

**TOWN OF GIBRALTAR
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2010
GIBRALTAR TOWN CENTER
4097 MAIN STREET
FISH CREEK WI 54212
7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER: Merrell Runquist, chairman, called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.
MEMBERS PRESENT: Board members present were Merrell Runquist, Dick Skare, Brian Merkel, Steve Sohns and Brian Hackbarth.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: It was moved by Mr. Merkel and seconded by Mr. Skare to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2010 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS:

PARKS AND LANDS COMMITTEE: Brian Hackbarth reported the committee discussed replacement of the playground equipment at the Public Beach and container and paper recycling at the Town Center. Myrv Somerhalder was present discussed the possible location of a walking path at the airport property.

ORDINANCES: Sharon Kellner reported that Town Attorney, Collin Dahl called to report that the low speed vehicle ordinance from the state does not go into effect until October/November and stated we should not adopt our ordinance until after that date.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Jayson Merkel reported 23 calls for July. Driving course training was held this past month along with training on the pump. The department cleaned up old Number 7 for Gordon Fairchild's funeral.

FIRST RESPONDERS: Jayson Merkel reported 18 calls for July. There were multiple calls for five days in a row which kept everyone busy. Protocol training was held with the County last night. Training to become a First Responder will be held this fall, so anyone interested should sign up with Jayson or the Town Office.

AIRPORT COMMISSION: Mr. Somerhalder reported the airport is busy with EAA being held in Oshkosh. The location for the last hangar has been taken by Mr. Jim Allen. No further information has been received from the company that was proposing to build a tower within Gibraltar's 3-mile height restriction area. Witt Ford has been pleasant to work with regarding the rental cars at the airport. The courtesy bicycles are being well used. Mr. Somerhalder announced the sad news that Dan Counselman passed away this past weekend. The Airport has had good fuel sales while being competitive.

NOBLE HOUSE: There was no report at this time.

HARBOR COMMISSION: Brian Merkel reported the dock sales for July were 19,496 gallons compared to approximately 14,000 gallons last year. The Pump-Out System needed to be replaced and is working fine.

WATERSHED: Jim Jauquet reported water testing was done in the harbor last week with normal results. For the first time in several years there is water running in the creek. Brian Merkel asked about the DOT resurfacing project on Highway 42 and where the video taping of the storm sewer system is at the present time. Brian stated that the Beach storm sewer problem and property lines need to be addressed with the DOT resurfacing project. There will be a meeting with the DOT in September regarding the Multi-Modal Bike/Ped trail and these items should be discussed at this time. Sharon will check with PLC regarding video of storm sewer conditions.

ROOM TAX: Mr. Skare reported there was no meeting this past month.

LAW ENFORCEMENT: Brian Merkel reported just the normal summer traffic.

PLAN COMMISSION: Linda Merline reported the Plan Commission met on July 13th and discussed Design Standards. Skare and Coulson are presently working on the parking issue. Linda and Craig Coulthurst from Door County Soil and Water are reviewing the storm sewer system for grant possibilities. Britt Unkefer and Jim Jauquet are also working on this project. Merrell Runquist stated that Tim Biwer reported to him that the high capacity drain at the Public Beach is working very well.

AGENDA ITEMS:

APPOINT PERSON TO THE DOOR COUNTY COASTAL BYWAYS COUNCIL: The Town of Gibraltar advertised for anyone interested in serving on the Door County Coastal Byways Council. Beth Hagen was nominated by Merrell Runquist and seconded by Steve Sohns to be appointed to the Door County Coastal Byways Council. It was moved by Merrell Runquist and seconded by Brian Hackbarth to close the nominations. Motion carried unanimously.

SPECIAL EVENT REQUEST – SEPTEMBER 25, 2010 TOP OF THE HILL SHOPS OUTSIDE SALES AND TEMPORARY BEER/WINE LICENSE: The Top of the Hill Shops is again requesting permission to hold their “A Taste of The Top” on Saturday, September 25, 2010, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. They are also requesting permission to display a banner 3’ X 8’ two weeks prior to the event in the grassy area next to the complex. They are also requesting permission to display a banner 4’ X 6’ two weeks prior to the event at the Noble House grounds, as they received permission from Eunice Rutherford if approved by the Town Board. They are also requesting a Temporary Beer/Wine License for September 25 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mr. Runquist stated he would not support two banners. It was moved by Mr. Runquist and seconded by Mr. Merkel to support the outside sales with the banner two weeks prior on the grassy area. Motion carried unanimously. It was moved by Steve Sohns and seconded by Mr. Merkel to approve the Temporary Beer/Wine License for September 25, 2010. Motion carried unanimously.

RECYCLING BINS AT TOWN CENTER: Brian Hackbarth reported that the Parks and Lands Committee is recommending that a two-bin paper and container recycling be purchased and placed outside the Town Center at a cost of \$895. It was moved by Mr. Merkel and seconded by Mr. Hackbarth to approve of the purchase and the placement of the unit next to the present container. Motion carried unanimously.

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AT PUBLIC BEACH: Brian Hackbarth reported that the Parks and Lands Committee would like to replace the playground equipment at the Public Beach at an estimated cost of \$6,500 and raise the money for the equipment through donations. It was moved by Mr. Hackbarth and seconded by Mr. Sohns to raise the funds for the playground equipment and have it installed at the Fish Creek Public Beach. Motion carried unanimously.

PROPANE PROPOSALS FOR 2010-2011 HEATING SEASON: The clerk sent four requests for proposals for propane for the 2010-11 heating season. Three proposals were received: Lakes Gas at \$1.449 per gallon, Gasco at \$1.39 per gallon, and Ferrellgas at \$1.549 per gallon. However, Gasco does not separate billing for customers, as requested by the Post Office. It was moved by Mr. Sohns and seconded by Mr. Skare to approve the \$1.449 proposal for propane as received by Lakes Gas. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion was held regarding installing a separate propane tank for the Post Office.

OPEN INTOXICANTS IN THE TOWN OF GIBRALTAR: Town Officer, Andrew Crowell, explained that with the beer sales at Clark Park, the public feels uncomfortable with so much intoxicants carried around with children present. The Town of Gibraltar does have an open intoxicant ordinance. Working with the local bars, Officer Crowell stated they are very good about not allowing people to leave the tavern with their drinks. Officer Crowell recommends having a containment area where the alcohol is being served and consumed separate from the persons under 21 years of age; having a person at the door to check each person’s identification; when serving the person is informed that they are not allowing persons with alcoholic beverages to leave the contained area while in possession of the alcohol. It was discussed that when the temporary beer/wine license is issued they are told to have a demarcated area for the alcoholic beverages; to check ID’s. Have certain stipulations for each event. This will be brought before to the next meeting to establish guidelines for alcohol at events. It was moved by Mr. Skare and seconded by Mr. Merkel to table this issue until the September meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

EVERGREEN STREET RIGHT OF WAY: Mr. Runquist reported that Gibraltar's Town Attorney, Mr. Dahl explained that Evergreen Street is paved 13' wide and is partly in Peninsula State Park property. There is concern as the Town of Gibraltar exchanged specified roads in the park for cemetery land. Mr. Dahl suggested paving the surface to 16' extending the width on the side toward the houses. Brian Merkel recommends contacting Peninsula State Park to have the road paved to the width of 20' to accommodate the emergency vehicles. It was the consensus of the town board members to contact Peninsula State Park to pave the road to accommodate the emergency vehicles.

SPECIAL EVENT REQUEST – M S SOCIETY – SEPTEMBER 24, 2010 USE OF CLARK PARK:

Brian Fitzgerald is requesting permission to use Clark Park on September 24, 2010 for the finish line of the Challenge Walk which is a three-day fifty mile walk to raise money for the MS Society involving approximately 100 walkers. A 10' X 10' tent is needed at Clark Park for water/shelter. There will be a finish line banner for the day of September 24th. It was moved by Mr. Hackbarth and seconded by Mr. Skare to grant the Special Event Request as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

AIRPORT HANGAR LEASE C-7 – JIM ALLEN: It was moved by Mr. Skare and seconded by Mr. Sohns to approve the new airport hangar lease of C-7 to Jim Allen. Motion carried unanimously. Brian Hackbarth expressed concern with several items in the contract such as the hold harmless clause; and using the CPI for the rent increase of the hangars. These were discussed and will be brought to the attention of the Airport Commission.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: It was moved by Mr. Hackbarth and seconded by Mr. Merkel to pay the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN: It was moved by Mr. Sohns and seconded by Mr. Skare to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Kellner, Clerk