

Town of Liberty Grove
Minutes of the Community Development & Technology meeting on November 13, 2023

Agenda:

1. Call to order
2. Roll Call
3. Approve Agenda
4. Approve minutes from 10/23/23
5. Public input
6. Report on Town Broadband Projects
 - a. Pilot Project
 - b. Town-wide Project
 - c. ISP status/options
7. Meeting Room(s) Audio/Video Quotes
8. Presentation from Mickie Rasch, Door County North
9. Affordable Housing Options
 - a. DCEDC Report on Housing Demographics
10. Correspondence
11. Future meeting
12. Adjourn

Quorum present: Chairman Scattergood called the meeting to order at 4:35pm. Committee members Joel Asher, Jodi Bensyl, Dan Watts, Les Keepper, were present, and Sylvann Welcome was virtual. Administrator Kalms, Clerk/Treasurer Pamela Donart-Welcome, and two members of the public were in attendance.

Asher moved, Bensyl second to approve the agenda as posted. **Carried 5 - 0**

Keepper moved, Bensyl second to approve the 10/23/23 minutes as presented. **Carried 5 - 0**

Public input: none

Town Broadband Project: There were no new updates regarding the pilot project. During discussion about the Town-wide Project, committee members expressed concern over the higher than expected costs of bringing fiber internet to the whole Town. It was suggested we consider reaching out to other ISPs in hopes of having alternate options in the event the Capital Funds Grant with the Nsight/Cellcom or BEAD Grant funding fails to help lower costs to taxpayers. **Scattergood moved, Bensyl second** to write requests for proposals to Bertram, AT&T, and Spectrum to present at a future Town Board meeting.

Quotes for Meeting Room A/V upgrades: The committee compared three proposals (from Camera Corner, Schaut Technologies, and Quantum Technologies) to upgrade the audiovisual systems in the Town's large & small meeting rooms. Costs were comparable between the three options, so the committee discussed the methods of installation. **Watts moved, Scattergood second** to bring the Quantum Technologies proposal before the Town Board for consideration. **Carried 4-0**

Affordable Housing: Michelle Lawrie, Executive Director of DCEDC presented some study results and data from the American Community Survey and United Way including the median age of residents and income per household in the Town compared to other areas in the state.

Correspondence: A letter from Janet Johnson was presented which listed several suggested topics of discussion for future meetings.

Future Meeting(s): The next tentative meeting date/time was scheduled for 12/11/23 at 4:30pm.

Asher moved, Keepper second to adjourn at 6:04pm **Carried 5 - 0**

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Donart-Welcome, Clerk/Treasurer