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TOWN OF GIBRALTAR
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
W/ CLOSED SESSION
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 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, Vinni Chomeau, and John Selenica

Board member(s) absent: None

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

Approve minutes of previous meeting(s): *Motion: (Chomeau, Selenica) to approve the minutes of the July 5, 2023, regular meeting, as written. Carried. Motion: (Birmingham, Merkel) to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2023, special meeting as amended. Carried*

Committee/Commission Reports:

Parks & Lands: Cain-Bieri reported 2 new trees and a bench have been placed at Blossomburg Cemetery. Working on the CORP plan and what to do with the extra grant funds. Reviewing seating accommodations in the Parks. Caretakers are doing great at the lighthouse.

Fire Department/EMR: Chief Bertges provided a written report: July Call Volume 36, total calls (down from 50 in 2022).

Significant events:

Propane emergency- propane company failed to mitigate so we had to return the next day
60 y/o missing, found at neighbors.

15 y/o missing, found in the area.

42' boat ran over rock pile sinking.

Wildfire Liberty Grove. Unique in that it was on very steep terrain.

Child that had fallen over 10' on Chambers. Was flown out. Positive outcome

Projects:

Working on a county wide Search and Rescue team.

Expand drone program with 3 more members.

Law Enforcement: Chief Roesch reported.

VFC: Lancaster reported the new business members are in the process of receiving the new open flags. Special events on the agenda

Noble House: No report

Airport: Drajesk reported a busy year. A minor incident on a landing with some damaged lights. Closed on the additional property in June. Working on the hangar plan and deposits. Working with Forest Construction out of GB. Did an inspection of all the hangars to make sure they are being used for aeronautical purposes.

Friends offered 3 scholarships to Northern Door high school kids. Looking into replacing some of the bikes/e-bikes.

Watershed: No report

Planning Commission:

1 **Harbor Commission:** Harris reported they have been very busy. Installing some informational
2 signs to clarify launch procedures, parking, and slow-no wake. Cleaning up a bunch of misc.
3 signs. Staffing is still good, a few leaving for college. Weed abatement is done. The parking lot
4 configuration has been working well. Barge is in the Harbor. He is working on 2 docks along
5 Cottage Row. New dinghy racks are almost full. The staff is doing a terrific job.

6 **Door County Tourism Zone:** Weddig reported the Executive Committee met to review the May
7 #s. Zone down about 5%/Gib about 6%. YTD down about 8.7%.

8 **Building Committee:** No report.

9 **Coastal Byways:** No report, did not meet.

10 **Broadband Ad-Hoc Committee:** Will be scheduling informational meetings. Verify if Bertram
11 will be using underground connection boxes.

12 **Clerk:** No report

13 **Treasurer:** No report

14 **Administrator:** Thyssen reported working on preparations for info meetings on Broadband.
15 Finalizing roads Highland into the park and Clark Bluff. Still need to be shouldered. Working
16 with neighboring municipalities on interconnectivity trail. Plein Aire was well attended. The
17 copier is still not working. Chambers Island Review is completed.

18 **Chairman:** Sohns reported the meeting of the electors approved the acquisition of the Fish
19 Creek Park expansion 124-34.

20 Received many complaints about the geese at the beach. Difficult to solve but working on
21 solutions.

22 The transportation aid veto, the TAC committee is currently working for a 2% increase.
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24 **Public Comment:** Jayson Merkel thanked the staff for keeping their cool when dealing with
25 difficult people.

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27 **Special Event Request: Visit Fish Creek Wednesday Jazz Music/DJ at the Gazebo, Aug-**
28 **Sept.:** *Motion: (Merkel, Chomeau) to approve the special event request for VFC. Carried*
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30 **Special Event Request: Visit Fish Creek Inside/Outside Sales** *Motion: (Birmingham,*
31 *Chomeau) to approve the special event request for VFC. Carried*
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33 **Special Event Request: Evergreen Miniature Golf – Glow Ball** *Motion: (Birmingham,*
34 *Chomeau) to table the special event request for Evergreen Miniature Golf. Carried*
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36 **2023-2024 Operators Licenses:** *Motion:(Birmingham, Merkel) to approve the 2023-24*
37 *operators licenses as presented. Carried*
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39 **Update on and Future direction of Ayres/Kinsey engineering study and setting dates for**
40 **commission/committee/board meetings:** Sohns expressed frustrations with the Steering
41 Committee process for not including the Town Board or the Harbor Commission.
42 The purpose of the committee is to gather ideas and community input. The committee has had
43 several meetings and community engagement. Ayres has created 3 conceptual plans that are now
44 being updated based on feedback. They are available to view on the Town’s website. The Harbor
45 Commission and Town Board are encouraged to offer their insights as well.
46 Future meetings are yet to be set.
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1 **Amend Ordinance 2018-03 Ordinance relative to All-terrain Vehicle and Utility-Terrain**
2 **Vehicle Route Town of Gibraltar, Door County, Wisconsin:** *Motion: (Merkel, Chomeau) to*
3 *amend ordinance 2018-03 to include Island Drive and Baseline Road on Chambers Island.*
4 *Carried.*

5 **Approve Payment of Bills:** *Motion: (Birmingham, Selenica) to approve the payment of the bills.*
6 *Carried*

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8 **Adjourn to closed session according to Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85(1)(g)(c):** *Motion:*
9 *(Birmingham, Merkel) to adjourn to closed session at 8:29 PM, by roll call vote: Sohns – aye,*
10 *Merkel – aye, Chomeau – aye, Birmingham – aye, and Selenica – aye. Carried*

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12 **Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice**
13 **concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely**
14 **to become involved – Traffic Utility Fee**

15 **Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any**
16 **public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility:**
17 **Administrator Review**

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19 **Reconvene to open session pursuant to State Statute 19.85(2) to take any action(s) or adopt**
20 **resolution on issues discussed in closed session:** *Motion: (Birmimgham, Selenica) to reconvene*
21 *to open session at 9:50 PM. Carried*

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23 **Approve action(s) taken in closed session:** *Motion: (Birmingham, Chomeau) to direct staff to*
24 *continue what was discussed in closed session regarding TUF. Carried, Merkel Opposed*
25 *Motion: (Birmingham, Chomeau) to approve administrative pay increase. Carried*

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27 **Adjourn:** *Motion: (Birmingham, Merkel) to adjourn at 9:52 p.m. Carried*

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29 Respectfully submitted,
30 Kelly Murre, Clerk