

Town of Liberty Grove
Minutes of the Technology Committee meeting on February 7, 2022
(This meeting was posted correctly)

Agenda:

1. Call to order
2. Roll call
3. Approve Agenda
4. Approve Minutes: 12/6/2021
5. Public input
6. Status reports:
 - a. 2021 Business Continuity Project
 - b. County for \$5,000,000 ARPA funds
7. Town-wide Broadband and Timeline
8. Review of IT Committee Mission Statement
9. 2023 PSC Grant
10. Future meeting
11. Adjourn

Chair David Studebaker called the meeting to order at 5:03pm. Committee members Cathy Ward, Dan Watts, and Les Keepper were present along with Administrator Walter Kalms, and Clerk/Treasurer Anastasia Bell via Zoom. Committee member John Dwonch was absent.

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

Studebaker moved, Ward second to approve the 12/6/2021 minutes as presented. Carried 4-0.

Public Input – None.

Business Continuity Project – None.

County ARPA Funds – Studebaker reported that of the 1 million set aside for broadband, the County has set 1/3 of the funds for their coordinator and the remaining 2/3 to programming, grants, and build out in 2024. This is not likely to provide significant financial assistance to the Town.

Town-wide Broadband – Studebaker reported that Nsight is working with WPS on the pole issue for their own grant after which they can move forward with the Town grant. The engineering design from Nsight is estimated to cost \$150,000 and is necessary to proceed with Town-wide broadband. The design can use used to determine the cost for seeking funding, borrowing is the likely option unless large grants become available. Kalms noted this is currently a contact for professional services, but the project will need to be bid if it becomes a public works project. **Keepper moved, Ward second** to recommend the Town Board proceed with the engineering design from Nsight at a cost estimate of \$150,000. Roll call vote: Studebaker, Keepper, Ward, and Watts voted aye, no nays. Carried 4-0.

2023 Grant Application – Studebaker stated that the PSC has confirmed they will not award engineering/design requests and the current application is due 3/17/2022. It was the consensus to not apply for a grant due 3/17/2022.

Mission Statement – **Studebaker moved, Ward second** to approve the Technology Committee mission statement as presented. Carried 4-0.

The next Technology Committee meeting will be Monday, March 7, 2022 at 5:00pm.

Ward moved, Watts second to adjourn at 6:32pm. Carried 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anastasia Bell, Clerk/Treasurer

Approved at the 3/7/2022 Technology Committee meeting.