

Town of Liberty Grove
Minutes of the Town Board meeting on March 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. Approve minutes: 3/3/2021 Board meeting
5. Approve payment of bills
6. Treasurers report
7. Public input
8. Update on Door County North activities
9. Utilities Committee report
10. Consider 2021 Invasive Species Control Project Proposal from Door County Nature and Travel LLC
11. Consider method of disposal of real property at 12695 and 12689 Highway 42
12. Consider Ordinance 1-21: Regulating Certain Activities on Town Property
13. Discussion and possible action: creation of a request for proposal for facility evaluation of current facilities
14. Correspondence
15. Future meetings
16. Adjourn

Chairman John Lowry called the meeting to order at 7:12pm. Supervisors Nancy Goss, Lou Covotsos, Janet Johnson, and Cathy Ward were present along with Administrator Walter Kalms Clerk/Treasurer Anastasia Bell, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Doug Curzon and 4 members of the public via teleconference (Zoom).

Goss moved, Lowry second to approve the agenda with the removal of #8. Passed 5-0.

Covotsos moved, Lowry second to approve the minutes from 3/3/21 as presented. Passed 5-0.

Payment of bills – Lowry moved, Ward second to approve the payment of bills as presented. The total was \$220,065.82. Passed 5-0.

Public input – Cecile Lindell, 1050 N Barry Lane in Ellison Bay, she purchased this home and is currently renting it on VRBO to recover some of the improvement costs until she retires to the area. She stated that the public policy of Wisconsin focuses on unincumbered and free use of property and commercial activity has not been defined as VRBO rentals. She referenced Wisconsin Supreme Court case *Richard Forshee v. Lee Neuschwander* and *County of Walworth v. Brendan J Hehir* related to STRs. Goss replied that there is no intent to stop STRs, the Plan Commission is trying to protect the Karst topography without restricting the property rights.

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

Municipal Checking	1,506,958.48
Money market acct.	648,874.83
Checking	372,252.82
Utility Dist.	565,267.68

As of February 28, 2021, total in all Town accounts was \$3,106,353.82. **Lowry moved, Johnson second** to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Passed 5-0.

Utilities Committee report – Covotsos reported that there will be a rate increase for the District separate from the Village's increase and a public hearing will be held. The increase proposed by the Village is comparable to other areas.

Invasive Species Control – Curzon reported that the cost will be \$2,749 and the County will again pay 1,000. Grants received by the County specify the areas for funding to be used. Permission letters have been sent to landowners which provide an opportunity for them to donate to assist with the costs of this program. It was the consensus to confirm that the property owners will allow access prior to the Town signing a contract with Door County Nature and Travel, LLC. This item will be discussed at a future meeting.

Disposal of real property at 12695 and 12689 Highway 42 – **Johnson moved, Lowry second** to place an ad for interested parties to contact the Town office regarding the purchase and moving of the house at 12695 Highway 42. Covotsos confirmed that Neighbor Works, DCEDC, and Habitat for Humanity would be made aware of the ad so they can make an offer if they choose. Passed 5-0.

Ordinance 1-21: Regulating Certain Activities on Town Property – The following changes were made:

- Title: An Ordinance Regulating Certain activities in Town Parks and on Town Property
- Section 1: To enact an ordinance regulating certain activities in Town parks and on Town property of the Town of Liberty Grove, Door County, Wisconsin, in order to enhance and promote to the fullest the public's use, enjoyment, safety of such designated areas.
- Section 2(c): "Town Park" means any Town Park, property or launch ramp, including, but not limited to the parks known as: Mariner Park...
- Section 2(d): "Town Property" means any property, land or building, owned by or under the jurisdiction of the Town in addition to "Town Parks" as defined in subsection (c) above.
- Section 2(f): "Private Enterprise" means any entity either individually owned and operated or owned and operated by a corporation for profit or not-for-profit.
- Section 3: delete clause after "seasonal/transient dockage."
- Section 6(b): text in draft became subsection (b)
- Section 6(a): No agent or employee of the Town shall participate in the launching, retrieving, loading, or mooring of any watercraft.
- Section 9(a): Private enterprises as defined in Section 2(g) above shall not conduct any business in Town parks or in or on Town property except as provided in subsection (b) of this Section below.
- Section 9(b): Private enterprises as defined in Section 2(g) above may operate aquatic enterprises as outlined in Ordinance 5-05 in Town parks or in or on Town property provided all the necessary permits and proof of insurance are demonstrated and provided further that such private enterprise obtains the express written permission of the Town Board.

Lowry moved, Covotsos second to approve ordinance 1-21 as amended. Roll call vote with Goss, Lowry, Covotsos, Johnson, and Ward voting aye, no nays. Passed 5-0. The full ordinance can be viewed at the Town Office.

Evaluation of current facilities – Kalms reported that one firm has requested a request for proposal and another firm would assist the Town in creating a scope of work. He was directed to create an outline for the project.

Correspondence – Zoning changes have been made to the Ellison Bay parcels previously discussed. The Broadband study proposals will be reviewed by a DCEDC subcommittee.

The next Town Board meeting will be Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 7:00pm or immediately following the Sanitary District meeting at 6:45pm. The Annual Town meeting will be Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 7:00pm.

Lowry moved, Goss second to adjourn at 8:13pm. Passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Anastasia Bell, Clerk/Treasurer
Approved at the 4/7/2021 Town Board meeting.