

**LIBERTY TOWNSHIP**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes – January 11, 2023**  
**Location: Liberty Town Hall, Bemidji, MN**

**Call to Order-** Meeting was called to order by Chair, Sup. Oestreich with Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 pm. Roll Call

Attendance:

Supervisors: Karl Oestreich, Richard Curtis, John Gilbertson

Clerk: Colleen Oestreich, Deputy Clerk: Peggy Curtis

Treasurer: Treasurer: Judy Black

Others: Travis Kelm, Willard Kelm, Jason Stubbe, Jay Stubbe, Rob Kelm, Jasmine Kelm, Dwayne Black, Michael Bohlmann

**Treasurer's Report –**

Motion by Sup. Curtis, second by Sup. Gilbertson to accept report as written and subject to future audit. M/C

**Clerk's Report –**

December 14, 2022 Regular Business Meeting Minutes – Motion by Sup. Curtis, second by Sup. Gilbertson to accept minutes. M/C

2022 Tax preparation – Forms have been ordered from the IRS. Deputy Clerk, Curtis is willing to assist. Clerk, Oestreich said our time would be tabulated at the contract rate.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**FEMA Grant Update** – split into 3 projects.

1. Coyote/Nature – road repair; \$6,293.32
2. Old Long Lake/Mosey – 2 culverts; \$9,656.67

Liberty Twp has received their first reimbursement of approximately \$6K for project #1. The final 10% that is being withheld for verification. FEMA rep is expected to return in February.

Project #2 has passed the final reviews and will be obligated soon.

3. Oliver Culvert Invoices – Supervisors reviewed outstanding invoice of \$3,080 from Kelm Skidsteer. Original quote = \$2,800; Anderson Contracting was called in to do the major work of installing the culvert at a cost of approximately \$2,700. Motion by Sup. Gilbertson, second by Sup. Curtis to pay Kelm Skidsteer \$2,200 for their work during the install. Rob Kelm voiced acceptance of the reduced amount of \$2,200 as payment in full. M/C

**Town Hall Maintenance** – LED lights have been installed.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

**89 Bar** – Annual Township consent form was due the end of December. Clerk, Oestreich on advice from County received text approval from individual supervisors. Based upon these approvals the paperwork was signed and submitted to the County. Motion by Sup. Oestreich, second by Sup. Curtis to approve this request. M/C

**Township Election** – March 14, 2023, Vacancies include (1) Supervisor -1 yr term; (1) Supervisor – 3 yr term; (1) Treasurer – 2 yr term. Affidavit's of candidacy were accepted and additional forms were available. Slate of proposed election judges are Margaret Curtis, Alva Drusch, and either John/Catherine Wingard. Shirley Curtis will be the alternate.

Annual Meeting preparation - February business meeting will develop a proposed budget.

**Approve and Pay Bills**

Motion by Sup. Gilbertson, second by Sup. Oestreich to pay claims 4996 - 5009  
Total=\$10,667.17 M/C

Motion by Sup. Oestreich, second by Sup. Gilbertson to pay submitted Bounty claim of \$152.00. M/C

**Mail and Meetings –**

- 2/8/23 Liberty Township Meeting – 7:00 PM @ Town Hall
- 3/14/23 Liberty Township Election 4-8, Canvass 8:15 pm
- 3/14/23 Annual Meeting 8:30 pm (Alternate Date 3/21, 3/22) @ Town Hall

**Adjourn** Motion by Sup. Curtis, second by Sup. Gilbertson to adjourn at 7:30 pm. M/C

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Karl Oestreich, Chairman

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Colleen Oestreich, Clerk