

TOWN BROADBAND COMMITTEE MEETING

The Clay Banks Town Broadband Committee met on Tuesday, May 31st at the town hall. Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:02AM. Committee Members present were Johnson, Olson, Heimbecher, Weimer, Drager, Schmelzer and Bongle.

Approval of May 2, 2022 Meeting Minutes.

Weimer made a motion to approve the minutes of May 2nd as read, seconded by Heimbecher. Motion carried.

Grant applications and information.

A general discussion took place on the two grants application options provided by Bertram. Julie proposed asking Bertram what the final town price IF we were to receive both grants.

Town commitment.

Possibly a 20 year bond once we know what our final cost is.

Internet Service Provider (ISP) long term commitment, rates and hook-up fees.

If we go with Bertram, will they put a drop at every possible residence or just at residences that want to sign up for service at this time?

County commitment and time table to enhance emergency communications.

It was a consensus the Town needs to start meeting with the County Departments (Emergency Services, Sherriff, and County Board Supervisor Roy Englebert) along with the Southern Door Fire Department and a cell phone company.

Cell phone provider on board to provide coverage on the lakeshore area.

Consensus we need to include a cell phone provider in our plan.

Develop community survey questionnaire/ mailing.

It was a consensus a town survey needs to happen first. Send all your ideas to Jess or Mike by Friday, June 11. Julie shared the Door County Economic Development Corporation (DCEDC) will handle disbursing the survey. Jess & Julie will work with DCEDC on the survey.

Informational meetings.

Look at this once the survey is completed.

Town selection of an ISP provider and commitment to fund.

Nothing at this time.

Other items to discuss.

Tom and Doug will look into all the house numbers.

Next Meeting Date: To be determined as needed in the future.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Weimer to adjourn at 9:03AM, seconded by Schmelzer. Motion carried.