Town of Liberty Grove
Minutes of the Community Development &Technology Committee meeting on October 23, 2023
(This meeting was posted correctly)

Agenda:

1. Call to order
2. Roll call
3. Approve Agenda
4. Approve Minutes: 9-11-2023
5. Public Input
6. Broadband Pilot Project Status Report
7. Town-wide Broadband Project
    a. Review of FARR Technologies Engineering Design Report
    b. Letter of Understanding for Phase 1 of Fiber Buildout
    c. Fiber Project Agreement
    d. Capital Funds Grant and Other Financing Options
8. Meeting Room(s) Audio/Video Quote
9. Affordable Housing Options
10. Correspondence
11. Future meeting
12. Adjourn

Chairman Kirk Scattergood (virtual) called the meeting to order at 5:30pm. Committee members Dan Watts, Alan Kroll, Jodi Bensyl, Joel Asher, Sylvann Welcome, and Les Keepper were present along with Administrator Walter Kalms, Clerk/Treasurers, Pam Donart-Welcome and Anastasia Bell along with 2 members of the public.

Asher moved, Kroll second to approve the agenda as posted. Carried 7-0.

Bensyl moved, Watts second to approve the 9/11/2023 minutes as presented. Carried 7-0.

Public Input – None.

Pilot Project – Mick O'Malley, Nsight, WPS make ready anticipated by end of November.

Town-wide Broadband – Mick O'Malley presented a map of proposed first phase installation of fiber internet, and requested the Town apply for the Capital Funds Grant (deadline of Nov 7th) to help with the cost of installing in 25% of the Town (664 sites) estimated at $8,880,758.08. Installation in the remaining 75% of the Town would require applying for BEAD Grant at a future date. The committee asked Nsight to indicate the amount they will pledge, why Nsight is not covering the installation equipment costs, and expressed concern for covering the remaining 75% of the Town. The Committee requested access to the Town engineering design conducted by FARR. **Watts moved, Bensyl second** to recommend the Town Board apply for the Capital Funds Grant requesting 66% of the project costs. Carried 7-0. Scattergood left the meeting at 7:06pm. **Watts moved, Kroll second** to nominate Keepper as chair for the remainder of the meeting. Carried 5-1(Keepper).

Meeting Room Audio/Video – Asher noted the new quote of $23,000.00 was a more reasonable quote but will seek out two more quotes per consensus.

Affordable Housing – Kroll indicated there needs to be more data from the DCEDC to understand who makes up the target group.

Correspondence – Kroll suggested having presentations from the community groups who receive funding from the Town at a future meeting.

The next meeting will be 11/13/2023 at 4:30pm.

Kroll moved, Asher second to adjourn at 7:31pm. Carried 6-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Donart-Welcome, Clerk/Treasurer

Approved at the 11/13/23 Community Development & Technology Meeting