

TOWN OF LIBERTY GROVE PUBLIC MEETING

Community Development & Technology Meeting

Date: December 11, 2023

Time: 4:30pm

Place: Town Hall, 11161 Old Stage Road

Agenda:

1. Call to order
2. Declaration of Quorum
3. Approve Agenda
4. Approve minutes from 11/13/23
5. Public input
6. Report on Town Broadband Projects
 - a. Pilot Project
 - b. RFP's for other ISP's
7. Meeting Room Upgrade status
8. Presentation from Mickie Rasch, Door County North
9. Discussion of future topics for community development
10. Follow up to 11/13 DCEDC presentation
11. Discussion of organizations who receive donations from the Town each year
12. Correspondence
13. Future meeting date(s)
14. Adjourn

All agenda items will include discussion and possible action.

**Report items will not be discussed or voted on.*

Deviation from listed order may occur.

Audience members must ask for permission, during "Public input," to speak on agenda items.

Pamela Donart-Welcome, Clerk/Treasurer

Members of the Town Board or any other Town Committee, who are not members of the body whose meeting agenda is published in this notice, are entitled, as any other citizen of the Town of Liberty Grove, to attend this meeting in an unofficial capacity. It is possible the attendance of one or more non-members may create a quorum of the membership of another body. Such a quorum is unintended, and the non-members are not meeting for the purpose of exercising the powers or duties attendant upon their membership on any Town Committee or Board.

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 Laurie, 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

Correspondence:

At your next CD&T meeting I would like the committee to not only explore other ISP options but to also discuss how we can better serve the **ENTIRE** town.

- How can we help our 501 C organizations.
- Hold farmer's markets both summer and winter or markets that for profit businesses that have to close in the winter can sell their products maybe once a month during the winter. This could include all of our local artists.
- Encourage zoning changes to allow smaller, affordable lots or lots that a second dwelling for long term only rental can be built.
- Think of activities that take place in other municipalities and figure a way to hold them in Liberty Grove such as movies or band concerts.
- Maybe our blue-collar businesses would want to hold a job fair looking for either skilled or apprentice workers in the area.
- Provide space for fund raising for Liberty Grove organizations at no cost.

As I said before I was contacted by the Peninsula Pulse and asked why Liberty Grove never has any activities to report similar to Sister Bay, Baileys Harbor, Ephraim or Gibraltar. We cover from North Port to Grove Road. There are a lot of small businesses in that area that maybe we can somehow help.

List of organizations the Town has donated money to in prior years:

DC Coastal Byway - \$0 in 2020, \$300 in 2021, \$1,300 in 2022, and \$500 in 2023

WI Humane Society - \$5,000 in 2020, \$5,000 in 2021, \$3,000 in 2022, and \$5,000 in 2023

DC North - \$31,250 in 2020, \$31,250 in 2021, \$31,250 in 2022, and \$36,787 in 2023

DC Secret Santa Blues on the Bay - \$8,675 in 2020, \$0 in 2021, \$7,850 in 2022, and \$12,700 in 2023

Do Good Door County - no requests prior to 2024

Ellison Bay Service Club - \$10,000 in 2020, \$4,000 in 2021, \$12,250 in 2022, and \$16,250 in 2023

Gills Rock Advancement - no request in 2020, no request in 2021, \$2,825 in 2022, and \$3,500 in 2023

GEO DC - \$20,000 in 2020, \$10,000 in 2021, \$15,000 in 2022, and \$25,000 in 2023