

Town of Liberty Grove
Minutes of the Finance Committee on September 11, 2023
(this meeting was correctly posted)

Agenda:

1. Call to order
2. Declaration of quorum
3. Approve Agenda
4. Approve Minutes 8/28/23
5. Review of Town Finances and 2024 Budget
6. Future meetings
7. Adjourn

Chair Nancy Goss called the meeting to order at 2:33pm. Committee members Janet Johnson, Andrew Gantman, and John Lowry were present along with Administrator Walter Kalms, Clerk/Treasurer Anastasia Bell, and approximately 15 members of the public. Committee member Gary Kemp was excused.

Kemp moved, Goss second to approve the agenda as posted. Carried 5-0.

Johnson moved, Gantman second to approve the 10/28/22 minutes as presented. Carried 5-0.

Town Finances and 2024 budget – Kalms reported on the changes made to draft #2b of the 2024 budget. The following were discussed during the review:

- Shared Revenue amount should be known 9/15
- Net new construction affects the levy limit
- Consumer Price Index (CPI) not available until October-affects Fire Board allowable levy
- Waiting for Village to respond regarding Country Lane paving – they would pay half
- Insurance rate is not final, estimate is currently 15%
- Will need to blast, the per ton rate is not yet available
- Final Town assessed value will be available after Board of Review on 9/20/2023
- Personnel has not met for wage related items.

Door County Coastal Byways, Anne Miller, thanked the Committee for previous support and noted it has been a good year for grants. Door County North, Cathy Ward, provided tourism statistics which justify the request for the coordinator. She confirmed the membership fees do not support the coordinator's salary. Do Good Door County, Cynthia Germain, indicated a survey was conducted which found people need meals, help at home, and socialization to stay in their homes as they age. The organization would like to start a "village" model to support the residents of Sister Bay and Liberty Grove and the awareness campaign is anticipated to cost \$30,000.00. The membership dues model has not been determined at this time. Faye Blue and Kathy Wagner attested to the mission and necessity of this service. Greater Escarpment Organization of Door County, Janet Johnson noted the organization is not able to move forward with their desired building at this time and has chosen to change their focus to gain awareness of the organization and the escarpment with the public by installing a park with educational signage at their current property. The building fund is still in place, and they're planning to apply for grants to assist with the project estimated to cost \$25,000.00.

Liberty Grove Historical Society, David Westin, indicated the organization continues to grow, they support history and current businesses and their events have continued to be successful. **Goss moved, Lowry second** to approve \$3,800.00 for Gills Rock Advancement Association. Carried 4-0. **Lowry moved, Gantman second** to approve \$29,400.00 for Liberty Grove Historical Society. Carried 4-0. **Goss moved, Lowry second** to approve \$500.00 for Door County Coastal Byways. Carried 4-0. **Gantman moved, Goss second** to approve \$5,000.00 for Door County Humane Society. Carried 4-0. **Lowry moved, Goss second** to approve \$36,787.00 for Door County North. Carried 3-0-1

(Gantman abstained). **Lowry moved, Gantman second** to approve \$14,350.00 for Door County Secret Santa. Carried 4-0. **Lowry moved, Gantman second** to approve \$9,400.00 for Door Good Door County. Carried 4-0. **Goss moved, Ward second** to approve \$8,250.00 for Ellison Bay Service Club. Carried 4-0. GEO-DC will be considered a future meeting.

The next Finance Committee meetings will be 9/25/2023 and 10/9/2023 at 2:30pm.

Johnson moved, Goss second to adjourn at 3:36pm. Carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Anastasia Bell, Clerk/Treasurer

Approved at the 9/25/2023 Finance Committee meeting.