



LIBERTY GROVE ROCKS

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Important Dates

May 10 – Plan Commission – 7 pm
May 17 – Board Meeting – 7 pm
May 20 & 21 – Ellison Bay Arts Spring Crawl
May 24 – Plan Commission
May 29 – Hall Closed – Memorial Day
June 7 – Board Meeting – 7 pm



HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY!
PLEASE CELEBRATE RESPONSIBLY!

FROM YOUR TOWN CHAIRMAN

The Board decided to move ahead with the Public Works paving and chip sealing as originally proposed for 2017. While the chip seal bid came in about \$30,000 under the projected cost the paving bid was more than expected. Scott Construction will do the chip sealing and North East Asphalt will do the paving. The base bid came to a total of \$327,051.88. The Board based their decision on several factors including the desire not to delay the catch up being done on our road maintenance.

While putting off the projects till 2018 would have saved some expenditure it was also putting a great deal of extra prep work for the Town Crew in the spring of 2018 in addition to their normal spring clean-up and maintenance. Roads scheduled for repaving are Sunnyside, Little Sister Hill, Northern Door, Timberline, Beechwood, and S Sand Bay. All are scheduled for 3" hot mix asphalt done in two lifts. Details are available at the Town Office. As in the past, residents along the roads scheduled for paving will be contacted by the Town Office. It will be necessary for some tree removal within the clear zones but as in the past property owners will be consulted. Paving this year is scheduled to be done in August. North East Asphalt will need to truck the black top from their plant located south of Sturgeon Bay. There was hope to have a plant set up at PCI outside of Baileys Harbor but that could not be done prior to Labor Day.

We have also been informed that the resurfacing of State Highway 57 from Baileys Harbor to Sister Bay will not be done as planned this fall. It is now scheduled for 2018. The decision to not remove stone fences etc. is still in place.

Municipalities receive some state aid for road maintenance. That amount is contained in the State Budget

however the dollar figure has been stuck on hold for many years while the cost of paving has increased substantially. Liberty Grove through its Finance Committee and Town Board has placed the maintenance of our roads as a top priority. This was the main thrust when citizens were asked to allow the Town to exceed the levy limits placed on its budgeting and residents responded with granting that request. The Towns Association May 2017 Report indicates how far behind town road infrastructure Statewide has fallen behind in achieving required maintenance levels. Required Interval for Crack Filling is three years current statewide is 16.1 years, Chip Sealing suggested interval is 5-7 years while current State wide is 31.4 years, Mill-Overlay(resurfacing) suggested is 20-35 years while current is 62.9 years and Reconstruction of a road suggested interval is 40-70 years while statewide currently is 370.8 years.

I encourage interested citizens to attend the monthly Public Works committee meetings to understand the issues facing Liberty Grove regarding our road infrastructure. Agendas and times are posted on the Town Web Site – (www.libertygrove.org)

According to the May 2017 issue of Wisconsin Towns Association magazine an idea to increase the State Sales tax by half a percent would help pay for local fire and medical emergency services. Door County is very fortunate to have in place excellent Emergency Services and the dedicated fire personnel in our local Fire Departments. One of the areas emphasized to NWTC Officials was the need for local classes for our emergency personnel so they would not have to travel to Green Bay. We are hopeful the proposed Regional Learning and Discovery Center located in the former Baylake Bank building in Sister Bay will address those concerns.

From your Town Board:



Administrator Report – Kalms mentioned that the DOT has decided to let the stones remain in place along highway 57 during their resurfacing project between Baileys Harbor and Sister Bay; is working with WPS regarding burying power lines in front of Yacht Works and Yacht Harbor Shores; the Towns Association Meeting presented statistics on the poor condition of Wisconsin Roads (48th in the nation).

Public input. Ann Miller voiced her appreciation for the work done encouraging the DOT to leave the highway 57 stones in place. Cathy Ward expressed concern over using room tax money to support state parks.

Door-Kewaunee Legislative Days – Consensus was to authorize Janet Johnson to attend this event.

Road Work. Lowry moved, Goss second to let bids for 2017 road work. Carried 3-0.

Yacht Harbor Shores CUP. Goss reported this is for the next phase of this on-going project; the Town Plan Commission has recommended Board approval with the original conditions applied by the RPC. Goss moved, Lowry second to send a letter of support for the Yacht Harbor Shores conditional use. Carried 3-0.

Sunnyside Lane. Kalms said the right of way should be marked at the east end of Sunnyside to assist in developing an adequate turn-around. Lowry moved, Goss second to mark the right of way on the east end of Sunnyside Lane. Carried 3-0.

Stone fences/rocks along Highway 57. Carl Zappfe would like a designation for the stone fences so this issue does not come up every quarter of a century. Farber thanked Ann Miller for her research on the subject.

Tourism Zone Commission representation. The amount of room tax collected in the Town means that Liberty Grove is eligible for an additional person to sit on the Tourism Zone Commission. Board consensus was to open this up to the public and revisit this in the future.

From your Annual Meeting – April 18, 2017

Oaths of Office: John Lowry, Gary Farber and Nancy Goss were sworn in for another term after being re-elected at the April 7th election.

Chairman's comments: Chairman John Lowry publicly thanked the Board Members, Committee Members, and the Crew and Office staff for their continued hard work and help in keeping the town running smoothly.

NWTC Technical College Learning and Innovation Center in Sister Bay – A presentation was given by Jan Scoville - (Marinette Campus) , Lori Suddick (Greenville Campus) and Cheryl Tieman (Sturgeon Bay Campus) outlining what's been done to date on the new facility in the former Nicolet Bank Building in Sister Bay.

They listed the Vision of the Core Team:

Focus on Youth

Keep the youth in Door County

Support Job Creation and Existing Businesses

Business Creation beyond hospitality sector
Businesses that support a year-round community

Expand Existing businesses

Provide training for existing businesses to stay competitive

Community Engagement

Space for classes, training, meetings, use Wi-Fi

Next Steps: - Architecture and Engineering

Programming – Scope, use, gather input from stakeholders

Prepare bid documents

Mandatory site visit

Open bids, evaluate, prepare award

Contract signature/insurance paperwork

Construction mobilization

Construction

Start date still to be determined – Chairman John Lowry complimented the group on how well this group has worked together. The statement was reiterated by all involved.

From your Highway Committee

Public input/information exchange - Kalms reported that Yachtworks and Yacht Harbor Shores would like to have their electric wires buried along Hwy 42. This may happen in 2018. There will be no expense to the town for this.

Street light at German Rd & Hwy 57 – Niles Weborg has called the office and Teresa Weborg has written a letter asking for a light to be placed here. We recently agreed to replace one at Townline Dr. & Hwy 42 but that is because there used to be one there but it is gone. Kalms-WPS will install the pole for free and then we pay about \$18/month in electric fees.

A Blast from the Past:

Recently a copy of a ticket for the

1967 Super Bowl

Turned up

GB Packers vs KS Chiefs

35 GB - 10 KSC

MVP: Bart Starr

Priced at \$9.71 + \$.29 State tax for a total of

\$10.00!!!!

We do have a pole list. There was discussion to develop criteria for new street lights so that we are doing the same throughout the town. Walker moved, Farber second to develop a set of guidelines for street light installations in Liberty Grove. **Passed 6-0.**

The consensus was to not place a street light at German Rd & Hwy 57 at this time.

Robin Lane improvements - Kalms reported that the road had been swept but that the residents still complained about the loose gravel. Hockers suggested that we find out from Scott Construction what is going on with the chip sealing and are sure to keep it clean. We are way behind on our paving list due to availability of funds.

2017 road paving bids – Kalms presented the list of roads to consider paving this year along with the budget number. The roads that we will get bids on are Sunnyside: Mink River to terminus, Little Sister Rd Hill, Northern Door Rd, Timberline: Hwy 42 to Wisconsin Bay Rd, Beechwood Rd: Green Rd to Green Rd., and S. Sand Bay Ln. Alternate bids will include Isle View Rd: Hwy 42 to Timberline and Waters End Rd: Hwy 42 to Hillcrest Rd. Walker moved, Farber second to solicit bids for the above named roads.

Chip sealing – Chip sealing includes several road sections along Old Stage Rd totaling 4.10 miles. Olson moved, Shumway second to go out for bids for the chip sealing suggested. **Passed 6-0.**

Intersection of Waters End Rd and Hwy 42 – WPS went with Kalms to look at this intersection. The West corner needs to be straightened. A pole would need to be moved and the time to do it would be when they move other along the highway in front of Yachtworks, Inc. That may involve Baudhuin checking the road right-of-way. Kalms moved, Farber second to have the road right-of-way marked on the west side of Waters End Rd from Hwy 42 for a distance of 200 ft.

Passed 6-0.

Private roads- Discussion regarding signs on private roads that don't allow travelers on the road. Kalms moved, Farber second to end the debate and not pursue this matter any further. **Passed 6-0.**

From the Sister Bay/Liberty Grove Fire Commission

Lou Covotsos – Liberty Grove Representative to the Fire Commission has informed us that our property insurance rates could be favorably affected by a recent survey by a recent Public Protection Classification survey conducted by the Insurance Services Offices (ISO). ISO is a leading source of information about property/casualty insurance and a community's ability to appropriately manage and reduce the risks associated with specific properties.

ISO rates a communities risk on a scale from 1 to 10, the lower the ISO rating, the more favorable the property insurance underwriting might be for a community.

Our ISO rating has recently been lowered to 4 out of 10 community wide. Nationally, this rating places the Department in the top 25% of all Fire Departments rated by ISO (over 48,600).

The bottom line: our property insurance premiums might be affected positively, depending on whether our respective insurance underwriters and how much our property insurance underwriters rely on the ISO rating as many do.

Our community is very fortunate to be served so faithfully, efficiently and competently by the dedicated men and women of the SB & LG Fire Dept.

From the Wisconsin Towns Association:

There is discussion to maintain Wisconsin's Volunteer Fire & EMS System: Create Incentives and Address Funding needs.

A recent Legislative Council Study Committee heard testimony that volunteer Fire and EMS personnel save Wisconsin Taxpayers a minimum of \$383 million annually.

Volunteers obtain hundreds of hours of training, often hours from their homes, put their lives on the line and, at times, are forced to use their own resources to fund their "volunteer" efforts.

- WTA would like to see support for SB32 which would create a \$1000 income tax credit valued at \$20 per hour.
- Support for SB33 creating a \$400 refundable income tax credit to reimburse through a fee absent a downward adjustment in tax levy and, allow towns to charge a fee for volunteer/combination EMS services. Empower towns with these
- Support for legislation that enables towns to fund volunteer/combination fire services through a fee absent a downward adjustment in tax levy and allow towns to charge a fee for volunteer/combination EMS services. Empower towns with these tools consistent with consolidation requirements – **a consolidation bonus.**

Free Fishing Weekend event!

June 3 – 4, 2017

State Parks and Recreation Areas are waiving entrance stickers for the whole weekend!

For more information [Click here for a link to the WI DNR event](#) (press Ctrl then click)

Is the beach open?

Call the Beach Hotline

920-746-5960

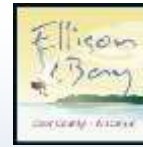
or

www.wibeaches.us

June to August



You can find more information about local events in Northern Door if you go online to doorcountynorth.net or Visit and like their page on Facebook



Ellison Bay Service Club

Visit their **Facebook page** to find out the latest news and activities around **Ellison Bay and all over Liberty Grove.**



REMEMBER

A delicious and nutritious lunch is provided by
The Senior Resource Center
At the
Liberty Grove Town Hall
Monday, Wednesday and Friday
Every week, except on Holidays.
Come and have lunch with us and play bingo on Wednesdays!

Call **888-743-1844 X2542
24 hrs before the first time you come.

***Note: Previous newsletters had an incorrect phone number*

Safe Summer Driving Trips:

As we move into the warmer months that bring more traffic to our area, it's time to think about what we can each do to increase safety on our roads. Those of us who have been driving for years have heard all of these before; it's just good to remind ourselves periodically.

Here's a handy checklist:

- **Drive defensively.**
 - Assume the other driver is not watching you and you need to watch him/her.
 - Don't hesitate to let someone go on their way instead of pulling out in front of them, requiring them to "use their brakes".
 - Leave home early enough that you won't have to rush through unexpected obstacles.
- **Obey the speed limit** - Speed limits are formulated according to road conditions, visibility, safety of the residents and safety of the traffic. Please observe them.
- **Use your turn signal** - If the drivers around you don't know where you're going, they don't know how to stay out of your way. And use it well before you're turning rather than after you're actually into the turn.
- **Pay attention**
 - Wait to use your cell phone when you're stopped instead of while driving. Voicemail and caller ID both insure that you will know who called and you can call them back when it's safe to do so.
 - Be sure that glances to the side of the road are timed well. We live in a beautiful area and it's easy to get distracted when we come to a breathtaking view of the water.
 - Use caution when paying attention to your passenger. Time your glances toward them when it's safe to do so.
 - Park the car in order to show your guests the "Goats on the Roof" or that beautiful sunset.
 - Watch out for pedestrians. Most of them are on vacation or have someone visiting them. We caution them to look both ways and cross in safe areas and drivers need to do their part to be aware of where they are.
 - Please don't stop your car in the street to call out to someone on the sidewalk. Park the car and go back to meet with them.
 - Pull over for rescue vehicles. This is a bigger problem than some people think.
 - Try to get road rage under control. Your health will benefit as well as your safety.



Emergency Vehicle Fun Day!!!

Door County Cherryland Airport

Saturday, May 20, 2017

11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

No Sirens from 11:00 to 12:30



Free Admission

The Door County Sheriff's Department is proud to announce the 8th Annual Emergency Vehicle Fun Day.



- Let the young kids sit in a Police Car, fire up the siren in the Fire Truck, turn on the lights in the Ambulance, sit in a United States Coast Guard Boat, check out the Eagle III Helicopter and Civil Air Patrol Aircraft and do so much more!

- For the older kids, take the opportunity to meet the many professionals on site and inquire about a potential career in their field of expertise.
- EAA Chapter 630 will also be on hand selling food and drinks.

This promises to be GREAT family fun that will **not** cost you a fortune. We sincerely hope to see you there!



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unique items?*

Be sure and visit the

***Annual Community Garage
Sale***

*May 20, 2017 - 8:00 AM to
4:00 pm*

Sponsored by the

SBAA

Rummage sale maps will be available
on-line at

cometosisterbay.com

on Wednesday, May 10th!.