

Town of Liberty Grove
Minutes of the Town Board meeting on February 17, 2021
(this meeting was correctly posted)

Agenda:

1. Call to order
2. Declaration of a quorum followed by pledge of allegiance
3. Approve agenda
4. Adjourn to closed session per Stat. 19.85 (1)(e): deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session—land purchase parcel 018-40-0001 and §19.85 (1)(g): Confer with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved—wastewater treatment plant
5. Approve minutes: 1-20-21 Board meeting
6. Administrator Report
7. Approve payment of bills
8. Treasurers report
9. Public input
10. Update on Door County North activities
11. Utilities Committee report
12. Consider recommendation from Mariners Park ad hoc: disposition of building(s) at Mariners Park at Gills Rock
13. Pursuant to Wis. Stats. § 60.12(1)(c) and 60.10 (2)(e), call for a special town meeting to authorize disposal of real property at Mariners Park at Gills Rock.
14. Appoint Liberty Grove representative to DCTZ
15. Discussion and possible action: transient business operations on Town property
16. Consider recommendation from Parks and Property Committee: seasonal & transient fees
17. Discussion and possible action: 5-year plan review and first actions
18. Correspondence
19. Future meetings
20. Adjourn

Chairman John Lowry called the meeting to order at 6:58pm. Supervisors Janet Johnson, Cathy Ward, Nancy Goss, and Lou Covotsos were present along with Administrator Walter Kalms Clerk/Treasurer Anastasia Bell via teleconference (Zoom).

Lowry moved, Ward second to approve the agenda with the addition of “announcements of closed session if any after the closed session, and removal of #10, Door County North update. Passed 5-0.

Lowry moved, Goss second to Adjourn to closed session per Stat. 19.85 (1)(e): deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session—land purchase parcel 018-40-0001 and §19.85 (1)(g): Confer with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved—wastewater treatment plant. Roll call with Johnson, Lowry, Goss, Covotsos, and Ward voting aye, no nays. Passed 5-0.

Closed session items were discussed.

Lowry moved, Ward second to reconvene into open session. Roll call with Goss, Covotsos, Lowry, Ward, and Johnson voting aye, no nays. Passed 5-0.

Announcements of Closed Session – Covotsos moved, Goss second that the Town Board authorize reimbursing the Village of Sister Bay a sum of \$1,641.59 (plus interest), which is half of the professional fees the Village already paid to Robert E. Lee and that such amount be deducted from the amount that the Village will pay to the Town as per a court ordered settlement or a court decree in the matter of the ownership of the wastewater treatment plant litigation for the proceeds due to the Town from the sale of the Larson Property. Passed 4-1 with Lowry voting nay.

Johnson moved, Ward second to approve the minutes from 1/20/21 as presented. Passed 5-0.

Administrator Report – Kalms reported that the MSHA mining class was completed virtually this year, the audit is in process, the Post Office has a new toilet, a primary was held on 2/16/2021, we're committed to purchase 700 tons of salt, and the Land trust is removing the cattails at the Grand View.

Payment of bills – Kalms reported that the shoreline protection was over bid due to additional stone needed and there are funds available in lines 82-shoreline protection, 116-Gills Rock Waterfront, and 163-capital Parks & Property of the 2021 budget. **Lowry moved, Ward second** to approve the payment of bills as verbally presented noting that the Payne & Dolan project was over bid. Passed 5-0.

Treasurer's report – Bell reported the following balances in the Town accounts at the end of January 2021:

Municipal Checking	5,383,318.46
Money market acct.	648,836.61
Checking	235,172.54
Utility Dist.	565,428.33

As of January 31, 2021, total in all Town accounts was \$6,832,755.94. **Lowry moved, Johnson second** to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Passed 5-0.

Public input – None.

Door County North Update – None.

Utilities Committee report – See announcement from closed session.

Disposition of building(s) at Mariners Park at Gills Rock – Ward reported that the ad hoc committee has recommended disposal of the house and small building which is currently in ice. **Ward moved, Covotsos second** that the Town Board call for a special town meeting to authorize the disposition of buildings on Town property at 12695 & 12689 Hwy 42. Passed 5-0.

Call for a special town meeting to authorize disposal of real property at Mariners Park at Gills Rock – **Lowry moved, Ward second** that the disposal of property is included at the annual

town meeting on 4/20/2021. Passed 5-0. It was the consensus to discuss the actual disposal process at a future meeting.

Liberty Grove representative for DCTZ – Ward indicated that Jewel Ouradnik has expressed interest in being part of the Tourism Zone Committee. **Lowry moved, Ward second** that the Town Board appoint Jewel Ouradnik to the DCTZ. Passed 5-0.

Transient business operations on Town property – Goss reported that this was briefly discussed at the Plan Commission due to a request and the original requestor does not intend to operate in 2021. It may be best to maintain the current ordinance which doesn't allow commercial business on Town property. Kalms noted the ordinance should be revisited due to activities at the Marina.

Seasonal & Transient Fees – Ward reported that the Parks Committee is recommending an increase to Seasonal and Transient Fees at the Ellison Bay marina for the 2021 season with the fees to be reviewed again in one year. **Ward moved, Lowry second** to increase the seasonal slip rental at the Ellison Bay Marina to \$1,000 for craft up to 20 feet and \$50 per additional foot over the 20 feet. Passed 5-0. **Ward moved, Lowry second** to increase transient slip rental fees at the Ellison Bay marina to \$30 per night for craft up to 20ft and an additional \$1.50 for craft over 20ft. Passed 5-0.

5-year plan review and first actions – Lowry requested this be discussed in March and the Board create a request for proposals to include evaluation of the Women's Club and Mariners Park at Gills Rock.

Correspondence – The Door County WTA district meeting will be hosted by the Town on 2/25/2021 at 6:00pm.

The next Town Board meeting will be Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at 7:00pm. The Annual Town meeting will be Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 7:00pm.

Lowry moved, Ward second to adjourn at 8:46pm. Passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Anastasia Bell, Clerk/Treasurer
Approved at the 3/3/2021 Town Board meeting