

Town of Liberty Grove
Minutes of the Technology Committee meeting on August 4, 2025

Agenda:

1. Call to order
2. Declaration of Quorum
3. Approve Agenda
4. Approve Technology minutes from 10/7/24
5. Public input
6. First look at 2026 Technology Budget
7. Report on having possible public forum with Frontier reps
8. Report on Solar power for municipal buildings
9. Report on shifting municipal parking lot lights over to LEDs
10. Correspondence
11. Future meeting date(s)
12. Adjourn

Chairman Scattergood called the meeting to order at 4:30pm. Committee members Lester Keepper, Jodi Bensyl, Andrew Gantman were present. Dan Watts arrived at 4:57pm. Administrator Buckingham and Clerk/Treasurer Pamela Donart-Welcome were also in attendance along with one member of the public.

Keepper moved, Bensyl seconded to approve the agenda as posted. **Carried 4 - 0**

Bensyl moved, Scattergood seconded to approve the 10/7/25 minutes as presented. **Carried 4 – 0.**

Public input: Carl Maglio of 424 Deer Trail, Ellison Bay requested more transparency from the Town on the status of the Townwide Broadband project. Jody Bensyl clarified that although the Town and Frontier met the original deadlines and requirements for the BEAD grant funds, all progress was halted when the Federal government paused BEAD grant money distribution. She shared her anticipation that distribution of funds would resume this fall, and that Frontier is ready to begin their installation soon after, possibly as early as Spring 2026.

Watts moved, Scattergood seconded to add \$5,000 to the 2026 Budget for incentivizing Dark Sky lighting. **Carried 5 – 0**

Scattergood moved, Gantman seconded to add \$5,000 to the 2026 Budget to upgrade Town office computer desktops & monitors. **Carried 5 – 0**

Scattergood moved, Bensyl seconded to add \$2,000 to the 2026 Budget to gradually upgrade Town street lights to LED. **Carried 5 – 0**

Bensyl reported that once the BEAD funding is approved, and the Town-wide Broadband project can commence, the Frontier reps would be happy to schedule a Public Forum to give the Town electors an update on the next steps. The Committee tabled the discussion on solar power for

municipal buildings. Discussion on replacing Town property lights to LED will take place at a future meeting after gathering more data.

Correspondence: none

Future Meeting: The next meeting date/time was scheduled for September 8, 2025 at 4:30pm.

Keeper moved, Bensyl seconded to adjourn at 5:25pm. **Carried 5 - 0**

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Donart-Welcome, Clerk/Treasurer
Approve on 9/8/25