Town of Liberty Grove
Minutes of the Town Board meeting on October 21, 2026
(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 10/7/26
5. Public input
6. Committee Reports
7. Utility District#1
    a. Payment of bills
    b. Treasurer's Report
8. Payment of Town bills
9. Town Treasurer's Report
10. Consider approval of select Town roads use by Top O' the Thumb Snowmobile Club
11. Consider passing a resolution in support of DC Trails Strategic Trails Plan
12. Finance Committee Recommendation for 2027 Budget
13. Discuss the recent request asking the Town to adopt Rowley's Bay Court after it's constructed
14. 2027 Health Insurance Plans for Full-Time Employees
15. Operator Licenses
16. Correspondence
17. Future meeting(s)
18. Adjourn

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

Ward moved, Goss seconded to approve the Agenda as posted. **Carried 5 – 0**

Johnson moved, Welcome seconded to approve the 10/7/26 minutes after a typo correction. **Carried 5 – 0**

Public input: none

Committee Reports: Ward reported that the Parks & Property Committee have been working on finding a solution to excess boat & trailer parking on the Mariner Park lawn, and the Plan Commission continues their work on a Design, Aesthetic & Site Plan Review Ordinance. Welcome reported that the Community Development Committee continues work on an attainable housing project on the former Val-A. Goss reported that the County Land Use Services Department has added new staff.

Ward moved, Goss seconded to pay the Liberty Grove Utility District #1 bills totaling $613.29. **Carried 5 – 0**

Treasurer's Report: Donart-Welcome reported the following **Utility District #1** account balances as of September 30, 2026:

Checking Account		$ 57,256.83
Savings Account		$ 212,899.79
Restricted Savings		$ 132,703.09
CD		$ 174,550.33
	TOTAL	$ 577,410.04

Goss moved, Ward seconded to approve the Utility District#1 Treasurer's Report as presented. **Carried 5 – 0**

Johnson moved, Ward seconded to pay the Town bills totaling $23,141.29. **Carried 5 – 0**

Treasurer's Report: Donart-Welcome reported the following Town account balances as of September 30, 2026:

Municipal Checking		$ 2,124,013.58
Money Market Account		$ 1,191,722.69
General Checking		$ 274,303.94
Utility District #1		$ 577,410.04
	TOTAL	$ 4,167,450.25

Ward moved, Goss seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. **Carried 5 – 0**

Ward moved, Goss seconded that the Board approve the list of roads presented to us by the Top of the Thumb Snowmobile Club. **Carried 5 - 0**

Goss moved, Johnson seconded to approve Resolution 4-26 this evening regarding support for the concept of the Door County Trail Strategic Trails Plan.
Roll Call: Ward, Watts, Welcome, Goss and Johnson voted aye. There were no nays. **Motion Carried**

Johnson summarized the process of the **Finance Committee** to recommend a **2027 Budget** of $3,787,677.13, which represents a 1.17% increase. She explained we are held at a 0% increase under State Statute, but we are allowed to go up a percentage based on new net construction. **Johnson moved, Goss seconded** that the Finance Committee's 2027 recommended Budget be presented at the Budget Hearing and at the Special Town Meeting. **Carried 5 – 0**

After summarizing the recent request from a developer for the Town to adopt a not yet constructed road for a proposed development plat on the former Rowley's Bay Resort property, **Goss moved, Johnson seconded** to deny the request asking the Town to adopt Rowleys Bay Court after it's constructed. **Roll Call:** Watts, Welcome, Ward, Johnson, and Goss voted aye. There were no nays. **Motion Carried**

Johnson moved, Goss seconded to approve the proposed renewal of our current plan for the 2027 health insurance for full-time employees. **Carried 5 - 0**

Goss moved, Ward seconded to approve the Operator license for Kristi Lee Freidel for Island Orchard Cider. **Carried 5 - 0**

Correspondence: Administrator Buckingham shared: an email from Brittany Flores, with Destination Door County wanting to set up a "big check" presentation for us related to the grant money that they gave for the floating pier; a letter from the Demographic Services Center with the Division of Intergovernmental Relations, Wisconsin Department of Administration with a final population estimate for the Town of Liberty Grove of 2,201; an email from Natalie Dorrler-Hyde, Grant Specialist regarding the Door County Trail Strategic Plan, thanking the Town for the opportunity to present updates of the Door County Strategic Plan; an email from Nate Guldan of REI Engineering regarding their request for the Town to commit to adopting Rowleys Bay Court once it's completed.

Future Meetings: The next regular Town Board meeting was scheduled for November 4, 2026 beginning at 6:00pm. On November 11th, there will be a Budget Hearing at 6:00pm for the proposed 2027 Budget, followed immediately by a Special Town Meeting to adopt the 2026 Levy.

Goss moved, Ward seconded to adjourn at 7:21pm. **Carried 5 – 0**

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Donart-Welcome, Clerk/Treasurer
Approved on 11/4/26