RESOLUTION NO. 22-16-06 Town of Pleasant Valley Eau Claire County

WHEREAS, the Town of Pleasant Valley is the recipient of American Rescue Plan Act funds and Eau Claire County has committed to match the spent dollars if the funds are spent on broadband expansion; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Pleasant Valley, in recognition of the broadband underserved areas of its community, seeks to enter into a quasi-public/private venture to obtain, maintain and increase broadband coverage for the support of education, health care, growth of business, retention of existing business, tourism promotion, and overall economic vitality and sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Pleasant Valley Board, desires to commence a project consisting of the construction and operation of fiber optic communications services to provide the most advanced infrastructure to unserved and underserved residents of the Town of Pleasant Valley; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Pleasant Valley has been in communication with two broadband providers and the providers have agreed upon a mutual division of the Town so that expanded services funded with the assistance of ARPA funds is not duplicated; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Pleasant Valley desires to pursue a Broadband Expansion Grant offered by and through the State of Wisconsin Public Service Commission; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Pleasant Valley desires to pursue and make application for any and all grant money available for broadband coverage with the assistance of Charter Communications; and

WHEREAS, Charter Communications has committed 72% of the project cost (\$1,954,048) towards the project in the mutually defined areas of the Town of Pleasant Valley; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the undersigned as follows:

RESOLVED, that The Town of Pleasant Valley authorizes the application to the State of Wisconsin Public Service for a Broadband Expansion Grant in partnership with Charter Communications; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that The Town of Pleasant Valley jointly with Eau Claire County, will, upon approval of the grant application by the Public Service Commission, provide the amount of \$200,000 towards said project. (\$100,000 from the Town and \$100,000 from Eau Claire County)

Adopted this 14th day of February 2022

Town of Pleasant Valley

Attested_

Jennifer Meyer - Clerk

Daniel Hanson – Chairman

Douglas Nelson - Supervisor

Daniel Green - Supervisor