

**LIBERTY TOWNSHIP**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes – April 12, 2023**  
**Location: Liberty Town Hall, Bemidji, MN**

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

Attendance:

Supervisors: Karl Oestreich, John Gilbertson, Steven Reznicek

Clerk: Colleen Oestreich, Deputy Clerk: Kristi Larson

Treasurer: Treasurer: Peggy Curtis

Others: Travis Kelm, Willard Kelm, Jay Stubbe, Peggy Reznicek, Michael Behlmann

**Clerk's Report –**

March 22, 2023 Regular Business Meeting Minutes – Motion by Sup. Oestreich, second by Sup. Reznicek to accept minutes. M/C

2022 Taxes Update – State Auditor's office notified Clerk Oestreich that the 2022 Insurance payment to MATT was place in a "debt insurance" category and needed to go into a created "non-debt insurance" category. Clerk Oestreich made the correction and resubmitted on 4/6/23.

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

**FEMA Grant Update –** Sup. Oestreich reported that the final meeting with FEMA has been held. Liberty Township has received the federal portion of the repair funding and is waiting for the management reimbursement. The State is also withholding 10% and that request is working through their system for payout.

**2023/2024 Calendar –** was published on 4/1/23 and posted at the town hall and 89 Bar.

**2023/2024 Reorganization –** Motion made by Sup. Oestreich, second by Sup. Gilbertson to nominate the following: Chair, Sup. Oestreich, Vice, Sup. Gilbertson. M/C

Motion by Sup. Oestreich, second by Sup. Reznicek to distribute committee assignments as follows: Road/Signs – Sup. Gilbertson; Weed Control – Sup. Reznicek; Fire Protection – Sup. Oestreich. M/C

**Resolution/Other Review –** Gopher bounty remains at \$2; local township elections will be held at town hall while state, regional, federal elections will be held at Eckles Community Center; Bank business will remain at 1<sup>st</sup> National; Bemidji Pioneer will remain as the selected published notice location along with the town hall and 89 Bar. Motion by Sup. Oestreich, second by Sup. Gilbertson to approve of these decisions. M/C

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**Board of Review** – scheduled for 1:00 PM on April 27, 2023. Sup. Gilbertson and Sup. Oestreich have had the required training and are current. Clerk, Oestreich will send Sup. Reznicek the on-line training link.

**Road Inspection** is scheduled for 9:00 AM on May 6, 2023. Sup. Reznicek may need to leave early due to a prior commitment but can participate for most of the review.

**Approve and Pay Bills** – Claims 5043-5054 in the amount of \$3,980.47 were reviewed. Motion by Sup. Reznicek, second by Sup. Gilbertson to approve payments. M/C

Town hall Property Taxes -Motion by Sup. Oestreich, second by Sup. Gilbertson to pay \$171.96 to Beltrami County Treasurer. M/C

**Bank Signatures Update** – Clerk Oestreich, has appointed Kristi Larson to serve as Deputy Clerk effective April 7, 2023. Motion by Sup. Reznicek, second by Sup. Oestreich to make the following changes to Liberty Township 1<sup>st</sup> National Bank accounts access:

- Remove Judy Black and Richard Curtis.
- Signature and Accounts access to: Karl Oestreich, John Gilbertson, Steve Reznicek, Peggy Curtis, Colleen Oestreich, Peggy Kelm and Kristi Larson

M/C

**Upcoming Meetings –**

- April 25, 2023 BATO Meeting, 5:30 Meal, Meeting @ 6:15 PM at Northern Town Hall
- April 27, 2023, Board of Review, 1:00 PM
- May 6, 2023, Road Inspection, 9:00 AM
- May 10, 2023 Regular Board Meeting, 7 PM

**Mail** – MATT sent out detailed insurance information. Liberty township has received information from contractors for potential future work. Helga Township is concerned about the Fire Protection funds and is seeking support for an audit.

**Website/Facebook** – Sup. Reznicek requested the board consider creating a web presence. He will obtain additional information and bring to the next meeting.

**Road Issues:** Board discussed potential stop signs needed at Xavier and Elsie Way.

**Adjourn** – Motion by Sup. Gilbertson, second by Sup. Reznicek to adjourn at 7:26 PM. M/C

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Karl Oestreich, Chairman

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Colleen Oestreich, Clerk