

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

Agenda:

1. Call to order
2. Roll call
3. Approve Agenda
4. Approve Minutes: 2/7/2022
5. Public input
6. Status reports:
 - a. 2021 Business Continuity Project
 - b. County ARPA funds to be provided to municipalities
 - c. Survey for Door County North business group
 - d. 2022 PSC Grant
7. Town-wide Broadband Engineering Design Study and Timeline
8. Integration of broadband, affordable housing, and business expansion efforts
9. Public Communication and education regarding Town-wide fiber implementation
10. Future meeting
11. Adjourn

Chair David Studebaker called the meeting to order at 5:08pm. Committee members Les Keeper, and Dan Watts were present along with Administrator Walter Kalms, Clerk/Treasurer Anastasia Bell and 2 members of the public via Zoom. Committee member John Dwonch was excused.

Studebaker moved, Keeper second to approve the agenda with items 8 and 9 to be discussed in reversed order. Carried 3-0. Committee member Cathy Ward connected to the meeting.

Studebaker moved, Ward second to approve the 2/7/2022 minutes as corrected. Carried 4-0.

Public Input – None.

Business Continuity Project – Studebaker reported that he has asked Watts to work with Keeper on this project.

County ARPA Funds – Studebaker reported that the amount allocated is based on dwellings regardless of being occupied. These funds may be available but will be restricted to broadband projects.

Survey Distributed by DCN – Studebaker indicated the survey is schedule to be distributed by Mickie today and Nsight has recommended a similar survey be sent to residents.

2022 PSC Grant – Studebaker reported that Nsight has confirmed this project will proceed despite the increased costs.

Engineering Design Study – Studebaker reported that the Town Board has decided to move ahead with this design study and will borrow the full \$150,000 with payments in 2022 to come from the Technology Capital funds.

Public Communication/Education – Studebaker anticipates that information will need to be available and shared to gain public support. Ward will contact Gibraltar School for education related updates. It was noted that the need for broadband is apparent. An explanation of the costs will be better received when the financial information is available. Studebaker requested members focus on ideas for the educational materials.

Broadband, Housing, and Business Expansion – Studebaker requested members think about how these items are related and how efforts can be shared. Lowry indicated the Economic Development Committee is planning to review Town maps with the Plan Commission and he anticipates a mid-summer meeting to be held with the Economic Development and Technology Committees.

The next Technology Committee meeting will be Monday, April 4, 2022 at 5:15pm.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Anastasia Bell, Clerk/Treasurer

Approved at the 5/2/2022 Technology Committee meeting.