

Town of Liberty Grove
Minutes of the Highway Committee meeting on March 2, 2026

Agenda:

1. Call to order
2. Declaration of Quorum
3. Approve Agenda
4. Approve minutes from 10/6/25
5. Public input
6. Discuss Plan for 2026 Paving Projects
7. Update on plan for Cedar Shore Road
8. Citizen request for Haven Lane improvement
9. Citizen request for streetlight at STH-57 & German Rd
10. Review & research request for ATV use on Town roads
11. Report on Status of current projects-Town Maintenance Crew
12. Correspondence
13. Future meeting date(s)
14. Adjourn

Chairman Dale Stewart called the meeting to order at 8:00am. Committee members Billy Appel, Jay Olson, Bud Kalms, and Bill Surbaugh were present. Administrator Buckingham, Clerk/Treasurer Pamela Donart-Welcome, and 16 members of the public were also in attendance.

Olson moved, Surbaugh seconded to approve the agenda as presented. **Carried 5 - 0**

Appel moved, Olson seconded to approve the 10/6/25 minutes as presented. **Carried 5 – 0**

Public input: Dale Stewart commented that the Road Weight Limits were posted today. Cynthia Anderko and her husband Mark from 10436 Robin Lane asked that their road be considered for paving after increased Heritage Road traffic has sped up deterioration. Mark Sitte of 1636 Hill Road also requested Hill Road be paved, and that the cedar trees along the south side of that road be trimmed to allow the sun to melt ice and reduce the need for salt. Eli Knudson of 780 CTH-NP and Mike Ratkowski of 12821 N Port des Morts both spoke in favor of allowing ATVs and UTVs on Town roads.

The committee discussed the list of roads that were selected during budget talks based on need for the **2026 Paving year**. Two lists were discussed based on which road could be an alternate if the budget allows. It was decided that due to rapid deterioration, the section of Old Stage Road north of Highview be moved from an alternate to a priority, and Porcupine Bay Rd be moved to an alternate if cost allows as described in Option B (includes North Bay Road, a portion of Flint Ridge Road, N. Badger Road, and Old Stage Rd north of Highview). The committee also decided to add Robin Lane to the 2027 Paving budget talks, as timing will not allow for prep work to be done this year.

Appel moved, Surbaugh seconded that we pursue soliciting bids, following option B for 2026 paving. **Carried 5 – 0**

Regarding a plan for **Cedar Shore Road**, Chairman Stewart reported that he and Administrator Buckingham had a meeting with Kevin Roberts, representative of Bayview Resort regarding possible remedies for the standing water on that section of road. He also clarified that this road is unique from

other Town roads in that it has a court mandated 25-foot maximum easement which makes it difficult to make any improvements.

Stewart moved, Appel seconded to that we ask for an estimate from Stantec to come up with an engineering recommendation for getting rid of the water on Cedar Shore Rd. **Carried 5 – 0**

Stephan Peters of 11663 Beach Haven Lane asked that **Haven Lane** be paved or graded & re-graveled, as the road had significantly deteriorated due to increased service vehicle traffic. Crew Chief Olson said he would have the crew run the grater on the road to smooth out ruts when conditions allow.

Niles Weborg requested a **streetlight** be installed at the intersection of **STH-57 & German Road** to help with visibility, especially during fog conditions. It was noted that this request came before the Committee in the past, and that it would involve traffic studies by the State, as well as well as consideration of cost to the Town for installation and maintenance.

Chairman Stewart reported that a petition was received by the Town Board requesting **allowing ATV & UTV use on all Town Roads**. The Town Board asked that the Highway Committee research the pros & cons and what might be involved in allowing such use. Committee member Kalms shared that there was an Ordinance created in 2019 in response to a similar request, but that it failed to pass unanimously in a vote of the Town Board. Committee member Appel volunteered to head a task force to gather more information on the subject, and the Committee will revisit the discussion at a future meeting.

Current projects: Olson reported that the maintenance crew has completed brushing along the west side of Porcupine Bay Rd in preparation for possible paving in 2026, and that a paving wedge might be considered on the southern curve of Old Stage Road.

Correspondence: Administrator Buckingham shared a message from Janet Johnson pointing out the potential difficulty in connectivity between roads that might allow ATVs and those that would not.

Future Meetings: The next Highway Committee meeting was scheduled for March 30th at 8am as a special meeting to open bids for 2026 Paving, then regular scheduled meetings on the first Mondays of each month beginning May 4, 2026—all meetings begin at 8:00am.

Appel moved, Surbaugh seconded to adjourn at 9:36am. **Carried 5 - 0**

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Donart-Welcome, Clerk/Treasurer
Approved on 3/30/26