

**TOWN OF GIBRALTAR
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 4, 2019
GIBRALTAR TOWN CENTER
4097 HIGHWAY 42, FISH CREEK WI 54212
7:00 PM**

Approved:

Call to order: Dick Skare called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll call/quorum:

Board members present: Dick Skare, Steve Sohns, Barb McKesson, Bill Johnson and Tim Luetzgen

Board members absent: None

Agenda/proper notice/adopt agenda: *Motion: (Johnson, Sohns) to adopt the agenda with changes. Items 16, 17 and 26 were moved after #9. Carried*

Approve minutes of previous meeting(s): *Motion: (Johnson, McKesson) to approve the minutes of the special meeting with closed session of November 6, 2019 as written. Carried Motion: (Sohns, Johnson) to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 6, 2019 as amended. Carried Motion: (Johnson, Sohns) to approve the minutes of the special meeting of November 12, 2019 as presented. Carried Motion: (Johnson, Sohns) to approve the minutes of the 5:30 p.m. special meeting of November 20, 2019 as presented. Carried Motion: (Johnson, McKesson) to approve the minutes of the public hearing on the 2020 budget on November 20, 2019 as written. Carried Motion: (Sohns, McKesson) to approve the minutes of the special meeting with closed session of November 20, 2019 as written. Carried*

Committee Reports

Parks & Lands: Brian Hackbarth the committee is seeking interested persons in being volunteer Chambers Island Lighthouse docents. Applications and further details are at the town office. Three new picnic tables have been ordered and received; location has not been determined.

Fire Department/EMR: Chief Andy Bertges stated there were 16 calls for November. Fire inspections continue. Pictures with Santa are on Saturday from 10 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. with hot chocolate and making Christmas decorations, proceeds go to Go Bo Foundation. Movie night will be December 13th at 6:00 p.m. Abominable and CO detection in home will be the featured.

Noble House: Barb McKesson stated the annual tree lighting will be on Saturday night at 5:00 p.m. Come one, come all!

Airport: Myrv Somerhalder stated gave a few highlights of airport history.

Watershed: Nothing to report.

Planning: Linda Merline stated the commission did not meet last month.

Harbor: Dave Harris reported that the water is anticipated to rise another foot. He is getting options and numbers for spring.

Room Tax: Bill Weddig reported that numbers were reviewed and rather skewed due to late reporting.

Building Committee: Karl Stubenvoll stated the committee did not meet last month.

Maintenance Department: Patrick Strantz submitted a written report to the board.

Clerk Report: Beth Hagen stated the tax bills will be coming out shortly. Nomination packets are available in the office; the deadline for submission is January 7th at 5 p.m.

Door County Coastal Byways Council: Beth Hagen stated the council is working on an escarpment-based brochure rack card with Schmeekle of UW-Stevens Point.

Chairman: Dick Skare stated the lighting is being installed over the next couple of months, otherwise we will see construction begin in earnest next March.

Public Comment:

- Brian Hackbarth expressed opposition on the town board putting an agenda item of incorporation on right after voters opposed the purchase of property.
- Myrv Somerhalder must look at all the facts on incorporation before any decision can be made.
- Jayson Merkel expressed concern about clean up from storm damage focusing on Blossomberg Cemetery.

- Mitch Heinrichs questioned why the Redmann property was on the agenda again.

Agenda Items:

Set date for January 2020 regular meeting: *Motion: (Sobns, Johnson) to set the January regular meeting for January 8, 2020. Carried*

Set date for Joint meeting with Plan Commission: *Motion: (Johnson, McKesson) to set the Joint Meeting with the Plan Commission for January 28th at 6 p.m. Carried*

Adopt the 2020 budget: *Motion: (Sobns, Johnson) to adopt the 2020 budget. Carried*

Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$8,410,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2019B: Todd Taves of Ehlers reviewed the final sale report. Five bids were received with Baird being the successful bid. The effective interest rate is 2.238%. The final bond sizing is \$7,915,000 which is a reduction of \$495,000 from the \$8,410,000. The primary drivers for the reduced amount were a premium from the sale of the bonds, the balance the Town owed on the four existing loans was lower than the original amount and the purchaser, Baird, did not take the full underwriting allowance. *Motion: (Johnson, Sobns) to approve the resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of \$7,915,000 general obligation refunding bonds series 2019B. Carried*

Consideration of Recycling Contract 2020-2023: Single stream is being able to mix bottles, cans and paper all in one container, currently we do not have single stream, paper is separated from bottles and cans. *Motion: (Johnson, McKesson) to approve a recycling contract with Going Garbage 2020-2023 and switch to single stream recycling. Carried*

Consideration of Redmann Property Option to purchase: Dick Skare stated that the reason that this is on the agenda is that even though it was voted down by the electors the town still had the Option to assign or talk with partners or that sort of thing as a town. The town board discussed this earlier this evening and to that point a decision had been made. *Motion: (Johnson, Sobns) move that we terminate the Option to purchase the Redmann property. Carried*

Consideration to begin the municipal incorporation process through to petition filing: Bruce Hill had written a letter to the editor in the Peninsula Pulse about exploring this idea. He commented to Dick about the idea; Dick thought it would be something Bruce could give a presentation about. Bruce stated he was here to introduce an idea he felt had a lot of value. This has nothing to do with the Redmann property. He believes there are two sets of population that need to be governed differently, a village area and the rural area. Going through the questioning process of municipal incorporation, whether this would be something the town should do is a good fact-finding process. The big question is how the residents of Gibraltar want to be governed. State Statutes control the process. A brief PowerPoint presentation on the process was made; it can be seen on our website. The request of the board is to work through the first level to identify the first three things, geography, equalized value and population. Then work on it as a community. Audience questions/concerns included:

- zoning and the ability to leave County zoning
- petition signatures are based on those in the proposed village area, the vote is all town residents
- change to the tax rate
- change to the tourism tax
- who can assist with the process - Attorney Bob Gagan

Bruce responded that many of the questions being asked could not be answered without the initial process identifying the geography, equalized value and population that are the foundation to their answer. *Motion: (Johnson, Sobns) not to proceed with this. Carried* Bruce Hill was welcome to proceed per statute with the incorporation of the town.

Special event request: FCCA 2020 Winter Festival January 31 - February 2, 2020 use of Clark Park, Old Town Hall, tent, portables, banners, trolley stops, road closures, fireworks, law enfor-

cement assistance: Denise Stillman stated the FCCA is requesting use of Clark Park, the Old Town Hall (GHA), tent, Port-a-Potties, Trolley stops, 2 banners 2 weeks before event, road closures Maple Street from Spruce to the East ramp and Spruce Street from Maple to the West ramp, 3 sandwich boards (42 and Main, Noble Square and Peninsula Park entrance Saturday only, temporary road block Sunday for the Fruit Loop Run, dumpsters behind Town Hall, blocked parking on east and west side of Spruce Street at Clark Park, warming fires/fire rings. *Motion: (Sobns, Johnson) to approve the event request as submitted. Carried*

Application of Temporary Class “B”/ “Class B” Retailers License by FCCA for 2020 Winter Festival February 1, 2020 10 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.: Denise Stillman representing the Civic Association outlined the temporary beer and wine application for the 2019 Winter Festival on February 2nd. The time requested is 10 a.m.- 7 p.m. *Motion: (Sobns, McKesson) to approve the Temporary Class “B”/ “Class B” Retailer’s License for the FCCA on February 1, 2019 at Clark Park from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. Carried*

Request by FCCA for fireworks permit for Winter Festival February 1, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.: Denise Stillman representing the Fish Creek Civic Association requested a fireworks permit for February 1st at 5:30 p.m. *Motion: (Johnson, McKesson) to approve the fireworks permit for the FCCA Winter Festival on February 1st at 5:30 p.m. Carried*

Special event request: Northern Sky Theater, Inc. “Home for the Holidays,” banner at Noble Square and Theatre December 5 – January 1, 2020: Heidi Ling representing Northern Sky Theater is requesting to place a banner at Noble Square and on their property at the corner of Cty A & F from December 5 – January 1 for their “Home for the Holidays” event. *Motion : (McKesson, Johnson) to approve the banner request for Noble Square and Northern Sky Theater from December 5 – January 1, 2020. Carried*

Approve the engagement of Quarles and Brady as Disclosure Counsel in the amount of \$8,400: *Motion: (Johnson, Luettgen) to approve the engagement of Quarles and Brady as Disclosure Counsel in the amount of \$8,400. Carried*

Amendment of Fish Creek Scenic Boat Tour Lease to add Thor Johnson: Hagen stated that Attorney Gagen has reviewed, removed joint and several and approved the amendment. *Motion: (Johnson, McKesson) to add Thor Johnson to the second amendment of the Fish Creek Scenic Boat Tour Lease. Carried*

Police Committee Appointment: A continued letter of interest was received from Mitch Larson. No other letters of interest were received. *Motion: (Sobns, McKesson) to appoint Mitch Larson to a three-year term to end December 1, 2022. Carried*

Consideration of membership in the 2020 Town Advocacy Council: *Motion: (Johnson, Sobns) to table to next budget discussion for 2021. Carried*

Ordinance # 2019-02 Use of Clark Park: The ordinance has been revised and formatted by counsel and is ready for board adoption. *Motion: (Johnson, McKesson) to adopt Ordinance 2019-02 Use of Clark Park. Carried*

Ordinance # 2019-03 Use of Fish Creek Bathing Beach: The ordinance has been revised and formatted by counsel and is ready for board adoption. *Motion: (Sobns, Johnson) to adopt Ordinance #2019-03 with stated correction. Carried (Under #2 strike until 6 a.m. the next morning.)*

Consideration of Shore Road pavement marking for non-motorized vehicles: Rachel Stollenwerk requested pavement marking for non-motorized vehicles on Shore Road from Hwy. 42 to the Peninsula Park entrance. The reasoning is it will create clarity for motorized and non-motorized vehicles in this extremely congested area during the tourist season. Sturgeon Bay may have a “sharrow” stencil. *Motion: (Johnson, McKesson) to add the markings on the pavement at the intersection. Carried*

Approve 2020 Compensation Resolution: *Motion: (Johnson, McKesson) to approve the 2020 Compensation Resolution as presented. Carried*

Appointment of 2020-2021 Election Inspectors: *Motion: (Johnson, Luetzgen) to approve the 2020-2021 Election Inspectors as presented. Carried*

Payment of bills: *Motion: (Sobns, McKesson) to approve the bills for payment as presented. Carried*

Adjourn: *Motion: (Luetzgen, Johnson) to adjourn at 8:57 p.m. Carried*

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Hagen, Clerk