



LIBERTY GROVE ROCKS

FROM THE FRONT LINES

New hours for the Town Hall office: Monday thru Friday 8:30am to 4:00pm starting June 1st, 2015. The US Labor Department reports that Wisconsin ranked 13th in the United States for job growth from January to April of this year. The only Midwest state higher than Wisconsin was Michigan. (*Governing Magazine*)

We want to welcome Janet Rhiner to the office of the Town Hall. Janet's official title is Office Assistant and will be helping field phone calls, filing, assist walk in customers and more as she learns. We haven't figured out yet how to identify her from Janet Johnson when they answer the phone so if you ask if you are speaking to Janet be sure you identify which Janet you want to speak to. We wish her good luck in this position.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

July 13 – Highway committee 8:00am
July 14 – Parks & Property 8:00am
July 14 – Town Board Listening session 7:00pm
at Liberty Grove Town Hall
July 15 – Town Board meeting 7:00pm
July 25 – Open Book 11:00 – 1:00pm
Appt required-call 800-721-4157
Aug 5 – Town Board meeting 7:00pm

Check the Town website's calendar for additional events.
www.libertygrove.org

As we said in our last newsletter we are beginning the survey work on Beach Rd. You will see survey flags along the road marking the road right-of-way. THIS IS NOT MARKING WHERE THE ROAD WILL BE. We have received concerns about these flags and suggested rumors of widening, bike lanes, etc. Soon the Highway Committee along with Board members will walk the road and decide the width needed and what trees need to be removed to accomplish this. It is the same procedure used to do the Isle View Rd. and Garrett Bay Rd. resurfacing. Citizens along the road will be notified when this will take place and are welcome to observe. The next Highway Committee meeting is July 13th at 8:00am. This topic is going to be discussed if you would like to come and listen or voice your concerns. Watch for more information on this in the upcoming months.

Extensive road repairs will begin in July on Hwy 42 and on the Sister Bay hill. Hwy 42 will be detoured during this work. Be sure to add a little travel time when planning trips that take you south of Bhirdo's Shell station in Sister Bay.

Administrator Walter (Bud) Kalms attended a grant writing seminar in June in efforts to improve his skills as a person who could apply for grants for Town projects. Cedar Shore Rd. is in need of repair as well as damaged storm drain pipes that lay underneath the road. We will be seeking all grant money possible to complete this work. This work is necessary to eliminate the flooding that takes place on that road after it rains. It is a way to cut some of the costs of highway repairs.

BIDDING AND GRANT AWARDING PROCESS FOR TOWNS

The current issue of the Wisconsin Towns Association bulletin addresses the bidding and contract awarding process for public works projects. On a project with a cost of less than \$5000.00 the Town Board decides whom to hire at a properly noticed board meeting. If projects costs are \$5000.00 to \$25,000.00 a Class 1 notice must be posted at least one week prior to awarding the contract. There is no statutory requirement that the contract be bid and/or awarded to the lowest bidder. Projects in excess of \$25,000.00 require two Class 2 notices with the first notice posted at least two weeks prior to the bid deadline. The second notice to be posted at least one week prior to bid deadline. The notices must include bid specifications or contact information to obtain the specifications.

State Statute 60.47(1)(b) states the bid to be awarded to a responsible bidder i.e. has the capacity, competence and financial responsibility to comply with the bid specifications. It is possible that the lowest bidder would not be awarded the contract based on the "responsible bidder" or not complying the specifications of the bid. In the case where the Town receives state revenue to assist in the project (TRIP—Town Road Improvement Program) the bidding process must be followed even when the project costs are below \$25,000.00. Contracts with governmental entities need not be put out to bid but still fall under the TRIP requirement.

A new agenda item has been added to the first regular meeting of the Town Board. It is a report from the Town Administrator updating the Board and public on the operations of the Town.

A reminder that the mid year financial update and listening session will be held Tuesday July 14th beginning at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall.

Guest Organization:
Liberty Grove Historical Society-
www.libertygrovehistorical.org

Door County North along with the help Town of Liberty Grove will provide space for the SAGBRAW bicycle touring group in Ellison Bay on August 4th, 5th and part of the 6th. Approximately 400 bicyclers will be north of Sturgeon Bay enjoying our back roads and camping at the ball field at Fitzgerald Park. For those of you operating businesses in Liberty Grove there may be opportunities for you to encourage the bicyclers to stop by your business. Contact Door County North for details of the event. If you are a homeowner or visitor please spread the word that extra caution on our roads should be observed.