

**Town of Liberty Grove
Minutes of the Highway Committee on May 1, 2023**

Agenda:

1. Call to order
2. Declaration of quorum
3. Approve Agenda
4. Approve Minutes: 5/1/23
5. Public input
6. Chip seal roads: open bids for 2023 work, recommend to Board
7. Road Weight Limits—criteria for implementation
8. Correspondence
9. Future meetings
10. Adjourn

Chairman Dale Stewart called the meeting to order at 8:00 am. Committee members Jay Olson, Walter Kalms, and Billy Appel were present along with Clerk/Treasurer Anastasia Bell and 3 members of the public. Committee member Bill Surbaugh was excused.

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

Kalms moved, Olson second to approve the 5/1/23 minutes as presented. Carried 4-0.

Public Input – None.

2023 Chip Seal – Kalms opened the only bid received which was from Scott Construction.

Humbug Road (STH 42 for 1.05 miles)	31,908.00
North Bay Road (CTH ZZ to gravel portion 2.30 miles)	69,895.00
Mink River Road (CTH ZZ to Waters End Road 0.72 mile)	21,880.00
Waters End Road (CTH ZZ to Lake Michigan 1.02 miles)	30,997.00
Garrett Bay Road (Maplewood to East Door Bluff 0.86 mile)	21,134.00
Total	180,814.00

Kalms moved, Olson second to recommend awarding the bid to Scott Construction minus North Bay Road to total 110,919.00. Carried 4-0. It was the consensus to determine another road length of approximately one mile to be recommended to the Town Board at a future meeting.

Weight Limits – Janet Johnson requested to know the science behind the decision each year. Committee comments: no definitive criteria, establish dates for the earliest and latest time depending on weather conditions, contractor notification. Olson reported the freezing and thawing causes shoulders to get soft, the heavy vehicles cause the road base to press out from under the roadway and the shoulder edges break easier. State Highways and main roads are wider, have more pavement, and the base is built better. The shoulders are probed often once the day-time temperature is above freezing for a few days.

Correspondence – Kalms reported the DOT said the speed limit reduction sign is farther than normal and the hill doesn't meet criteria for a hill sign. Speed limit reduction request for next meeting.

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

Kalms moved, Appel second to adjourn at 8:57am. Carried 4-0

Respectfully submitted,
Anastasia Bell, Clerk/Treasurer

Approved at the 7/10/2023 Highway Committee meeting