Town of Liberty Grove
Minutes of the Technology Committee meeting on July 8, 2021
(This meeting was posted correctly)

Agenda:

1. Call to order
2. Roll call
3. Approve agenda
4. Approve minutes: 6/10/2021
5. Public input
6. Report on DCEDC Broadband Engineering Study
7. Consider Town Hall IT business continuity project
    a. Status report on project
    b. Report on recent ransomware attacks
8. Consider future Liberty Grove broadband expansion
    a. Report on Town broadband efforts
    b. Report on Special Town Board meeting on 6/28/21
    c. Report on Nsight correspondence related to 2022 PSC grant application
9. Consider 2022 Technology Committee budget & 5-year project list
10. Future meeting
11. Adjourn

Chair David Studebaker called the meeting to order at 7:03pm. Committee members Cathy Ward, John Dwonch, Les Keepper, and Dan Watts were present along with Administrator Walter Kalms, Clerk/Treasurer Anastasia Bell, and 1 member of the public.

Ward moved, Dwonch second to approve the agenda as posted. Passed 5-0.

Ward moved, Dwonch second to approve the 6/10/2021 minutes as presented. Passed 5-0.

Public Input – John Skogsbakken, Timberline & Highway 42, expressed interest in the fiber project discussion. UW-Grad Students will be presenting information for broadband cooperatives on 8/13/2021 at 1:30pm at the Town Hall.

DCEDC Broadband Infrastructure Study – Finley Engineering has collected information and will provide a report in October.

IT Business Continuity Project – Keepper will work with the office to complete the equipment inventory and determine what can occur before the end of 2021.

Future Broadband Expansion – Studebaker reported on a large ransomware attack elsewhere. The current fiber backbone is not designed for home connections but the section being installed for the Washington Island project will be designed for home connections. Nsight is interested in the joint grant application, but it is unclear if this will be possible for the 2022 PSC grant cycle.

Technology Committee Budget – it was the consensus to include the following items in the 2022 Technology budget request:

- Phone system $3,000
- Board dias monitors $3,000
- Recurring (electric, wi-fi) $3,000

- 2023 Grant matching funds $100,000

The next Technology Committee meeting will be Thursday, August 12, 2021 at 7:00pm

Keepper moved, Watts second to adjourn at 9:15pm. Passed 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Anastasia Bell, Clerk/Treasurer
Approved at the 8/12/2021 Technology Committee meeting