

Town of Liberty Grove
Minutes of the Town Board meeting on May 3, 2023
(this meeting was correctly posted)

Agenda:

1. Call to order
2. Declaration of a quorum followed by pledge of allegiance
3. Approve Agenda
4. Approve Minutes: 4/19/23
5. Public Input
6. Door County North Activity Report
7. Payment of bills
8. Administrator's report
9. Committee Appointments: Plan Commission
10. Resolution 3-23, Authorization of Signatures on Depository Account (LGUD#1 CD)
11. Resolution 4-23, Recognizing John Lowry
12. Commercial Launch Pass(es)
13. Short Term Rental License(s)
14. Operator License(s)
15. Remove Ordinance 5-23, Regulating Short-Term Rentals from the table
16. Ordinance 5-23, Regulating Short-Term Rentals
17. Correspondence
18. Future meetings
19. Adjourn

Chairman Janet Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:01pm. Supervisors Nancy Goss, Cathy Ward, and Dan Watts were present along with Administrator Walter Kalms, Clerk/Treasurer Anastasia Bell and approximately 23 members of the public.

Goss moved, Ward second to approve the agenda as posted. Carried 4-0.

Ward moved, Goss second to approve the minutes from 4/15/2023 as presented. Carried 4-0.

Public Input – None.

Door County North – Mickie Rasch reported she is working on possible concerts in the park and a proposal to the Parks Committee regarding the accessibility of Blues on the Bay. Print advertising is in final stages and the Earth Day booth and Easter Egg hunt event went well.

Goss moved, Johnson second to approve payment of bills totaling \$147,555.73. Carried 4-0.

Administrator – Kalms reported paving will hopefully start this week, the rate consultant is reviewing Sister Bay rates, The DNR is drafting their Isle View determination, the audit is complete and state forms are filed, and WPS has requested to re-route wires/poles near the North Fire Station.

Committee Appointments –

Resolution 3-23, Authorization of Signatures on Depository Account (LGUD#1 CD) – **Goss moved, Ward second** to approve resolution 3-23 as presented. Carried 4-0. The full resolution can be viewed on the Town website or at the Town Office.

Resolution 4-23, Recognizing John Lowry – **Johnson moved, Ward second** to approve resolution 4-23 as presented. Carried 4-0. The full resolution can be viewed on the Town website or at the Town Office.

Commercial Launch Pass(es) – None.

Short Term Rental License(s) – **Ward moved, Goss second** to approve licenses for 11640 Humbug Road, 12098 Highway 42, 10276 Highway 57, 2751 Old Lime Kiln Road, 10734 White Pine Lane, 2182 Seaquist Road, and 11772 Humbug Road. Carried 4-0.

Operator License(s) – Goss moved, Johnson second to approve 3 operators for Kick Ash as presented. Carried 4-0.

Ward moved, Goss second to remove Ordinance 5-23, Regulating Short-Term Rentals from the table. Carried 4-0.

Ordinance 5-23, Regulating Short-Term Rentals – Public comments: STRs allow connection to community, 7-day restrictions limit ability to maintain property and recover costs, 180-day restriction impacts shoulder season and contractors/employees hired, fees affect owner budgets, the ordinance doesn't solve the problems expressed, conflicting verbiage was noted within the ordinance, thank you for checking the uncontrolled growth of STRs, local housing isn't necessary in the winter, and other municipalities are more relaxed. Board comments: the issue is that the State has defined short-term rentals as a residential use, and this has caused community degradation. The Town Comprehensive Plan clearly discourages STRs in Heartland areas. Goals have been established for groundwater, safety/liability, good neighbors, and enforcement procedures. It is important to identify the documentation needed for complaints. Suggestion made to remove 180-day restriction due to animosity and current occupancy rates already suggest this occurs. The attorneys should create a new draft. **Johnson moved, Goss second** to table Ordinance 5-23 for a future meeting. Carried 4-0.

Correspondence – Kalms reported on Spangler letters, DCEDC event, and the Snowmobile Club Road permission slip.

The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, May 17, 2023 immediately following the initial Board of Review meeting scheduled to begin at 6:30pm. Special Board meeting will be on Friday, May 12, 2023 to review supervisor candidates. Future meeting may begin at 6:00pm.

Johnson moved, Goss second to adjourn at 9:01pm. Carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Anastasia Bell, Clerk/Treasurer
Approved at the 5/17/2023 Town Board meeting.