

**TOWN OF GIBRALTAR
SPECIAL MEETING WITH CLOSED SESSION
PER WISCONSIN STATE STATUTES 19.85(1) (c)
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2020
GIBRALTAR TOWN CENTER
4097 HWY 42 FISH CREEK WI 54212
6:00 PM**

Approved: December 2, 2020

Call to order: Steve Sohns called the special meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Roll call/quorum: A quorum of the board was present.

Present: Steve Sohns, Bill Johnson, Tim Luetgen, Brian Merkel, and Jayson Merkel via zoom

Agenda/proper notice/adopt agenda: *Motion: (B. Merkel, Luetgen) to approve the agenda as presented. Carried*

Consider Charter Communication Request to Partner with Town of Gibraltar on State Broadband Grant:

Sohns stated that Charter is applying for a Broadband Forward grant that will reach 224 additional rural Gibraltar residents. Charter would like the town to partner with them in the grant application; the application is due December 1st. Celeste Flynn of Charter Communications joined the discussion. The coverage map was determined by a construction build out team. Those areas that are not included will be one step closer to coverage if this grant is awarded. The build out time for the project is approximately 16 – 24 months. Support is needed from the town, community, school, businesses and county/state government. Letters of support should be sent to the town which will forward to Celeste. Notification of award on the grant will be in February/March of 2021.

Motion: (Johnson, B. Merkel) to approve the Town of Gibraltar letter of support to Ms. Steffany Powell Coker to increase the Spectrum service in the Town of Gibraltar. Carried

Consider Broadband Forward Ordinance for Town of Gibraltar: *Motion: (Johnson, Luetgen) to approve Town of Gibraltar Broadband Forward Ordinance #2020-07. Carried*

Adjourn to closed session according to Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85(1) (c): *Motion: (Sohns, B. Merkel) to adjourn to closed session according to Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85(1) (c) at 6:54 p.m. Carried by Roll Call vote: Sohns, Johnson, Luetgen, Brian Merkel, and Jayson Merkel.*

Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility – The Harding Group LLC

Reconvene to open session pursuant to State Statute 19.85(2) to take any action(s) or adopt resolution on issues discussed in closed session: *Motion: (Johnson, Luetgen) to exit closed session at 7:55 p.m. Carried*

Approve action(s) taken in closed session: No action was taken.

Adjourn: *Motion: (Johnson, B. Merkel) to adjourn at 7:58 p.m. Carried*

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Hagen, Clerk