

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP
Regular Meeting Minutes – February 8, 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, Jay Stubbe, Jasmine Kelm, Dwayne Black, Stacy Black, Mathew Klasen, Peggy Reznicek, Steve Reznicek, Marsha Goulet, Shirly Curtis

Clerk's Report –

January 11, 2023 Regular Business Meeting Minutes – Motion by Sup. Gilbertson, second by Sup. Curtis to accept minutes with corrections, add “on advice from County” to 89 Bar decision, and year errors to mail/meeting section. M/C

2022 Tax preparation – Deputy Clerk Curtis and Clerk Oestreich met and completed W2, W3, 944, 1096, 1099.

Workers Comp Audit was completed online and was due 2/15/23. Townships that cannot complete online, would need to pay MATIT and additional \$100 and late charge = \$250.

PERA Exclusion report is due 2/28/23 and Clerk Oestreich is seeking information from two election judges.

State Withholding payment – there was an error on the handwritten check, therefore an electronic funds transfer was completed.

MN Sales and Use Tax – 2022 return completed online

MN State Auditors Report – Due 3/31/23

Treasurer's Report –

Liberty Supervisors made a motion on November 9, 2022 to transfer \$10,000 from General fund to Road/Bridge. Treasurer did not complete the transfer. Chairman, Sup. Oestreich indicated that when board makes a decision, Treasurer and Clerk will comply with decision. Motion by Sup. Gilbertson, second by Sup. Curtis to accept report as written and subject to future audit. M/C

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OLD BUSINESS

FEMA Grant Update – split into 3 projects.

1. Coyote/Nature – road repair; \$6,293.32; Liberty Twp received \$6,135.99 on 12/8/22.
2. Old Long Lake/Mosey – 2 culverts; \$9,656.67; Liberty Twp received \$9,415.25 on 1/12/23.
3. Oliver Culvert – Final expenses and payment confirmation has been submitted to FEMA. Liberty Twp is seeking reimbursement of \$15,118.09. FEMA may ask that adjustments to withdraw some of the early temporary repair expenses. Sup. Oestreich will follow up with FEMA.

Township Election is scheduled for March 14, 2023. Election judges will be Alva Drusch, Connie Petrie and Shirley Curtis.

Annual Meeting Notice will be published in the Pioneer, Saturday 2/11/23 edition; notices will be posted at the Town hall and 89 Bar.

NEW BUSINESS

Rural Fire Association – their levy is being increased by \$70,000. Most of their equipment has a lifespan of 20 years and replacement is scheduled on a staggered rotation for a major expense every 4 years. A fire district model is being considered instead of the current administrative structure.

Road Improvements - Supervisors discussed long range plans for roads. Old Long Lake, West from Cnty Rd 9 is one area that may need a phased reconstruction to spread out expenses.

Approve and Pay Bills

Motion by Sup. Gilbertson, second by Sup. Oestreich to pay claims 5014 - 5024
Total=\$4,004.54 M/C

Beltrami County sent a Resolution to provide Assessor services in 2023 for a cost of \$6,937. Motion by Sup. Curtis, second by Sup. Oestreich to pass resolution. M/C

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Mail and Meetings –

- Liberty Twp received holiday cards from Anderson Contracting & Freeberg/Grund.
- Donation requests received from Bemidji Sr. Center, North Country 1st Responders, Habitat for Humanity; will be considered at Annual Meeting
- 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. Gilbertson, second by Sup. Curtis to adjourn at 7:25 pm. M/C

Karl Oestreich, Chairman

Colleen Oestreich, Clerk