

Town of Liberty Grove
Minutes of the Highway Committee meeting on May 4, 2026

Agenda:

1. Call to order
2. Declaration of Quorum
3. Approve Agenda
4. Approve minutes from 3/30/26
5. Public input
6. Update on Cedar Shore Road
7. Report on status of 2026 paving projects and DOT LRIP TRID grant request.
8. Discussion of potential roads for 2026 chip sealing.
9. Update on request for ATV use on Town roads.
10. Correspondence
11. Future meeting date(s)
12. Adjourn

Chairman Dale Stewart called the meeting to order at 8:00am. Committee members Bill Surbaugh, Billy Appel, Jay Olson, and Bud Kalms were present. Administrator Buckingham, Clerk/Treasurer Pamela Donart-Welcome, and 11 members of the public were also in attendance.

Olson moved, Surbaugh seconded to approve the agenda as presented. **Carried 5 - 0**

Surbaugh moved, Olson seconded to approve the 3/30/26 minutes as presented. **Carried 5 – 0**

Public input: Kristie Moss-Henriksen of Isle View Road in Gills Rock asked the committee to consider exploring options to reduce the speed limit on Isle View Road such as adding bright flags to existing speed limit signs or using temporary speed bumps. She also requested that the Highway maintenance crew consider upgrading the culvert near her home, to ensure efficient drainage can occur. Dale Stewart shared that the water flowing down the hill into Elliison Bay is not draining efficiently. He also noted that the paved edges of Isle View Road near the intersection of Timberline Road have been significantly damaged by Wisconsin Public Services subcontractors' equipment.

Regarding an update on **Cedar Shore Road**, Administrator Buckingham reported that he has been in contact with a representative of Stantec Engineering who is doing the survey work for an engineering plan to deal with the water along Cedar Shore Road. He estimated we should be getting remedy options to discuss within a couple of months. Regarding the **2026 Paving projects** underway, Administrator Buckingham reported that Northeast Asphalt are finishing up Flint Ridge, Porcupine Bay and Old Stage Roads this morning, prep work on North Bay Road is nearly complete in anticipation of paving there this week, and then they'll move up to North Badger Road. Buckingham also announced that the DOT LRIP TRID grant was awarded to the Town for up to \$275,000 in reimbursement after completion of the North Bay Road paving project.

Prior to discussion on discussion on which roads would be considered for **chip-sealing** this year, Chairman Stewart asked for clarification so the public could better understand the value of chip-sealing on roads. Buckingham explained how it can seal up a lot of the cracks which prevents moisture from getting in and expanding during freezing temperatures. Crew Chief Jay Olson agreed and said it could prolong the life of a road 7-8 years. As far as which roads to prioritize, Olson suggested Old Stage Road from the curve south of CTH-ZZ up to the Wildwood Road intersection, Garrett Bay Road from Old School Road to Maplewood Drive, and Plateau Road. **Kalms moved, Olson seconded** to solicit chip-sealing bids to include the roads we mentioned today for a minimum of 5 miles of treatment. **Carried 5 - 0**

Prior to discussion on the request for **ATV use on Town roads**, Larry Kabe of 2620 German Road in Baileys Harbor shared his support on the subject including the idea that existing law enforcement could address any rules violations, the DNR would take care of needed signage, and posted speed limits would not need to be adjusted. He then shared some sample ordinance language from other communities in the State with the Committee and added his hopes of limiting the rentals of ATVs & UTVs in the Town. Appel reported that he researching ways to address the issue of speed limits, and asked for input on which roads might be off-limits or have additional restrictions for ATV use. Surbaugh suggested having limits on nighttime use. Kalms suggested reaching out to adjacent communities to see if their shared boarder roads will allow use. The Committee will plan on working up a draft ordinance at their next meeting.

Correspondence: none

Future Meetings: The next Highway Committee meetings were scheduled for June 1, July 7, Aug 4, and Sept 14, 2026—all meetings begin at 8:00am.

Olson moved, Surbaugh seconded to adjourn at 9:10am. **Carried 5 - 0**

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Donart-Welcome, Clerk/Treasurer
Approved on 6/1/26