

Town of Liberty Grove
Minutes of the Town Board meeting on October 19, 2022
(this meeting was correctly posted)

Agenda*as amended*:

1. Call to order
2. Declaration of a quorum followed by pledge of allegiance
3. Approve Agenda
4. Approve Minutes: 10/5/2022
5. Payment of Bills
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Open bids for Disposition of Buildings at Mariners Park
8. Committee Reports: Economic Development, Fire Board, Parks and Property
9. Town-wide Fiber Contract with Nsight
 - a. Schedule Informational Meetings
10. Ayres Associates Facility Tour Results
11. Recommendation from Economic Development: Disposal of Property at 11976 Highway 42
12. Mixed Commercial Zoning on Town Land adjacent to the Town Hall
13. Recommendation from Parks and Property: Christmas Tree on Town Property
14. Water Access at Mariner Park
15. Committee Appointments
16. Resolution 7-22, Participation in Section 125 Premium Only Plan
17. Short Term Rental License(s)
18. Correspondence
19. Future meetings
20. Adjourn

Chairman John Lowry called the meeting to order at 6:52pm. Supervisors Cathy Ward, Janet Johnson, Dan Watts, and Nancy Goss were present along with Administrator Walter Kalms, Clerk/Treasurer Anastasia Bell, and 4 members of the public.

Goss moved, Ward second to approve the agenda as posted. Carried 5-0.

Ward moved, Goss second to approve the 10/5/22 Board meeting minutes as presented. Carried 5-0.

Treasurer's report – Bell reported the following Town account balances as of September 30, 2022:

Municipal Checking	1,012,322.49
Money market acct.	1,356,561.97
Checking	249,900.74
Utility Dist.	606,113.39

As of September 30, 2022, total in all Town accounts: \$3,224,898.59. **Goss moved, Ward second** to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Carried 5-0.

Lowry moved, Ward second to pay bills in lines 1-25, totaling \$46,567.23. Carried 5-0.

Bids for Buildings at Mariner Park – No bids were received.

Committee Reports – John Lowry, Economic Development minutes provided in the packet. Nancy Goss, Fire Board has not met, waiting for CPI information from auditors. Cathy Ward, Parks and Property trees were trimmed at Mariner Park and the sign is up. The crew is waiting for the Disc Golf group to layout the course for the baskets to be installed.

Town-wide Fiber Contract – Kalms reported our legal staff has presented Nsight with a red-line version and the goal is to have this ready for the Town Board by 10/31/2022.

Informational Meetings – Lowry noted this should be revisited once an agreement has been signed.

Ayres Facility Assessment – Kalms reported that we can contract with them for the next phase where they would offer suggestions. Ward noted energy assessments may be helpful. Bell was asked to post the

report on the Town website. Goss indicated she would like more information on the Community Center such as what it would cost to make it whole, how to address the water/foundation issue to understand the cost to do this versus a new building. Watts noted the fire station energy audit showed fans, ventilation system, and the generator block heater as potential sources for the high electrical use. Kalms was directed to seek a price for the next phase for the Community Center.

11976 Highway 42 – Lowry reported that after discussions with Jim Honig of the Door County Housing Partnership (DCHP) the Economic Development Committee has agreed with the Parks Committee to recommend the Town dispose of this property. The current septic system doesn't allow for enough bedrooms to make attainable housing a viable option and it is uncertain if the well and septic system can even be used. Ward reiterated that DCHP may be interested if home ownership could be an option for units on this property, but they are not interested if rental is the only option available. Goss requested further investigation into a partnership that could benefit our residents and to again consider a food truck court during this time since food trucks are self-sufficient, have minimal impact, and the property would get used while the research is done.

Mixed Commercial Zoning Adjacent to Town Hall – Goss indicated a change in zoning would be spot zoning which is not allowed. Conservation subdivision would require a zoning change from Heartland (HL)-10 to HL-5 which would be more feasible and may allow more units on the property. The County may be approachable if there is a firm housing plan since the purpose would be for an overriding public good. Watts noted 18 units allowable through the HL-5 conservation subdivision is better than what is currently available, the next task will be to find a developer. Paul Schwengel, Ellison Bay, noted the location may need to be evaluated due to travel/transportation. Mickie Rasch, Ellison Bay, noted that a developer will need to conduct their own market studies prior to building. Kalms was directed to contact Neighbor Works and Green Magic Homes for evaluation of this property.

Tree on Town Property – Ward reported the Ellison Bay Service Club (EBSC) requested placing their Christmas tree(s) at the Ellison Bay Community Center with the possibility of planting the tree for future years. Goss asked if the spruce at the Grand View could be used since it is already established. Kalms noted accessing the tree may damage the lawn which has taken many years to establish, trees planted in this area in the past have not survived, the parking area is not always plowed, there are significant winds at the proposed location, and the facility assessment may result in changes to the property. He suggested to locate the tree by the park sign or at the Val-A property to not compromise the lawn. Cheryl Culver, EBSC, noted the EBSC is not likely to favor the Grand View because it is far away from down town and the Community Center is nicer than the Val-A. Mickie Rasch noted the lighting ceremony is the only time access would be needed. Goss noted the future should be considered so efforts are not wasted. Johnson asked if this could be possible for 2022 and reassessed for 2023. It was the consensus to have a Special Town Board meeting on 10/28/2022 at 1:30pm at the Community Center to determine the best location.

Water Access at Mariner Park – Ward reported this is a follow-up to previous discussions. The estimate of \$26,150 would require a bid process. Johnson requested a plan be created for the park. Ward volunteered to contact Ann Miller and Bay Lake Regional Planning for assistance in drafting a plan.

Committee Appointment – Lowry reported Jodi Bensyl has expressed interest in the Technology Committee and Dave Studebaker has indicated he would like to step back a little on the committee.

Lowry moved, Goss second to appoint Jodi Bensyl to the Technology Committee. Carried 5-0.

Resolution 7-22, Participation in Section 125 Premium Only Plan – **Johnson moved, Goss second** to approve resolution 7-22 as presented. Roll call: Watts, Johnson, Goss, Ward, and Lowry voted aye, no nays. Carried 5-0. The full resolution can be viewed on the Town's website or at the Town office.

Short-Term Rental License(s) – **Goss moved, Ward second** to approve licenses for 11217 Frontier Road, 1168 Waters End Road, 10903 N Birchwood, 1902 Hillside Drive, and 497 Europe Lake Road. Carried 5-0.

Correspondence – Kalms reported the water is safe at all Town facilities, Library Committee minutes available, and a few letters and electronic petition in support of saving the Gills Rock Net Sheds.

A Special Town Board will be at the Ellison Bay Community center at 1:30pm on Friday, October 28, 2022. The next regular Town Board meeting will be Wednesday, November 2, 2022 at 7:00pm. The 2023 Budget Hearing and Special Town meeting will begin at 7:00pm on Tuesday, November 15, 2022.

Lowry moved, Goss second to adjourn at 8:40pm. Carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Anastasia Bell, Clerk/Treasurer

Approved at the 11/2/2022 Town Board meeting.