islands and submitted everything to them. Nicole was going to get back with him once everything was reviewed because there are some other expenses like installing the docks and taking them out and signage and they feel good about getting those covered as well. P. Corogin said they are managing that process

nicely. M. Sekeres said as soon as they know more of an estimated time he will report back to the board.

McGarvey's Landing:

M. Sekeres said he was at McGarvey's Landing today and found another tag on the stone and they got the police involved again. The first time, they started to increase patrols down there and they will continue to look and see if it is happening at night or try to determine when. The best they can do at this point is to see if the police will catch whoever is vandalizing the area because they haven't had an opportunity to escalate. J. Hauck asked if they were talking about the western pier stone. B. Yancar answered the first was on a bench and now they have moved to the planters and it is a gang symbol. They are taking it very seriously. D. Miklos asked if they were able to remove it. M. Sekeres said he has a disk that they can put on the power washer to remove it without damaging the rock.

P. Corogin asked if the Wi-fi was working good at McGarvey's. M. Sekeres said they have a bigger issue there than they thought they had. There is no Cat 5 wire down there. B. Yancar said when the electricians ran the wire up to the pedestal, they never brought the Cat 5 or Cat 9 so there is no wire there. M. Sekeres said they have everything ran inside and everything running across to the antenna and when you pull the board up, there was an electrical box which had been filled in with concrete and there is a junction box sitting on top of it but there are not Cat 5s. P. Corogin asked if there was a conduit system. M. Sekeres answered no, there is just a wire. It is hard to see in there, when they looked from underneath, they could see the electrical box but nothing else. P. Corogin asked who the person from the city that was coordinating the cable. B. Yancar answered that would have been during the redoing of the main line so it would have been Firelands Electric he would think who would have run the service. P. Corogin said they need to find out the status of what happened there. B. Yancar said there were two different companies: Buckeye Electric and Firelands Electric. Buckeye Electric did the planters, and it came in the original kiosk but truthfully, he doesn't know if it made it through the planters. P. Corogin said this is not the planters and it is not the pedestal; it is the kiosk. B. Yancar answered yes, somewhere along the line it didn't get brought forward so they are looking at making it a wireless connection directly from the other box. D. Miklos said he thought that was the plan a while ago; the fiber was coming into the utility building, and it was going to have a wireless router. B. Yancar said the antenna on that building does not quite reach the kiosk, which is why there was going to be an antenna on the kiosk. L. Drouhard said maybe they need to upgrade the antenna on the utility building. P. Corogin asked about who said he would have it all done by a certain date. M. Sekeres answered it was Rich. B. Yancar said he thinks it was Rich's assumption that the wire was still there because it was in the original kiosk. They are not aware of who cut that line out of the whole process and didn't bring it up into the junction box. D. Miklos asked if they were sure that it was not somewhere else. B. Yancar answered no, the whole thing has been concreted. M. Sekeres said the junction appears to be black and usually conduit would be silver or PVC or plastic and you can't get a good view from inside the kiosk, and it is difficult to try to look from the side.

P. Corogin said they will have to figure this out. M. Sekeres said what he thinks they will end up doing is going with wireless radios, but they have to get it done because it has gone on too long. B. Yancar said with everything going on at South Street, Waterworks, and McGarvey's landing – these all could be resolved if they had a camera system. He knows it got shot down a couple times, but he thinks they should reconsider it. For example, they would know who is doing the vandalism. They have issues at South Street sometimes and they can't monitor the kayak area because they can't even see it. They used to have cameras they could monitor and they can't anymore. They can't rely on the cameras at Waterworks because those are the city's and are tuned to their resources, so they are blind in all three of those areas. P. Corogin said they have gone

backwards. B. Yancar said yes, they lost the cameras at South Street, and they didn't choose to replace them, so they did go backwards as far as being able to monitor things. It is something they will keep bringing up as a potential project they would like to get involved in. P. Corogin said it seems like they should have that on the project list and get some pricing. At one time, they had cameras. B. Yancar said it doesn't have to be grand, he thinks they were aware when Bill was at the marina, they had a camera system they got through Best Buy, which worked well. L. Drouhard asked if the city would let them do that. B. Yancar said his push was that the original cameras at South Street were monitored by the police department so anything he was going forward with would include making sure the city had the same cameras and the police department could monitor them but that is more expensive. He doesn't think the city would care if they had an independent system because they would take full responsibility for it. It seems like there are a lot of situations where that would be a great resource. L. Drouhard said once they have a functional internet, they could get an inexpensive camera system – one or two on the utility building and a couple facing either direction on the kiosk.

B. Yancar said they are still planning on wireless between the water treatment plant and theirs and they came up with an estimate with IT that went to the city. The city is investigating their resources as to who put the original fiber in to see if someone is responsible for putting the wrong wire in, so they have a financial thing they haven't moved past. Currently, they haven't been experiencing the amount of down time they had in the past. Whatever Rich did to correct it; they are in better shape. They still have some issues, but the frequency is less. P. Corogin asked how long Rich will be involved. B. Yancar said he thinks that he is done when the police department is done but he is not sure. P. Corogin asked if they knew who the next official person was going to be yet. B. Yancar said they kind of do but he doesn't think it is official.

Waterworks Marina:

M. Sekeres said they took the sign down at Waterworks Marina because they were going to have to take the fence down that the sign was on and they are doing a lot of concrete work there. P. Corogin asked if it was the sign with ODNR. M. Sekeres answered no, the sign on top of the Waterworks Plant. They power washed the sign and it looks a lot better. The only problem is that this new fence they are going to put up is going to be lightweight aluminum and he doesn't know if it will be able to hold the sign where it traditionally was. The sign might have to go somewhere on the building. D. Miklos asked if they could put it on the Clearwell wall. B. Yancar answered no, he thinks it might be blocked partially there by the gazebo. M. Sekeres said they have to get another measurement, but one possibility is to put it to the north by the barn doors on the building. P. Corogin said there used to be a sign there years ago.

South Street Ramp: No Report.

Clarion Drive: No Report.

Exchange Street: No Report.

Events: No Report.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

H. Riddle said she had someone ask her if the Port Authority would be willing to put up no wake signs in different parts of the river because people don't understand what no wake is. B. Yancar agreed and said he has to yell at people quite often. P. Corogin said there were signs in different areas at one time. B. Yancar said they have one big one on the east side of the trussell but that is

the only one he is aware of. D. Miklos said being on his boat, it is shocking how many people do not obey it. P. Corogin asked if they knew what type of sign they wanted to put up and if they had any sample locations. J. Hauck asked if the sign really works or does it need to be enforced? H. Riddle said putting the signs up will remind people. P. Corogin said they can all look for some locations to place the signs and come up with a design and try it. B. Yancar cautioned them about putting too many signs in; they have a couple locations at the ramp such as the telephone pole or the parking lot which would be good for people who are launching. L. Drouhard asked if there was a post as you are going towards Clarion from Quaker Steak that they could use to put a sign up. J. Hauck said yes, if they take a boat ride, they can look for places, and it could even be painted on the bridge so they wouldn't interfere with clearance issues.

P. Corogin asked M. Sekeres how he was doing in his new role. M. Sekeres answered he is settling in and every day is a learning experience and it is starting to become home. He is blessed to have B. Yancar because he would be lost without him. There is so much information to have, and Bill is helpful along with all the staff. They need a couple more bodies because of some unexpected issues. B. Yancar said this upcoming weekend, they have some shortage because one employee will be gone for active duty, another will be gone for a marriage ceremony, and they are heading into a time when they will have 20-25 boats coming in and it is down to just him and Marty. J. Hauck asked if they wanted to post anything on Indeed. B. Yancar said they have leads, but this came up quickly; they won't have time to hire and train someone that quickly. If any experienced people want to come help, they will accept it.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairperson Peter Corogin adjourned the meeting upon no further discussion.

Next Meeting:

Thursday, August 13, 2026 – 6:30 p.m.
Vermilion Municipal Court Complex, 687 Decatur Street, Vermilion, Oh.

Transcribed by: Melanie Wood, Clerk of Council 7/16/2026.