

Town of Liberty Grove
Minutes of the Town Board meeting on March 6, 2024
(this meeting was correctly posted)

Agenda:

1. Call to order
 2. Declaration of quorum followed by the Pledge of Allegiance
 3. Approve Agenda
 4. Approve minutes from 2/21/24
 5. Public input
 6. Payment of bills
 7. Administrator Report
 8. Consider Frontier as provider for Town-wide broadband coverage
 9. Reworking Ord 6-17 to clarify Facility use by organizations
 10. Food truck parking at Val-A property
 11. Allowing parking on Val-A property for Ellison Bay Day
 12. Short-Term Rental applications
 13. Correspondence
 14. Future meeting(s)
- Adjourn

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Supervisors Cathy Ward, Billy Appel, Dan Watts, and Nancy Goss were present along with Administrator Kalms, Clerk/Treasurer Pamela Donart-Welcome, and 9 members of the public.

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

Ward moved, Appel seconded to approve the 2/21/24 minutes as presented. **Carried 5 – 0**

Public input: Maureen Mercier of 12054 Hwy 42, Ellison Bay agrees with Billy Appel allowing public use of the North Fire Station but is disappointed at the idea to not allow kitchen use.

Johnson moved, Goss seconded to approve the payment of Utility bills totaling \$3,480.00.
Carried 5 - 0

Johnson moved, Ward seconded to approve the payment of Town bills totaling \$80,683.52.
Carried 5 - 0

Administrator Kalms noted that Senate Bill 826 which would allow municipalities to have more control over their own zoning rules is waiting for Governor Evers' signature; ballots are here for the Apr 2nd election, and absentee requests are being processed; crushing is done due to favorable weather; the ballfield is going to be used this season for Little League games; bids are out for late spring/early summer paving; the Sister Bay Director of Public Works is no longer employed there, so the town is working with their Administrator on sharing the expense of the Country Lane road project; Mariner Park plan modifications have been sent to Ayres, and are awaiting their response; the BOR certification has been done at the Feb 16 WTA District Meeting

in Green Bay; because of the warm weather, the Town has a 325 ton order of salt that we're committed to at the Fox River dock, that we might have to pay storage fees for if we cannot find room to store it; the assessor is looking at scheduling Open Book on Sept 3rd, and Board of Review on Oct 8th; EB Service Club is working on having Old Ellison Bay Day on June 22nd.

After the Public Hearing on the ISP recommendation, the Board members voiced their feelings about choosing Frontier Communications. Administrator Kalms clarified the difference between Frontier's option 1 and 2. According to Diane Williams Stimson at Frontier, Option 1 covers 159 miles, 2386 locations including 1796 under and unserved, and includes the impacted locations which she said are rock. So, the total investment as shown in the proposals is just over \$16,000,000 of which Frontier will cover \$4.5 million, leaving the Town portion of \$11,500,000. Option 2 does not include 147 impacted locations due to rock. It covers 142 miles of fiber instead of 159, including 2239 locations instead of 2386. That gives 1674 under and underserved instead of 1796 (doesn't include the 147 rock impacted locations). The cost of Option 2 is \$8.5 million, which Frontier will invest \$4.3 million, and the Town would cover just over \$4 million. Johnson noted we have a legal, and if not, a moral obligation to serve all the Town, and if we're going to do it, let's do it all the right way. The board members agreed we should go with Option 1, so the whole town can be covered. **Johnson moved**, to move forward with Frontier with Option #1 as the internet provider for Townwide broadband coverage. **Goss seconded. Carried 5 – 0**

After reviewing Ordinance 6-17, and discussion of rewording the text to clarify the use of the North Fire Station, and kitchens in facilities, **Johnson moved, Appel seconded** to adopt Ordinance 1-24 Use of Town Facilities for Meetings by Organizations. **Carried 5 – 0**

Mickie Rasch of 12676 Door Bluff Park Rd expressed concern over possibly having food trucks at the former Val-A property, and how existing restaurants would have to compete for customers. The supervisors discussed pros and cons, and Johnson noted Kristen Rankin shared the 3 ways in which food trucks would be allowed on Town property, one of which limits the use to 6 days out of each year. Johnson suggested further discussion at a future meeting.

Regarding allowing parking at the former Val-A property during Ellison Bay Day on Jun 22nd, Mickie Rasch of 12676 Door Bluff Park Rd wants to make sure it's safe, Maureen Mercier of 12054 Hwy 42 noted it would benefit the event, and keep visitors in town longer if they had a place to park, and Cheryl Cluver of 11728 Lakeview Rd would like to see the site it improved similar to the visitor center parking area. Johnson and Kalms noted the Town would be adding gravel to the south half, using markers to keep folks way from the well-head, and using temporary paint to mark parking lines. The temporary use of space for parking would be dry-weather dependent. **Johnson moved, Ward seconded** to allow temporary use of the former Val-A property for parking. **Carried 5 – 0**

Ward moved, Goss seconded to approve the 2024 STR license application as presented. **Carried 5 - 0**

Correspondence: Walter Kalms noted a requested signage change to the Ellison Bay Community Center property, and suggested the Parks Property Committee could address them. Shepherd of the Bay Church offered use of their community gathering space.

Future Meeting(s): The next regular Board meeting will be on March 20th, immediately following the Sanitary District Committee at 6:00pm.

Johnson moved, Appel seconded to adjourn at 7:40pm **Carried 5 - 0**

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Donart-Welcome, Clerk/Treasurer
Approved 3/20/24