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TOWN OF GIBRALTAR
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
Wednesday, February 7, 2024
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: Chair Sohns, Supervisor Merkel, Supervisor Birmingham, Supervisor Selenica, Supervisor Chomeau

Board member(s) absent:

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

Approve minutes of previous meeting(s): *Motion:(Birmingham, Chomeau) to approve January 3, 2024, and January 22, 2024 Joint Board and Plan minutes (Selenica, Merkel) Carried*

Ayers Presentation: Chris from Ayers presented to the board. Discussion occurred.

Schedule Future Town Board/Committee Workshop for Midtown Waterfront Design:

March 2024 for a workshop, after the other committees have looked over the plan.

Parks and Lands: Buske reported that they are working on prep for the season. The funding for the Redman property is going up.

Fire Department/EMR: Chief Bertges provided a written report: January Call volume 9 total down from 13 in 2023. Projects: Participated and held a tabletop for Winterfest involving a mass care incident. Worked with the school to conduct brief tabletop scenarios to provide more efficient responses. Working with Pierce on the new engine design, delivery date is late 2024. Rescue dog search team developing nicely, they are training every other week. Applying for grants through AFG and Destination Door County.

Police Department: Chief Roesch is at a training seminar. He attended an active shooter training at the school. His state audit is wrapping up.

VFC: Lancaster reported that they wrapped up a successful Winterfest and we anticipate this to be the most profitable Winterfest to date. We are working on the upcoming season, working on new memberships, concerts series and other fun events for the fall.

Noble House: Buske reported: Kicking off the year on solid ground. All things chocolate was a huge success. This success takes a whole community, VFC promoting us, all town staff, the community, everyone, thank you all! Wild Tomato has chosen us to be their February Charity Pizza- Rajun Cajun pizza, please order one this month!

Airport: Drajesk reported: We have been meeting with aviation officials and we are on track with tree clearing in mid-March and then we will be starting the removal of structures, mounds and tree stumps. Still on track for constructing 4 out of the 5 hangers by mid July 2024. Friends report: We are focused on June 1, 2024, our young eagle's event from 9a.m to 2pm we have registered for this on the EAA site.

Watershed: Nothing new to report

Planning Commission Thyssen reported that they had their joint meeting with the Town Board on February 7, 2024. Each Plan member took on goals to work on from the town comprehensive plan. Plan Commission will be meeting jointly with the Parks and Lands on February 26, 2024.

1 **Harbor Commission:** Harris reported that the Harbor Commission met numerous times this
2 month, with RFP work. Town staff is working on housekeeping items as well working on dock
3 assignments. We will probably have an early season this year with this warm weather.
4 **Room tax:** Down for the year on nights rented but because of the rate increase we still had a
5 great year.
6 **Building Committee:** Karl no report.
7 **Coastal Byways:** Gutschow reported that she attended her first meeting. The meeting centered
8 around the next coloring book and advertising that will go into the coloring book.
9 **Broadband Ad-Hoc Committee:** No new report
10 **Clerk:** Gutschow reported that she is attending election training at the county tomorrow with our
11 chief election inspectors.
12 Gutschow will be hosting the next-Door County Coastal Byways meeting here on February 19,
13 2024.
14 **Treasurer:** Cain-Bieri reported Auditors were here, the audit is still ongoing, but they are no
15 longer here in person. She has been completing all of the dock work for the town, please get in
16 your mooring and slip paperwork ASAP. The hangar lease bills will go out tomorrow.
17 **Administrator:** Thyssen reported that the upper bluff project is underway with lots of blasting.
18 There are about 600 feet of sewer already installed. It is estimated to be done by May, there is a
19 lot of activity going on up there with two buildings already framed out. We have 4 new home
20 permits already issued for 2024. We have a good chance of being approved for a \$250,000 grant
21 that Thyssen applied for.
22 **Chairman:** Sohns thanked VFC, GHA and all the town staff and all the volunteers, for a
23 phenomenal Winterfest. It was a huge success, a great turn out. TAC committee update: The
24 town fix bill had its last hearing yesterday, looks like it will go through. Zoning bill is going to
25 take a little bit longer, some amendments added. There is a city and town bill that is not going
26 anywhere right now, needs more work.
27 **Public Comment:** Laurie Buske: We really like our new stove at the old town hall.
28 **Special Event Request Explosions of Fun Fireworks** Michelle Gentine from Explosions of
29 Fun is asking to set up the day before and take down the next day. The date is July 3, 2024.
30 Thyssen reported that our Chief of Police Ryan Roesch would like them to request Sheriff
31 Deputy Reserves to be security at this event. *Motion to approve contingent on providing extra*
32 *security. (Birmingham, Selenica) Carried*
33 **Approval of Firework Permit for Explosions of Fun** *Motion to approve with updated*
34 *insurance proof (Chomeau, Merkel) Carried*
35 **West Town dock lease** *Motion to approve the two west town dock leases to Cody Bolton owner*
36 *of Northern Door County Boat Rental LLC (Merkel, Chomeau) Carried*
37 **Direction for Parks and Lands Committee to Care for the Green space at the Kinsey Parcel**
38 *Motion for Parks and Lands Committee to care for the Kinsey green space (Chomeau, Selenica)*
39 *Carried*
40 **Operator's License** *Motion to approve (Birmingham, Merkel) Carried*
41 **Consideration of Fire Truck 501C3 Purchase** *Motion to approve the Town to take ownership*
42 *of the vehicle and to approve adding the vehicle to the fleet (Chomeau, Birmingham)*
43 **Consideration of 2024-01 Mailbox Ordinance** Discussion occurred *No Action*
44 **County F speed limit Request to the County.** Administrator Thyssen spoke to the board
45 regarding the speed limit and safety. Cary Lawrenson Fish Creek Campground spoke to how
46 dangerous it is. *Motion for staff to ask the county for the speed limit recommendation change to*
47 *the county (Merkel, Chomeau) Carried*
48 **Renewal Options for Bank CD** *Motion to approve putting into savings (Birmingham, Merkel*

- 1 **Payment of bills** *Motion to approve the payment of bills as presented, (Birmingham, Chomeau)*
- 2 *Carried*
- 3 **Adjourn:** *Motion to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. (Birmingham, Chomeau) Carried*
- 4 Respectfully submitted,
- 5 Cyndi Gutschow, Clerk