

Town of Liberty Grove
Minutes of the Town Board meeting on October 2, 2024

Agenda:

1. Call to order
2. Declaration of quorum followed by the Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approve Agenda
4. Approve minutes from 9/18/24
5. Public input
6. Payment of bills
7. Administrator Report
8. Consider amended Treasurer's Reports for August 2024 balances
9. Recommendation from Plan Commission on Lakeview Lodge LLC Variance request
10. Consider adopting Ord 7-24 to establish 25mph speed zone on Old School Rd
11. Recommendation from Highway Committee to install Pedestrian Advisory signs on North Bay Drive
12. Report on Signage and overnight camping at Hotz Park
13. Consider topic for November WTA Unit meeting at Town Hall.
14. Consider setting up a Facebook exclusively to share Town announcement and events
15. Short-Term Rental applications
16. Correspondence
17. Future meeting(s)
18. Adjourn

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Supervisors Cathy Ward, Nancy Goss, and Dan Watts were present, along with Administrator Kalms. Supervisor Billy Appel joined virtually. Clerk/Treasurer Pamela Donart-Welcome was excused. 3 members of the public were also in attendance.

Goss moved, Ward seconded to approve the agenda. **Carried 5 – 0**

Johnson moved, Goss seconded to approve the 9/18/24 minutes as presented. **Carried 5 – 0**

Public input: None.

Ward moved, Goss seconded to approve the Utility District#1 bills of \$237.74. **Carried 5 – 0.**

Goss moved, Johnson seconded to approve the Town bills of \$103,884.25. **Carried 5 – 0.**

Treasurer's Report: Kalms reported the following amended Utility District #1 account balances as of August 31, 2024:

Checking Account	\$ 79,321.39
Savings Account	\$ 335,626.20
Restricted Savings	\$ 131,124.71
CD-North Shore	\$ <u>159,591.79</u>
TOTAL	\$ 705,664.09

Goss moved, Ward seconded to approve the amended Utility District Treasurer’s Report as read. **Carried 5 – 0.**

Treasurer’s Report: Kalms reported the following amended Town account balances as of August 31, 2024:

Municipal Checking	\$ 688,479.53
Money Market Account	\$ 1,129,878.65
General Checking	\$ 963,988.26
Utility District #1	\$ <u>705,664.09</u>
TOTAL	\$ 3,488,010.53

Goss moved, Johnson seconded to approve the amended Town Treasurer’s Report as read. **Carried 5–0**

Lakeview Lodge Variance. **Goss moved, Ward seconded** to recommend approval of the Lakeview Lodge variance request as the 3 criteria were met as follows:

1. Physical limitations—wetlands are present that prevent compliance with the ordinance on the south property.
2. Permeable driveway surface mitigates potential runoff issues.
3. The properties are separately defined and could be owned by separate owners, making the south property having an unnecessary hardship regarding access, regardless if both properties are currently owned by a single owner.

Comments: the properties were formerly split, not by the current owner. The previous County issues have been met. The motion **carried 5-0.**

Speed zone-Old School Road. **Johnson moved, Appel seconded** to adopt ordinance 7-24. This establishes a 25-mph limit, as this stretch of road meets the criteria of number of driveways within its length. **Motion carried 5-0** on a roll call vote.

North Bay Drive signage. Residents have to cross the road to access the water area and traffic is not aware of this activity. **Appel moved, Goss second** to install pedestrian advisory signs on either end of North Bay Drive. **Carried 5-0.**

Overnight camping and signage at Hotz park. Signage and recommended wording for them will be sent to the Parks Committee.

November 21 WTA meeting at Liberty Grove. Suggestions were to have EMS, Law Enforcement, Fire and Emergency Management contacted to present at the meeting.

Facebook to share Town information and events. Consensus was to have limited access and just do announcements from the Town. Town staff will be polled to see if they can handle this assignment followed by referral to the Community Development committee.

Short Term Rental. Goss moved, Johnson second to approve the STR for Ronald & Michelle Daise at 934 STH 42, Ellison Bay. **Carried 5-0.**

Correspondence: Hearing notices for Oct 3 and 17 RPC and Oct 8 Board of Adjustment.

Future Meetings: The next Town Board meeting is scheduled at 6pm on October 16, 2024. The next Finance Committee meetings are scheduled on October 7 and 21, 2024 at 2:30 pm. The Board of Review is scheduled on October 24, 2024, at 1:00pm. Budget hearing and special Town meeting to set the tax levy will be November 13 beginning at 6 pm.

Goss moved, Johnson seconded to adjourn at 7:07 pm. **Carried 5 – 0**

Respectfully submitted,
Walter L. Kalms, Administrator