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**TOWN OF GIBRALTAR
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2023
GIBRALTAR TOWN CENTER
4097 HIGHWAY 42, FISH CREEK WI 54212
7:00 PM**

Approved:

Call to order: Steve Sohns called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call/quorum:

Board members present: Steve Sohns, Jayson Merkel, Tom Birmingham, and John Selenica

Board member(s) absent: Vinni Chomeau

Adopt agenda: *Motion: (Merkel, Birmingham) to approve the agenda as presented. Carried.*

Approve minutes of previous meeting(s): *Motion: (Birmingham, Merkel) to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2023, regular meeting, as amended. Carried, Selenica abstained.*

Committee/Commission Reports:

Parks & Lands: Buske reported Weed Warriors is June 12th at 9:00 AM. Will be conquering Dames Rocket. Playground is installed at the beach. A grant was received for phase 2 that includes the soft surface. The FOG event planted 20 new swamp oaks in the park. For the service project the kids mulched trees in the parks.

Fire Department/EMR: No report.

Law Enforcement: Chief Roesch reported he completed a WPS grant for \$2000. Received a scholarship from the Office of Justice Assistance for training in Las Vegas, fully funded. Speed trailer is out on Spring Rd. Drone was deployed for a fire on Juddville Rd.

VFC: Lancaster reported they are fully staffed and open daily. Her office day is Tuesday. Member social went really well, with over 100 members.

Noble House: Buske reported the new exhibit opened Memorial Day weekend. Had a few pop-ups. Uncovering headstones will be the first program in Juddville Cemetery. Will be bringing back docent led walking tours around town. FOG 5th graders were able to come through the museum. Applied for a grant to fix the porches. Did not get it, but received \$1000 for materials.

Airport: No report.

Watershed: Thyssen reported the Fish passage has been operating as expected. Rocks and sticks are being placed in the Fish passage. Chief Roesch has spoken with the DNR. FOG event went very well. Continuing to monitor the Creek.

Planning Commission: Public Informational meeting was held on May 30th for the Comp Plan. Another one will be on June 13th at 6 PM. BLRP will be there with storyboards. The 28-day review of variance for the Bayside was reviewed. Public Hearing to approve the Comp Plan is June 20th.

Harbor Commission: Harris reported the dock has been very busy. Nicest Memorial Day in decades. Fully staffed for the season. A lot of maintenance was done this spring. Concrete work around the fuel pumps is complete. Will be adding 2 dinghy racks on concrete pads. Working on maintaining the tackle for all the moorings. Working on some launch ramp pay stations to declutter.

Door County Tourism Zone: Weddig reported the annual meeting is next week Thursday in Baileys Harbor.

Building Committee: Town Hall painting is complete.

Coastal Byways: No report

Broadband Ad-Hoc Committee: Met with Bertram Communications for another time and clarifications. Plan to have a presentation for the Board next month.

1 **Clerk:** No report
2 **Treasurer:** No report
3 **Administrator:** Thyssen reported Theresa did a great job on the grant application. TID meeting
4 with the developers. Project will be getting underway, interceptor line this fall. Maintenance has been
5 at the lighthouse for a few days. Hatch has been installed. Egg Harbor and Sister Bay are moving
6 forward with their connectivity trails.
7 **Chairman:** Sohns reported a steering committee has been put together for the design of the
8 waterfront property with Ayres.
9 Went to Washington DC to lobby for the Towns Association.
10 Sohns thanked Bill Johnson for his service and welcomed John Selenica to the Town Board.
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12 **Public Comment:** Peery Duderstadt suggested an electronics recycling/shredding day.
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14 **Consideration of Temporary Picnic License for Mid-Summer Music, the Old Town Hall, July 20,**
15 **2023:** *Motion: (Birmingham, Merkel) to approve the temporary picnic for Midsummer Music on July 20, 2023. Carried*
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17 **Consideration of Temporary Picnic License for Mid-Summer Music, at Northern Sky Theater,**
18 **September 9, 2023:** *Motion: (Birmingham, Selenica) to approve the temporary picnic license for Midsummer Music on*
19 *September 9, 2023. Carried*
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21 **Special Event Request: Explosions of Fun – Use of Cedar Street, fireworks permit, July 1, 2023:** The
22 Town Board reviewed the special event request and fireworks permit. Partial closure of Cedar St. from
23 Spruce to Maple. Need to monitor weather conditions and coordinate the barge with Harbor and Fire Dept.
24 *Motion: (Merkel, Birmingham) to approve the special event request and fireworks permit for July 1, 2023. Carried*
25
26 **Plan Commission Recommendation Re: Bayside Petition for Grant of Variance:** Thyssen provided an
27 overview of the variance request. The Plan Commission recommends support. The benefit to the community
28 outweighs the encroachment as it has improved the historical and aesthetic character of the Town. Part of the
29 Comprehensive Plan is to preserve our historical buildings. The property has physical limitations. It doesn't
30 have a negative effect on public interests, adhering to the ordinance would cause unnecessary hardship.
31 *Motion: (Birmingham, Merkel) to recommend support of the petition for grant of variance. Carried.*
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33 **Consider Lowering Speed Limit on Gibraltar Bluff Rd to 25 MPH:** Police Chief Roesch completed a
34 traffic study on Gibraltar Bluff Rd. Lowering the speed limit to 25 MPH has been requested by a resident.
35 Chief Roesch's study supports the request.
36 Siobhan Hecker would like to see it lowered to 25 MPH.
37 Robert MacDonald also supports the 25 MPH speed limit.
38 Birmingham thinks that all the way to Peninsula Players Rd from Orchard is unreasonable, suggests keeping it
39 30 MPH in that section.
40 Merkel more concerned for public safety.
41 Rick Hecker stated need to consider foot and bike traffic for the whole road.
42 *Motion: (Merkel, Selenica) to set the speed limit to 25 MPH per DOT approval. Carried.*
43 *Motion: (Merkel, Selenica) to amend ordinance 2022-30 Speed Limits Identified. Carried*
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45 **Consideration of Highland Rd Bid:** The County Hwy Dept submitted an estimate to pave Highland Rd
46 North. The Town shares this road with the Village of Ephraim. The Town share would be \$33,725. Treasurer
47 Cain-Bieri stated the Town has received additional revenues to complete the project.
48 *Motion: (Birmingham, Merkel) to accept the estimate from Door County Hwy Dept to complete Highland Rd. Carried*
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50 **Appoint TID Chairperson:** Bill Johnson was the Town Board Representative and Chairperson for the TID
51 committee. *Motion: (Birmingham, Selenica) to appoint Steve Sohns and the TID committee Chairperson. Carried, Sohns*
52 *abstained.*

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2 **Consider Plan Commission Member Appointment:** Wayne Kudick has been the alternate for about a year
3 and has been very active and involved. Sohns stated he would like to appoint a Town Board member. *Motion:*
4 *(Sohns, Birmingham) to appoint John Selenica to the vacant Plan Commission seat. Carried, Selenica abstained.*
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6 **Consider Intergovernmental Police Agreement:** The Village of Sister Bay has approached the Town for a
7 shared police agreement. Chief Roesch would patrol an extra 10hrs per week in Sister Bay. Sister Bay would
8 cover his loaded wage, overtime, and reimburse vehicle expenses. *Motion: (Merkel, Sohns) to approve the*
9 *intergovernmental police agreement pilot program with Sister Bay. Carried.*
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11 **Community Investment Fund Grant:** The next grant cycle is due in July. Staff recommends applying for
12 \$150,000 in grant funding for the Upper/Lower Bluff Land Acquisition. *Motion: (Merkel, Sohns) to approve.*
13 *Carried*
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15 **Insurance Update – Treasurer’s Report:** Treasurer Cain-Bieri reported our premium and deductibles are
16 going to increase. We had a lot of claims last year with the fire truck.
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18 **Consideration of Bank Transfer to CD:** Treasurer Cain-Bieri recommends transferring \$135,500 to a 6-
19 month 4.75% interest CD and \$135,500 to a 9-month 5.25% interest CD. *Motion: (Birmingham, Merkel) to*
20 *approve. Carried.*
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22 **Outdoor Display Ordinance - Discussion and Direction:** The Town Board will review at the next
23 meeting.
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25 **Ordinance 2023-03 Banning Coal-Tar Based Sealants and Fee Schedule:** *Motion: (Merkel, Sohns) to*
26 *approve ordinance 2023-03 Banning Coal-Tar Sealants and Fee Schedule. Carried.*
27 *Motion: (Birmingham, Merkel) to set the forfeiture at \$250 for residential and \$1000 for commercial. Carried*
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29 **Review Reserve License Applicants and Make Selection:** Birmingham would recommend the WGI
30 based on their record and stability.
31 Merkel stated it is tough decision. Could make or break a business.
32 John Selenica stated Pelletiers and Welckers already have an inside bar. Welckers will be adding another 40-50
33 seats.
34 Sarah Bertges stated Wild Tomato is year-round. A full liquor would help to not lose money throughout the
35 off-season.
36 Meredith Coulson-Kanter stated a liquor license would not make or break their business.
37 *Motion: (Merkel, Sohns) to issue the Reserve Liquor License to Welcker’s Lounge. Carried*
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39 **Approve 2023-24 Liquor Licenses:** *Motion: (Birmingham, Merkel) to approve the 2023-24 Liquor License Renewals.*
40 *Carried.*

41 **Approve 2023-24 Cigarette Licenses:** *Motion: (Merkel, Selenica) to approve the 2023-24 Cigarette Licenses. Carried.*
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43 **Approve 2023-24 Operators Licenses:** *Motion: (Birmingham, Merkel) to approve the 2023-24 Operator’s Licenses,*
44 *with the exception of 3 & 4 to be denied but can be appealed. Carried*
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46 **Approve Payment of Bills:** *Motion: (Merkel, Birmingham) to approve the payment of bills. Carried.*
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48 **Adjourn to closed session according to Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85(1)(c):**

- 49 - Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public
- 50 employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility: Employee
- 51 Review

52 *Motion: (Merkel, Birmingham) to enter closed session at 9:26 via roll call vote. Carried.*
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1 **Reconvene to open session pursuant to State Statute 19.85(2) to take any action(s) or adopt**
2 **resolution on issues discussed in closed session:**

3 *Motion: (Merkel, Birmingham) to reconvene to open session at 9:44 pm. Carried*

4 **Approve action(s) taken in closed session.** None

5 **Adjourn:** *Motion: (Birmingham, Selenica) to adjourn at 9:44 p.m. Carried*

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7 Respectfully submitted,

8 Kelly Murre, Clerk