

Town of Liberty Grove
Minutes of the Town Board meeting on July 3, 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 6/19/24
5. Public input
6. Payment of bills
7. Administrator Report
8. Withdrawal from County zoning pursuant to Act 264
9. 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—Frontier contract
10. Reconvene to open session
11. Consider announcement of closed session item
12. Operators Licenses
13. Short-Term Rental applications
14. Correspondence
15. Future meeting(s)
16. Adjourn

Chairman Janet 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 8 members of the public.

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

Goss moved, Appel seconded to approve the 6/19/24 minutes as presented. **Carried 5 - 0**

Public input: Mickie Rasch of DCN thanked the Town for the support given to the Ellison Bay Day Event. Craig Bleitz of 2029 Waters End Rd questioned the timing of Agenda Item #8.

Ward moved, Goss seconded to approve the payment of Utility District#1 bills totaling \$140.63. **Carried 5 - 0**

Johnson moved, Ward seconded to approve the payment of Town bills totaling \$143,627.10. **Carried 5 - 0**

Administrator's Report: Kalms noted there is progress being made on both moving debris off the former Rowleys Bay Resort property, and the contract with Frontier & BEAD Grant funding; Absentee ballots have started to be sent out; there are issues with getting municipal building well-water samples to & from Madison in a timely fashion, so we're looking into having them done locally; after exploring Phase I & II environmental studies at Mariner Park, the preliminary costs are \$5,400-\$6,150 for Phase I, and Phase II could range from \$8,500 to \$17,000 depending

on the results of Phase I; the 2025 road salt prices increased from \$90.92 to \$94.56 per ton, but since we have surplus from last season, we only needed to reserve 350 tons instead of 900 tons that we did last year.

The Town was recently contacted by other municipalities asking if the Town would like to join in formulating a group plan to **withdraw from County zoning**. The supervisors decided to proceed with an initial preliminary conversation including only the Town Administrators, Board Chairpersons, and Plan Commission Chairs, instead of entire groups & committees, before deciding to formally join a group approach.

Johnson moved, Goss seconded 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—Frontier contract. Appel, Watts, Ward, Johnson, and Goss voted aye. There were no nays. **Motion carried 5 – 0** at 6:23pm.

Johnson moved, Goss seconded to reconvene into open session. **Carried 5 – 0** at 6:45pm. No announcement from the closed session was made.

Appel moved, Johnson seconded to approve the Operator licenses applications as presented. **Carried 5 – 0**

Goss motioned, Ward seconded to approve the STR license applications presented for 1594 Bluebird Trail, 12465 Cedar Dell Rd, 9869 STH-57, 1615 Big Pine Ln, 1056 Cty Rd ZZ, 12567 Door Bluff Rd, 12443 Cedar Dell Rd, 12595 STH-42, and 10228 Settlement Ln. **Carried 5 - 0**

Correspondence: The Town received an application Conditional Use Permit for “Big Space 4 U, LLC” in Ellison Bay for a multiple-occupancy development at STH-42 and Bay Lane that will consist of three buildings, each with two occupancy units - 3 bedrooms each for a total of 18 bedrooms. This application will go before the Liberty Grove Plan Commission for review on July 24th at 7pm. In addition, the Town was notified by Door County Land Use Services – Sanitarian that the septic system at Mariner Park in Gills Rock hasn’t been used, and Kalms will find out if it needs to be inspected. There’s also a notice of a timber harvesting permit for a 29-acre parcel on Scandia Road. The 2023 SBLG Fire Dept financial statements have been published.

Future Meeting(s): The next regular Board meeting will be July 17, 2024 at 6:00pm.

Johnson moved, Goss seconded to adjourn at 7:03pm. **Carried 5 - 0**

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Donart-Welcome, Clerk/Treasurer
Approved 7/17/24