

**Town of Liberty Grove**  
**Minutes of the Town Board meeting on February 4, 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 1/21/25
5. Public input
6. Payment of bills
7. Administrator Report
8. Plan Commission recommendation on Shipping Containers & Camping Regulations Survey
9. Realtor Inquiry and Client Offer to Purchase a Parcel of Town Property (Parcel No. 0180103312843B)
  - a. Discussion of offer to purchase town property.
  - b. Possibly move into closed session Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85 (1)(e) which authorizes a governmental body to meet in closed session for 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, specifically to discuss the offer extended on parcel No. 0180103312843B.
  - c. Reconvene in Open Session. (Roll Call Vote.)
  - d. Take action, if any, on items discussed in closed session.
10. Status of site clean-up at 1041 County Highway ZZ.
  - a. Update on reported current clean-up activities on the site.
  - b. Possibly move into closed session Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85 (1)(e) which authorizes a governmental body to meet in closed session for 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, specifically to discuss potential enforcement or litigation options if determined to be necessary.
  - c. Reconvene in Open Session. (Roll Call Vote.)
  - d. Take action, if any, on items discussed in closed session regarding 1041 County Highway ZZ.
11. Operator license
12. Short Term Rental licenses
13. Correspondence
14. Future meeting(s)
15. Adjourn

Chairman Goss called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Supervisors Janet Johnson, Billy Appel, Cathy Ward, and Dan Watts were present. Administrators Buckingham & Kalms were also in attendance along with Clerk/Treasurer Pamela Donart-Welcome, and 4 members of the public.

**Johnson moved, Appel seconded** to approve the agenda as posted. **Carried 5 – 0**

**Ward moved, Goss seconded** to approve the 1/21/25 minutes as presented. **Carried 5 – 0**

**Public input:** none

**Goss moved, Ward seconded** to approve the payment of LGUD#1 bills totaling \$2,933.44.  
**Carried 5 – 0**

**Ward moved, and Johnson seconded** to approve the payment of Town bills totaling \$43,052.72. **Carried 5 – 0**

**Administrator's Report:** Administrator Buckingham reported that the Town Maintenance Crew has been busy so far this winter with many days spent clearing snow & ice from the 101 miles of Town roads. The extra use of plowing equipment has resulted in more equipment repairs. When it wasn't snowing last week, the Crew was able to complete their annual MSHA mining re-certification class. He also noted the hearing process for the complaint filed with Wisconsin Public Service Commission regarding the Village Sister Bay sewer rates is scheduled to start on February 12th with our submission of written testimony and continue throughout the months of March and April. Once all the testimony and rebuttal is provided, the Commission will set a date where they evaluate all the evidence and make a determination. He then reported that he spoke with the Ouradniks regarding the fire debris clean-up at the former Rowley's Bay Resort, and they continue to indicate that they anticipate that demolition will begin sometime this winter.

Ward summarized the process the Town's Plan Commission took to answer the survey questions the Door County Land Use Service Department sent out regarding proposed changes to Camping Regulations and Shipping Containers in their Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance. Goss reiterated how the Plan Commissioners answered the survey questions by consensus, and the Supervisors clarified additional notations on the surveys.

**Johnson moved, Goss seconded** to recommend to the Administrator to submit the Plan Commission's recommendation on the Door County Camping Ordinance survey as written.

**Carried 5 – 0**

**Watts moved, Ward seconded** to have the Town Administrator submit the Survey to the County, per our discussion, regarding Shipping Containers. **Carried 5 – 0**

Administrator Buckingham summarized the Realtor Inquiry and Client Offer to Purchase a two acre parcel of Town property that used to be a dump & is now a closed landfill. The decision to go into Closed Session for this item was delayed until the Supervisors could determine if Item# 10 required a Closed Session.

Administrator Buckingham updated the Supervisors on steps that have been taken by the owners of the former Rowley's Bay Resort property to clean up the remaining post-fire debris.

**Goss moved, Johnson seconded** to move into Closed Session at 6:44pm pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85 (1)(e) which authorizes a governmental body to meet in closed session for 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, specifically to discuss potential enforcement or litigation options if determined to be necessary, and to discuss the offer extended on parcel No. 0180103312843B. **Roll Call:** Watts, Ward, Appel, Goss, and Johnson voted aye. There were no nays. **Motion Carried.**

**Goss moved, Johnson seconded** to reconvene into open session at 7:24pm. **Roll Call:** Appel, Ward, Goss, Johnson, and Watts voted aye. There were no nays. **Motion Carried.**

**Goss moved, Johnson seconded** to recommend that the Town decline the offer to purchase Parcel #01801-O3312843-B. **Carried 5 - 0**

There were no announcements made or actions taken on Item# 10.

**Goss moved, Johnson seconded** to approve the Operator License application for Faith Moore. **Carried 5 - 0**

There were no Short-Term Rental applications to be approved at this time.

**Correspondence:** Buckingham shared an email from Todd Kruse advising us that the Verizon Frontier merger has been completed as of January 20<sup>th</sup>, and Verizon has resources available for community engagement; another communication from Todd Kruse regarding their continued work on drafting a public/private partnership regarding the Wisconsin PSCB Grant for Frontier to do the Broadband deployment; a notice of an Open House from Door County Land Use regarding their updating of the Door County Parks & Open Space Plan; a communication with Ryan Nugent, who is the new land manager for The Nature Conservancy in Door County, advising us of their planned projects in 2026, including a clean-up along the Mink River; a petition asking that Liberty Grove Town Board adopt an Ordinance allowing the operation of ATVs and UTVs on all Town roads; a list of upcoming in-person & virtual WTA district meetings, and an upcoming WTA Door County Unit meeting in the Town of Union; a “save the date” notice for the DCEDC's 36th annual Investor Luncheon and Awards event taking place Wednesday, April 22nd, at the Stone Harbor Resort and Conference Center; a notice from the Wisconsin Historical Society announcing that the FJ King shipwreck, a schooner located in Lake MI near the Town of Liberty Grove, will be considered by the Wisconsin Historic Preservation Review Board for nomination into The Wisconsin State Register of Historic Places and the National Register of Historic Places.

**Future Meeting:** The next Town Board meeting was scheduled for February 18, 2026 at 6:00pm

**Johnson moved, Goss seconded** to adjourn at 7:34pm. **Carried 5 – 0**

Respectfully submitted,  
Pamela Donart-Welcome, Clerk/Treasurer  
Approved on 2/18/26