

Town of Liberty Grove
Minutes of the Highway Committee on September 19, 2022

Agenda:

1. Call to order
2. Declaration of quorum
3. Approve Agenda
4. Approve Minutes: 9-12-2022
5. Public input
6. Equipment Purchase
7. 2023 Budget
8. Correspondence
9. Future meetings
10. Adjourn

Chair Dale Stewart called the meeting to order at 8:00am. Committee members Jay Olson, Walter Kalms, and Janet Johnson were present along with Clerk/Treasurer Anastasia Bell and 1 member of the public.

Johnson moved, Kalms second to approve the agenda as posted. Carried 4-0.

Kalms moved, Johnson second to approve the 9-12-22 minutes as presented. Carried 4-0.

Public Input – None.

Equipment Purchase – Kalms reported the current excavator is too small for the tasks, there is a history of breakdowns due to over-working the unit, and the crew is unable to lift materials into the dump trucks which requires two pieces of equipment and 2 operators for any task. A new unit would reduce labor costs and increase safety. The Town could receive \$5,000 for the current trailer which would decrease the overall cost estimate to \$82,295 for a new excavator and trailer. There are funds currently available in the Highway capital account and additional planned to be added as part of the 2023 budget. **Johnson moved, Stewart second** to recommend the Town Board replace the E55 excavator and trailer with a John Deere 85 and goose-neck trailer with a total not to exceed \$87,295.00. Carried 4-0.

2023 Budget – Olson reported another road may need to be selected as he is still waiting for a response from the Village regarding Country Lane. The current maximum width possible is 24-ft.

Correspondence – None.

The next Highway meetings will be Monday, October 3, 2022, at 8:00am.

Kalms moved, Johnson second to adjourn at 8:30am. Carried 4-0

Respectfully submitted,

Anastasia Bell, Clerk/Treasurer

Approved at the 3/6/2023 Highway Committee meeting.