

**LIBERTY TOWNSHIP**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes – March 22, 2023**  
**Location: Liberty Town Hall, Bemidji, MN**

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

Attendance:

Supervisors: Karl Oestreich via Zoom, Richard Curtis, John Gilbertson

Clerk: Colleen Oestreich via Zoom, Deputy Clerk: Peggy Curtis

Treasurer: Treasurer: Judy Black

Others: Travis Kelm, Willard Kelm, Jay Stubbe, Jason Stubbe, Rob Kelm, Jasmine Kelm, Shirly Curtis, Ron Vold Jr.

**Clerk's Report –**

February 8, 2023 Regular Business Meeting Minutes – Motion by Sup. Gilbertson, second by Sup. Curtis to accept minutes. M/C

2022 Taxes Update – Clerk Oestreich submitted the MN State Auditors report on March 9, 2023. PERA Exclusion report was submitted on February 27, 2023. She was unable to obtain information from two election judges; therefore, the final report was missing their information.

February payroll was corrected to show the LED light installation as contract work for Sup. Oestreich and Clerk Oestreich instead of PERA staff work. Check #5024 to PERA was voided to reflect the corrected withholding amount.

**Treasurer's Report –** Motion by Sup. Curtis, second by Sup. Gilbertson to accept report as written and subject to future audit. M/C

**FEMA Grant Update –** Sup. Oestreich has been in contact with FEMA regarding the Oliver Culvert reimbursement. FEMA will not reimburse for the labor to install the temporary repair; therefore, the total reimbursement Liberty Township will receive is \$13,018.09.

With the reimbursement already received for the other two projects, Liberty Township has/will receive an estimated \$30,000 from State and Federal sources. Management expenses have also been submitted, with expected reimbursement to be a maximum of 5% of the total cost of projects.

**Township Election** was held on March 14, 2023. Liberty Twp had 122 votes cast. Board of Canvas results were as follows:

3-Year Supervisor – Karl Oestreich 70 votes; Junior Vold 49 votes

1-Year Supervisor – Steven Reznicek 80 votes; Dwayne Black 39 votes

Treasurer – Peggy Curtis 76 votes, Judy Black 43 votes

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Sup. Gilbertson verified number of votes cast with County Auditor in response to a concerned resident.

**2023/2024 Calendar** – Board set the dates (attached) for upcoming meetings. Motion by Sup. Oestreich, second by Sup. Gilbertson to approve the 2023/2024 calendar.

**Approve and Pay Bills** – Claims 5025 – 5042 in the amount of \$14,841.56 were reviewed. Motion by Sup. Gilbertson, second by Sup. Oestreich to approve payments. M/C

Motion by Sup. Oestreich, second by Sup. Curtis to donate \$500 to North Country 1<sup>st</sup> Responders. M/C

**Upcoming Meetings –**

- April 12, 2023, Liberty Township Board Meeting, 7:00 PM
- April 27, 2023, Board of Review, 1:00 PM
- May 6, 2023, Road Inspection, 9:00 AM

**Oath of Office** – Sup. Oestreich took his oath prior to board meeting. Other incoming officers will take their oaths elsewhere.

Outgoing officers, Sup. Curtis and Treasurer Black were recognized for their service to the township.

**MAT Training** will be held on April 5<sup>th</sup> in Bemidji at the Sanford Center. Cost to attend is \$75/participant and we don't need to pre-register. They will bill townships based upon the number that are able to attend. Motion by Sup. Curtis, second by Sup. Oestreich to approve attendance. M/C

**Correspondence** – received a letter from another township that is concerned about the Fire Protection funds and is seeking support for an audit.

**Adjourn** – Motion by Sup. Curtis, second by Sup. Oestreich to adjourn at 7:27 PM. M/C

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Karl Oestreich, Chairman

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Colleen Oestreich, Clerk