

Town of Liberty Grove
Minutes of the Highway Committee meeting on June 2, 2025

Agenda:

1. Call to order
2. Declaration of Quorum
3. Approve Agenda
4. Approve minutes from 4/24/25
5. Public input
6. Bids for chip-sealing
7. Additional “stop” signage where Europe Bay Rd & Isle View Rd intersect with Timberline Rd
8. Speed limit on Old Stage Rd
9. Report on Status of current projects-Town Maintenance Crew
10. Consider roads for paving in 2026
11. Correspondence
12. Future meeting date(s)
13. Adjourn

Chairman Dale Stewart called the meeting to order at 8:00am. Committee members Billy Appel and Bud Kalms were present along with Clerk/Treasurer Pamela Donart-Welcome, and 1 member of the public. Jay Olson and Bill Surbaugh were excused absent.

Kalms moved, Appel seconded to approve the agenda as presented. **Carried 3 - 0**

Appel moved, Stewart seconded to approve the 4/24/25 minutes as presented. **Carried 3 – 0**

Public input: Dale Stewart spoke about the many requests that come in from residents to have the speed limit reduced in front of their house. He noted that many factors go into setting speed limits, he feels the existing speed limits are sufficient, and the Town has limited ability to enforce speed limits when violations occur.

The two submitted **bids for 2025 chip sealing** were unsealed and reviewed. The bid from Fahrner Asphalt Sealers was \$99,193.00, and the bid from Scott Construction was \$102,013.00. Both amounts were within the Town’s budget for chip-sealing, however the bid from Fahrner did not include patching potholes prior to chip-sealing in their project proposal, as required in the published Ad for bids. The committee members decided that since Scott Construction will patch potholes as well as double-bar patching the road edges prior to their chip-sealing process, they should be awarded the project.

Appel moved, Kalms seconded to recommend the Town Board accept the bid form Scott Construction for chip-sealing the Town roads as laid out for a total of \$102,013.00. **Carried 3 – 0**

Appel clarified the need for **additional “stop” signage where Europe Bay Rd & Isle View Rd intersect with Timberline Rd** due to increased incidents of “close call incidents” at those intersections.

Administrator Kalms noted there is money in the Town budget for additional stop signs.

Stewart moved, Appel seconded to recommend the Town Board approve the installation of additional stop signs at the intersections where Europe Bay Road and Isle View Rd intersect with Timberline, but not creating a four-way stop. **Carried 3 – 0**

****On 8/4/25, Chairman Stewart requested adding an amendment to these minutes clarifying that there will be an additional sign added on left side of the street to be seen as one approaches each of the two noted intersections, and no stop signs will be added to Timberline.**

The committee discussed adding speed limit signs to clarify the existing speed limit of 55mp on Old Stage Road. Historically on unmarked Town Roads, it is understood that the speed limit is 55mph, however there have been several dangerous incidents resulting from apparent confusion about that rule. **Appel moved, Stewart seconded** to recommend the Town Board approve posting the 55mph speed limit as appropriate on Old Stage Road to acknowledge & clarify the existing speed limit. **Carried 3 – 0**

Administrator Kalms asked the committee members to start considering which roads might qualify for **paving in 2026.**

Current projects: Administrator Kalms reported that most of the 2025 paving & shouldering is underway and should be finished in the second week of June.

Correspondence: Kalms shared a request from a resident wanting the speed limit to be lowered on Highway 57 so it remains 45mph north of Highway Q between Old Stage and the Village of Sister Bay instead of increasing to 55mph along that stretch, and clarified the Town does not have jurisdiction over State highways; the lighted speed board was placed on Isle View Road again to deter speeding.

Future Meetings: The next meetings are scheduled for 8:00am on the first Mondays of each month beginning with July 7, 2025.

Appel moved, Kalms seconded to adjourn at 8:59am. **Carried 3 - 0**

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Donart-Welcome, Clerk/Treasurer

****Adopted 8/4/25**