

Town of Liberty Grove
Minutes of the Town Board meeting on October 16, 2024

Agenda:

1. Call to order
2. Declaration of quorum followed by the Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approve Agenda
4. Approve minutes from 10/2/24
5. Public input
6. Sanitary District
 - a. Payment of bills
 - b. Treasurer's Report
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9. Call special town meeting for November 13 to set tax levy
10. Recommendation from Finance Committee to accept Draft 3 of the 2025 Town Budget
11. Discuss delay in BEAD funding for Broadband project
12. Short-Term Rental applications
13. Correspondence
14. Future meeting(s)
15. Adjourn

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Supervisors Billy Appel, Nancy Goss, Cathy Ward, and Dan Watts were present along with Administrator Kalms, Clerk/Treasurer Pamela Donart-Welcome, and 2 members of the public.

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

Ward moved, Appel seconded to approve the 10/2/24 minutes as presented. **Carried 5 – 0**

Public input: John Gross of 628 Hwy 42, Ellison Bay informed the Board of his intentions to apply for a wine & beer license with a special requirement to have a physical barrier that prevents comingling of business and patrons with another business operating on the property.

Utility District #1 –

Johnson moved, Ward seconded to approve the Utility District#1 bills totaling \$52,874.16. **Carried 5 – 0**

Treasurer's Report: Donart-Welcome reported the following Utility District #1 account balances as of September 30, 2024:

Checking Account	\$ 79,330.72
Savings Account	\$ 336,302.88
Restricted Savings	\$ 131,171.77
CD	\$ <u>161,656.49</u>
TOTAL	\$ 708,461.86

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

Ward moved, Goss seconded to approve the payment of Town bills totaling \$44,486.70.
Carried 5 – 0

Treasurer's Report: Donart-Welcome reported the following Town account balances as of September 30, 2024:

Municipal Checking	\$ 689,019.00
Money Market Account	\$ 1,132,663.41
General Checking	\$ 775,431.28
Utility District #1	\$ 708,461.86
TOTAL	\$ 3,305,575.55

Ward moved, Appel seconded to approve the Town Treasurer's Report as presented for a total balance of \$3,305,575.55. **Carried 5–0**

Johnson moved, Watts seconded to call a Special Town meeting for November 13, 2024 to set the Tax Levy at 6:00pm. **Carried 5 – 0**

Ward moved, Goss seconded to approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee to accept Draft #3 of the 2025 Budget as amended. **Carried 5 – 0.** Goss shared with the Board that the Finance Committee did decide to award the non-for-profit organizations only the amounts they originally requested, as there will be upcoming expenses to update the emergency response communication system.

Kalms shared the recent news that anticipated **BEAD funding** to help the Town fund the Town-wide **Broadband project** might not be available until 2026. The Board discussed ways this might impact on the current plan. The Administrator will meet with a representative from Frontier to see where they are in the grant process, and the Board will revisit the issue at a future meeting.

Goss moved, Ward seconded to approve the Short-Term Rental application for 2292 Wildwood Road. **Carried 5 - 0**

Correspondence: Administrator Kalms shared two complaint letters for STR violations; a final population estimate for the Town of Liberty Grove as of January is 1,893 of voting age; a few notices from Land Use Services for zoning permit violations of a business on Hwy ZZ near Rowley's Bay; reminded the supervisors of the household waste disposal event on Nov 1st at the Sister Bay & Liberty Grove fire station; a reminder of the change in the RPC Hearing date for the HL-10 Text Amendment application to October 17th at 2pm;

Future Meetings: The Board of Review on Oct 24, 2024 at 1:00pm. Public Housing Forum on Oct 29 at 7:00pm. The General Election on Nov 5th. The next Town Board on November 6, 2024 at 6pm. Beginning at 6:00pm on November 13, 2024, there will be a Budget Hearing for the

2025 Budget, followed by a Special Town meeting to set the Levy, followed by a Special Town Board meeting.

Johnson moved, Goss seconded to adjourn at 6:54pm. **Carried 5 – 0**

Respectfully submitted by:

Pamela Donart-Welcome

Approved 11/6/24