

Town of Liberty Grove
Minutes of the Highway Committee on March 6, 2023

Agenda:

1. Call to order
2. Declaration of quorum
3. Approve Agenda
4. Approve Minutes: 9/19/2022, 11/7/2022
5. Public input
6. Request: Stripes on Mink River Road
7. Report on Current Projects
 - a. Isle View standpipe—DNR contact
 - b. Europe Bay Rd—DNR input re: paving/right of way clearing
 - c. Door Bluff Rd at Maplewood
8. Report on Highway 42 DOT Speed Study
9. Juice Mill Lane Right-of-Way Discrepancy
10. Request to Lower Speed Limit of State Highway 42 on Ellison Bay Hill
11. Request for parking off East Door Bluff Rd—Door Co. Parks
12. 4-way stop: Flint Ridge Rd & Orchard Dr
13. Criteria for Town Road Weight Limits
14. Paving projects for 2023—solicit bids
15. Correspondence
16. Future meetings
17. Adjourn

Chair Dale Stewart called the meeting to order at 8:04am. Committee members Janet Johnson, and Walter Kalms, were present along with Clerk/Treasurer Anastasia Bell and 3 members of the public. Committee members Bill Surbaugh and Jay Olson were excused.

Johnson moved, Kalms second to approve the agenda as posted. Carried 3-0.

Kalms moved, Johnson second to approve the 9/19/22 minutes as presented. Carried 3-0.

Kalms moved, Stewart second to approve the 11/7/22 minutes as presented. Carried 3-0.

Public Input – Marc Savard, following up on culvert issue from fall of 2022 for criteria for a culvert. Cathy Ward, Rowley’s Bay area businesses are planning to get e-bikes and funding may be available from the Door Community Fund Grant. Natalie Neddersen, Door Bluff Park was to remain undeveloped, the proposed location of parking would create access to the empty area in the middle of the park.

Mink River Road – Stewart noted the lines would mark the shoulder, but they would not designate an official bike/pedestrian path. This could create precedence and increase such requests. Kalms indicated current striping in no passing zones near significant curves and he is waiting for an estimate from Keweenaw County. Johnson stated it doesn’t seem necessary. Consensus to review quote when available.

Isle View Standpipe – Kalms noted the DNR is planning to meet on 4/18/2023 for jurisdictional review with Europe Lake and Town representatives present.

Europe Bay Road – Kalms reported the DNR will create an invasive species survey in June. Johnson asked if a conservation group could remove and relocate the found species.

Door Bluff Rd at Maplewood – Kalms noted there is significant deterioration of the intersection.

DOT Speed Study Hwy 42 – Stewart reported the DOT will not change the speed limit between Ellison Bay and the fire station.

Juice Mill Right-of Way (ROW) – Kalms reported there are no records of ROW when the road was laid out. Wisconsin Towns Association and Statutes indicate 66-ft is assumed if records are not available.

Kalms moved, Stewart second that based on lack of evidence to the contrary, the Highway Committee recommend the Town Board assume a ROW of 66-ft on Juice Mill Lane. Carried 3-0.

Ellison Bay Hill Speed Limit – Stewart noted the speed limit would need to be reduced before the hill. Johnson asked if a flashing solar light could be installed at the current 45mph reduction sign. Kalms will investigate.

Door County Parks Parking on East Door Bluff – Stewart noted the location is not near any park trails. Kalms indicated the request was to park 2-3 cars in the area. Johnson asked if a driveway permit would be more appropriate since it would be access to their land instead of parking on the side of the road.

Flint Ridge Rd and Orchard Dr – Stewart confirmed this is a blind intersection and requested Kalms send a letter to the Village to see if they would consider a stop sign on their side of the road.

Town Road Weight Limit Criteria – Stewart requested a better announcement of limits and requested Olson explain the science behind when limits are in place. Johnson noted it is weather dependent which is unpredictable. Consensus to discuss again.

2023 Paving – Kalms reported \$583,500 available if Europe Bay is removed. Door Bluff Rd, Newport Lane, and Cedar Shore Road may be options. Johnson requested efforts be made to pave gravel roads before repaving roads. It was the consensus to delete Europe Bay Road, add Skaugum Road to the bid list and to add Newport Lane as an alternate for paving in 2023.

Correspondence – Kalms noted the Town Board approved crushing and he will have patrol truck information soon.

The next Highway meetings will be at 8:00am on Monday, April 10, 2023.

Kalms moved, Johnson second to adjourn at 10:03am. Carried 3-0

Respectfully submitted,

Anastasia Bell, Clerk/Treasurer

Approved at the 04/10/2023 Highway Committee meeting.