Town of Liberty Grove
Minutes of the Highway Committee meeting on October 5, 2026

Agenda:

1. Call to order
2. Declaration of Quorum
3. Approve Agenda
4. Approve minutes from 9/14/26
5. Public input
6. Discussion on walking path/sidewalk in Ellison Bay
7. Discussion of streetlights necessary from a safety perspective & concerns about new LED streetlights
8. Report on Status of current projects-Town Maintenance Crew
9. Correspondence
10. Future meeting date(s)
11. Adjourn
12.

Chairman Dale Stewart called the meeting to order at 8:01am. Committee members Jay Olson, Bud Kalms and Billy Appel were present along with Administrator Buckingham and Clerk/Treasurer Pamela Donart-Welcome. Committee member Bill Surbaugh was excused.

Olson moved, Kalms seconded to approve the agenda as presented. **Carried 4 - 0**

Olson moved, Stewart seconded to approve the 9/14/26 minutes as presented. **Carried 4 – 0**

Public input: In order to bring clarification to recent public inquiries, Bud Kalms shared Town Ordinance 3-06 and statutory procedures, both detailing the construction specs required before the Town would consider acquiring a new road, and reminded those in attendance that regardless of the specs, "acceptance of a road into the Town road system it is at the sole discretion of the Town Board, …" as stated in Section 3 (B)(2) of the Ordinance.

Stewart summarized inquiries/suggestions he's received from local business owners in Ellison Bay for possible installation of a **walking path or sidewalks** in downtown **Ellison Bay** and added it to the agenda to allow for discussion on the idea. Cost and loss of parking for the patrons were brought up as possible obstacles. After recent bulb replacement done by WPS, and hearing various Committee discussions and recent DarkSky-friendly initiatives, the Administrator suggested the Town begin discussion on which Town owned **streetlights are necessary from a safety standpoint**, and asked for feedback from the Committee.

Updates on current projects: Jay Olson asked that a list of potential 2027 paving roads be made available soon, so that the Maintenance Crew has time to start focused brushing on those roads before the end of this season. Administrator Buckingham shared that we have not yet received an updated recommendation from Bayview Resort's representative since the last meeting where they indicated they wished to have two possible options reviewed by their engineer contact at Vierbicher Engineering, Inc for a final recommendation on how they would hope the Town proceed with addressing water drainage issues on Cedar Shore Road.

Correspondence: Administrator Buckingham shared an email from Paul Schwengel showing how water collects in areas on Top O The Thumb Ln after rainfall.

Future Meetings: The next Highway Committee meetings were scheduled Nov 9, Dec 14, 2026, Jan 11 and Feb 1, 2027—all meetings will begin at 8:00am.

Appel moved, Olson seconded to adjourn at 9:03am. **Carried 4 - 0**

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Donart-Welcome, Clerk/Treasurer
Approved on 11/9/26