Town of Liberty Grove
Minutes of the Technology Committee meeting on June 13, 2022
(This meeting was posted correctly)

Agenda:

1. Call to order
2. Roll call
3. Approve Agenda
4. Approve Minutes: 5/2/2022
5. Public Input
6. Project Status Reports:
    a. Business Continuity Project
    b. 2022 PSC Grant
    c. EV Charger at Ellison Bay Community Center
    d. EV Charger at Maritime Museum
    e. Nsight Engineering Design Project
    f. Non-Town PSC Grant Applications
    g. Personal Bios for Town Newsletter
7. Committee Team Projects
    a. Town Website Question & Answer
    b. Public Communication/Education Regarding Broadband Implementation
    c. Northern Door Intercommunity Broadband Efforts
8. 2023 Technology Committee Budget Request
9. Correspondence
10. Future meeting
11. Adjourn

Chair David Studebaker called the meeting to order at 7:02pm. Committee members Dan Watts, Joel Asher, Cathy Ward, Les Keepper, and Kirk Scattergood were present along with Administrator Walter Kalms, and Clerk/Treasurer Anastasia Bell.

Ward moved, Watts second to approve the agenda as posted. Carried 6-0.

Ward moved, Asher second to approve the 5/2/2022 minutes as presented. Carried 6-0.

Public Input – Joel Asher provided a brief introduction.

Business Continuity Project – None.

2022 PSC Grant – Studebaker reported the poles are ready for fiber installation.

EV Charging Stations – Scattergood reported that the cellular upgrade for the DDMM charging station is approximately $400. Asher noted it may be more appropriate to install a “super charger”. The current power capacity of the DDMM and EBCC locations will be needed with the “super charger” cost estimate for the next meeting. The current station should be removed from maps/advertisements if it is not fully functional.

Engineering Design Study – Studebaker reported that two proposals have been received and they are both significantly more than the Baileys Harbor project. The reasons given are that Liberty Grove has 2X the land area, will require 3X the hardware and extra commuting time to complete the project. Kalms noted that a referendum may not be required if the Board were to take out a loan and then refinance it into a bond.

Other PSC Grant Applications – Studebaker noted awards have not been announced.

Personal Bios – All have been received.

Website Question and Answer – Keepper and Watts will continue to work on this project.

Public Communication – Ward and Asher indicated this is a work in progress, the audience is unknown at this time. It was the consensus that the need for internet has been established. It may be beneficial to gather information on “served” vs. “underserved” for future grant applications.

Intercommunity Broadband Efforts – Studebaker reported that a formal committee has been formed by the County and their next meeting is 6/30/2022 which will involve municipal representatives. There are also two informal groups that meet regularly to exchange information on the progress occurring in the various municipalities. Bertram is working to establish an active optical network (AON) versus a passive optical network (PON) for service.

2023 Technology Budget – Additional information should be provided for the “super charger” car stations and Asher will create an option list for the Board dais screens.

Correspondence – None.

The next Technology Committee meeting will be Monday, July 11, 2022 at 7:00pm.

Asher moved, Ward second to adjourn at 9:06pm. Carried 6-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Anastasia Bell, Clerk/Treasurer
Approved at the 7/18/22 Technology Committee meeting.