

**Town of Liberty Grove
Minutes of the Highway Committee meeting on June 1, 2026**

Agenda:

1. Call to order
2. Declaration of Quorum
3. Approve Agenda
4. Approve minutes from 5/4/26
5. Public input
6. Open bids for 2026 chip sealing.
7. Discussion re: Chip Seal project recommendation to Town Board.
8. Discussion on Isle View Road residents' concerns with speeding and boring project road related issues.
9. Update on request for ATV use on Town roads.
10. Update on safety findings regarding request for streetlight at Hwy. 57 and German Road.
11. Report on Status of current paving and other 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, Bill Surbaugh, and Bud Kalms were present. Administrator Buckingham, Clerk/Treasurer Pamela Donart-Welcome, and 12 members of the public were also in attendance.

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

Surbaugh moved, Appel seconded to approve the 5/4/26 minutes as presented. **Carried 5 – 0**

Public input: Paul Schwengel of Top O the Thumb Ln commented on the recent grading of the gravel that was done, and inquired if there were any imminent plans to pave it. Jay Olson clarified it was just routine maintenance. Roy Korte of E Door Bluff Rd commented on how poorly the relatively recent chip-sealing on that road has deteriorated and asked that it be re-done. He also added that the Heritage Road sign has not yet been mounted on that road.

Administrator Buckingham opened the one sealed bid that was submitted in response to the “request for bids” ad published for **2026 Chip-sealing** projects. Brian Paplham, a representative of Scott Construction, describes two different stone options for use in chip-sealing on the selected roads—white stone and black stone. He shared that since they started applying the black stone seven years ago, 99% of the municipalities have selected it for their chip-sealing. He’s found that the black stone is a higher quality granite that better extends the life of road and helps melt the snow off in the winter. The selected roads are as follows:

Old Stage Road from Old Stage Lane to Wildwood Road	3.52 miles
Isle View Road from Hwy 42 to Timberline	0.50 mile
Garrett Bay Road from Old School Road to Maplewood Dr.	<u>1.10 miles</u>
Total miles	5.12 miles

The total cost for the selected roads to be chip-sealed using traditional white stone came in at \$127,694.00. Chip-sealing the same list of roads using the relatively new black stone would cost

\$131,500.00. After discussion, the committee felt it would be a better investment to use the black stone. **Olson moved, Appel seconded** to recommend to the Town Board that we chip seal the selected roads listed with the black stone as quoted by Scott Construction. **Carried 5 - 0**

Regarding **Isle View Road residents' concerns with speeding and boring project road related issues**, Kristie Moss-Henriksen who lives on Isle View Road asked the committee to consider exploring options to deter the continued speeding traffic along that road including adding bright flags to existing speed limit signs or using temporary speed bumps. She also requested that the Highway maintenance crew place the electric speed board on the road as often as possible, especially during holiday weekends. The Committee members agreed that the posted speed limit doesn't need to be lowered, but the behavior of those exceeding the speed limit does. It was also noted that the large vehicles used by the WPS contractors doing the boring work along Isle View Road have damaged the edges of the asphalt near the intersection with Timberline.

Prior to discussion on an ordinance for **ATV use on Town roads**, Billy Appel presented some suggested changes to a similar ordinance that failed to pass in 2019. Larry Kabe of German Road in Baileys Harbor, Jerry Korzeniewski of Old Stage Road, Griffin Olson of Lakeview Road, and Matt Hockers of Cty Rd ZZ all shared their support on the subject. The Committee will plan on finalizing a draft ordinance for the Town Board to consider at their next meeting.

Regarding a previous **request to install a streetlight at STH-57 and German Road**, Administrator Buckingham presented his research on historical traffic accidents at that intersection. According to the Wisconsin DOT, there have been zero accidents at the intersection of Highway 57 and German Road in the last five years. And, if you look at the past 10 years, there has been only one accident in the vicinity of that intersection involving moderate injury to one person, which occurred on STH-57 south of the German Road intersection on July 15th of 2017. Based on the lack of data supporting the need for any additional lighting, it was recommended to not pursue this subject further at this time.

Updates on current projects: Jay Olson reported that all the paving is done, and shouldering will be completed soon as well as painting the center lines.

Correspondence: none

Future Meetings: The next Highway Committee meetings were scheduled for July 7, Aug 4, Sept 14, and Oct 5th, 2026—all meetings begin at 8:00am.

Olson moved, Surbaugh seconded to adjourn at 9:29am. **Carried 5 - 0**

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Donart-Welcome, Clerk/Treasurer
Approved on 7/6/26