

# City of Gibraltar

## State of the City 2017

1. Budget (Headlee reduced from 20 mils to 15 mils)
  - 2017 FY Budget
    - Currently balanced w/approx. \$100K surplus (Approx \$85k in pull ahead expenditures to offset)
      - Police Vehicle
      - Tables & Chairs (Church)
      - Cemetery Vault
      - Parking Lot Resealing (Community Center & Church)
    - 30% plus fund balance
      - 2018 FY Budget Projection
    - Assumed balanced with approx. \$TBD fund balance transfer.
    - Approx. 25 -30% fund balance
    - Bond rating improved from A3 to A1
    - Must continue to watch every \$\$\$
2. City Headcount 2016/17
  - 17 full time
  - 5 part time
  - 11 part time dispatchers
3. Accomplishments/Successes/Progress 2016/17
  - HyCal (Steel Plant) up and running
  - Superfund Site (Landfills) continues to progress
  - Obtained \$2.6M grant commitment from MDOT to replace Middle Gibraltar Rd. beginning fall 2018
  - Storm drain improvements
  - Purchased St. Victor's Church property for future recreational use
  - Humbug Marina sold to new owners
  - Six Points – Anderdon Tribe – starting improvements

- Downriver International Wildlife Refuge near completion and opening planned for this fall
- Established archery deer hunt/cull at Humbug Marsh Unit
- Bike/Pedestrian path to be completed from Vreeland to Elizabeth Park 2017
- Kayak Launch completed summer 2016
- SAW grant mapping and assessment activities to be completed by fall of 2017
- Kiwanis chapter formed and chartered spring 2017
- New CBA's with POLC and Teamsters
- Hired two part time officers with one being promoted to full time upon retirement.
- GPD bike patrol to begin summer 2017 in cooperation with current U.S. Border Patrol unit
- GFD to begin Firefighter Education and Training Co-op program with Gibraltar School Dist. & WCCC
- Home safety inspections at time of sale – July 2017

#### 4. Future Events

- June 11 Rotary Fishing Tourney
- July 4<sup>th</sup> Festival (2 days beginning 7/3 w/new Carnival)
- Rotary Duck Race/Kayak Poker Run
- Rotary Golf Outing
- Music in the Park (6 events – 7/22; 7/27; 8/10; 8/24; 9/7 & 9/21)
- Movies in the Park – September 30

Thanks to those entities that have made donations to support these events. Too numerous to name but they will be recognized on a display at each event.

#### 5. Closing

- Statement Attached

The City continues to maintain a balanced budget even though we continue to be challenged economically. I believe Gibraltar has one of the most efficient local governments in S.E. Michigan which will make us able to meet those challenges going forward.

This has all been made possible by the contributions and sacrifices of all the City's employees in City Hall, the DPW, the Police Dept., its volunteers in the Fire Dept., the volunteers on various commissions, those entities we contract services with and its residents.

The hard work, cooperation and diligence of City Council to make timely and appropriate decisions on the community's behalf has also been a significant factor in the City's ability to balance it's budget year over year while continuing to maintain basic services.

We have made significant progress in infrastructure improvements and recreational opportunities. Manufacturing and commercial businesses located here have and are making significant improvements. I look forward to the continued support of the City's Council, its employees, and our volunteers to continue to keep our city a great place to live work and play; a city that is safe, clean and continues to provide a wide variety of recreational opportunities for its residents.

On behalf of the City of Gibraltar I would like to thank all of the elected officials, the City's employees, members of the DDA, the Planning, Recreation, Waterways, and Beautification Commissions and all the other residents who volunteer on the community's behalf for our successes to date and into the future. Additionally I would like to thank the members of the following organizations for all they do in support of our community and its events:

- U.S. Border Patrol
- Gibraltar Firefighters Association
- Gibraltar Police Officers Association
- Gibraltar Goodfellows
- Gibraltar/Rockwood Rotary
- Gibraltar Food Pantry
- Gibraltar Historical Society
- Gibraltar Area Kiwanis (Newly formed)
- Sunseekers Boat Club

Thank you!

That concludes this years "State of the City" presentation.