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**TOWN OF GIBRALTAR
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2024
GIBRALTAR TOWN CENTER
4097 HIGHWAY 42, FISH CREEK WI 54212
7:00 PM**

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Public Hearing Regarding the Vacation of Bluff Ln Opened by Sohns at 7:00 pm

Administration Thyssen gave a brief overview

Bob Gray said would appreciate if the issue would be resolved finally.

Closed at 7:04

Approved:

Call to order: Steve Sohns called the regular meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. (After public hearing)

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call/quorum:

Board members present: Chair Sohns, Supervisor Merkel, Supervisor Birmingham, Supervisor Selenica, and Supervisor Chomeau

Board member(s) absent:

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

Approve minutes of previous meeting(s): *Motion:(Chomeau/Merkel) to approve April 10, 2024, minutes as written. Carried. Motion:(Birmingham/Selenica) to approve April 19, 2024, special meeting minutes as written. Carried.*

Parks and Lands: Buske said the Chambers Island Lighthouse received a donation for \$20,000 for restoration only. The Zellners are meeting with Waterscapes to get the sistern repaired. Two new trees were approved at the last meeting and acquired 35 small ones. Stick pick up at Noble Square was a success, thank you to the volunteers. FOG event at May 29th, River Birch and Cherry trees will be planted with the kids. The new panels for the playground set have been installed. New benches at Clark Park, the maintenance crew has been getting things done.

Fire Department/EMR: Chief Bertges provided a written report: March Call Volume 21 total calls (up from 17in 2023).

Significant events: Storm Emergency-opened our Fire Station for a warming and overnight shelter. 32 visitors and 2 folks stayed overnight (they were from our "At Risk" list)

Ephraim-fire on Shannon Ln, assisted in operations.

Two new EMRS finish classes.

Participated in Healthy Kids Day at the YMCA. 36 kids went thru the booth.

ISO report came back with the same rating 6/10

-Water Supply was reduced points (worse)-randomly pick structures

-Ladder/Service Company reduced points

-Use old fire code (same as state) reduced points

-Training and Fire prevention and inspections increased points (better)

Participated in an Event Security class with GPD

Projects: Working with Pierce on the new engine design. Delivery date around December.

Events: Half Marathon is May 4th.

1 **Police Department:** Chief Roesch said April was busy with the snowstorm, etc. Attended 2-day
2 event security planning in Sturgeon Bay, it was a good training. The speed board will be
3 deployed mid-month.

4 **VFC:** Lancaster reported that it is May and crazy busy gearing up for the season. Office opening
5 soon 7 days/week. Derby Days launching to keep marathon traffic in town. Social May 21st from
6 5-7 at Wild Tomato.

7 **Noble House:** Buske said busy with membership, scheduling program, working on the exhibit
8 and lots of new, old items acquired.

9 **Airport:** Thyssen said the commission discussed the extension for the hangars and is postponed
10 until 2025. Westwood is beginning their long-range plan.

11 **Watershed:** Thyssen said creek monitoring and suckers were tagged.

12 **Planning Commission:** Thyssen said Outside Display Ordinance was discussed, reviewed, and
13 decided to host a public information meeting to invite people in and field concerns. Reviewed
14 the outline for design standards in the downtown district.

15 **Harbor Commission:** Chair Harris said the commission has been busy. Opening Wednesday,
16 May 15th. Working on repositioning some of the floating docks to make better use of the size of
17 slips. AMI Engineering is going to continue with the study to inspect the docks for failure and
18 voids. Pier and Waterfront is behind but should have the west ramp in soon. Finalizing ideas on
19 cameras for dock, Jay from the Alibi is going to meet with Chase for ideas. The commission did
20 a walk-through of the Holiday Harbor property. The consensus was to defer to the town board
21 and plan as far as the buildings there. The Commission also did a Walk-through of parking lot,
22 had issues with people dropping single trailers in truck and trailer spots. Discussed improving
23 signage and possible ordinance. Thyssen will work with GPD on the lot. The wayfinding study
24 was done years ago and need to reference it again for parking.

25 **Room tax:** None

26 **Building Committee:** Sohns said will be meeting soon, working on a schedule.

27 **Coastal Byways:** Thyssen said the coloring book is available, 10,000 were printed.

28 **Broadband Ad-Hoc Committee:** Meeting with Bertram soon, to discuss next steps.

29 **County Board Representative Report:** Chomeau said county board had a small agenda.
30 Department heads came to the meeting to discuss their roles. Talked about how to utilize the free
31 GIS website through the county.

32 **Clerk:** Thyssen said splitting duties and keeping things a float.

33 **Treasurer:** Please get your liquor license applications in. Past due payment traffic utility bills
34 were mailed.

35 **Administrator:** Thyssen said Hill/Bluff is getting the final grading, waiting on one pole to be
36 moved. Asphalt is possible for next week. Wheelchair accessible was added near Hide Side.
37 Upper Bluff project, they are working on sewer near Sweetie Pies and the section to the park.
38 Phase 1 should be completed in two weeks. Attended the first Road School offered by WTA this
39 week, will be sharing information on new products for road. New legislative options for rural,
40 ARIP, etc.

41 **Chairman:** Chair Sohns had a zoom meeting with the DOT, they are resurfacing HWY 42 from
42 Egg Harbor to Bluff Ln. It will be a 25-day project, flagging operations, not closing the hwy.
43 Resurfacing the hill, there may be closures if needed. The project will be done by Memorial Day
44 and come back after for driveway aprons etc. TAC committee went over legislative bills that
45 passed and did not and starting to think about the next session. Asked to go to Washington DC
46 again and will be going next week for the National Town's Association. Discussion about
47 WTA/TAC on the agenda.

48 **Public Comment:** None

1 **Consideration of Resolution 2024-02 Regarding Vacating a Portion of Bluff Ln:** *Motion:*
2 *(Selenica/Merkel) to approve Resolution 2024-02 Regarding Vacation a portion of Bluff Ln.*
3 *Carried.*

4 **Special Event Request Door County YMCA, Yoga by the Bay:** *Motion: (Selenica/Chomeau)*
5 *to approve the YMCA Special Event request to take place at the Kinsey Waterfront Property.*
6 *Carried.*

7 **Special Event Request VFC Kentucky Derby/Fish Fri Concerts amended request: Will no**
8 **longer sell beer.**
9 *Motion: (Merkel/Birmingham) to approve the amended VFC special event request for Kentucky*
10 *Derby/Fish Fri Concerts to allow banners at Noble Square, one week before the event.* *Carried.*

11 **Parks and Lands Committee Appointments and Chair:** *Motion: (Birmingham/Selenica) to*
12 *approve Jayson Merkel, Laurie Buske, and Patty Dixon for 2-year terms, with Buske as chair.*
13 *Merkel abstained.* *Carried.*

14 Thank you, Kat Kerscher for being on the committee.

15 **Broadband Committee Chair Appointment:** Bill Wessels has resigned. Sohns appoints
16 Steigenberger as chair. *Motion (Merkel/Birmingham) approve Dennis Steigenberger as the*
17 *Broadband Committee Chair.* *Carried.*

18 **Appointment of Town Representative for JRB Board, TID District #1:** Selenica nominated
19 Sohns to the JRB. *Motion: (Selenica/Merkel) to appoint Steve Sohns as the Town Representative*
20 *to the JRB for TID District #1.* *Carried*

21 **USDA Authorization & DNR Permitting Process for Goose Control:** Thyssen said we have
22 been battling to mitigate the goose poop problem with concerns and complaints. Buske reached
23 out and found someone from USDA and the only ones allowed to do the roundup, he did a public
24 presentation at the committee meeting, highlighting public safety and water quality. Estimate
25 about 70 pounds of feces per day. Buske said the goose population has reached a critical point,
26 and without any natural predators it will only get worse. Buske gave a summary of the USDA
27 presentation. Parks and Lands Committee has been working on goose control for years.
28 Discussion on goose patrol and solutions. *Motion: (Merkel/Birmingham) to use the USDA for*
29 *our goose problem.* *Carried.* *Chomeau opposed.*

30 **Consideration of Ordinance 2024-03 Outdoor Burning:** Bertges said our previous ordinance
31 did not have a fine and mirrors what we already had. We are in a minor draught and could go
32 either way this summer. Sohns said people should be aware of Burn Guidelines B, especially
33 STRs. Bertges said campfires and cooking fires are outside of this ordinance. *Motion:*
34 *(Birmingham/Chomeau) to approve Ord. 2024-03 Outdoor Burning.* *Carried.*

35 **Consideration to Amend 2024 Fee Schedule:** *Motion: (Chomeau/Birmingham) to amend the*
36 *fee schedule to include forfeitures for outdoor burning violations, \$50 for those that obtain a*
37 *permit but violated ordinance restrictions and \$150 for those that did not obtain a permit and*
38 *violated ordinance restrictions.* *Carried.*

39 **Consideration of Change Order #3 Advanced Construction Bluff Ln Hill St:** Thyssen said
40 we had a section near the top of the Noble House and realized no ADA access to the Noble
41 House itself. Looked at a few options, but settled on location that goes between the trees and
42 allowed the project to continue and was aesthetically pleasing. We will ask engineering to
43 compensate back as a possible design flaw. *Motion: (Chomeau/Selenica) to approve change*
44 *order number 3 for the colored sidewalk in the amount of \$7,020.00.* *Carried.* *Merkel opposed.*

45 **WTA/TAC Legislative Update and Issues:** Sohns asked for any legislative issues or items that
46 could be brought back to the committees. Must be town related items. More transportation aid is
47 already on the list. Buske talked about looking into retaining our rural areas. Sohns brought up

1 STR legislation. WTA District Meeting is May 23rd at 6pm at the Gibraltar Fire Station, a further
2 TAC listening session and a speaker from the County about hoarding issues.

3 **Intergovernmental Agreement with Door County, Tax collection: Motion:**
4 *(Selenica/Chomeau) to approve the intergovernmental agreement with Door County to collect*
5 *taxes. Carried*

6 **Payment of bills Motion (Birmingham/Chomeau) to approve payment of bills. Carried.**

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8 **Adjourn to closed session according to Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85(1)(c)(e):**

9 *Motion: (Chomeau/Selenica) to adjourn to closed session at 8:50 p.m. Carried by roll call vote.*

10 *Considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the*
11 *governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility: Town Treasurer*

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13 *Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified*
14 *public business, whenever competition or bargaining reasons require a closed session: Consideration in negotiating the*
15 *purchasing or financing of public property.*

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17 Reconvene to open session pursuant to State Statute 19.85(2) to take any action(s) or adopt resolution on
18 issues discussed in closed session. Approve action taken in closed session. *Motion (Merkel/Selenica) to enter open*
19 *session at 9:37 p.m. Motion (Sohns/Chomeau) to approve Treasurer compensation as discussed and*
20 *amend the compensation schedule accordingly. Carried.*

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23 **Adjourn: Motion (Birmingham/Chomeau) to adjourn at 9:38 p.m. Carried**

24 Respectfully submitted,

25 Theresa Cain-Bieri, Deputy Clerk