

**LIBERTY TOWNSHIP**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes – September 13, 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

Treasurer: Treasurer: Peggy Curtis

Others: Travis Kelm, Willard Kelm, Jay Stubbe, Jasmine Kelm, Richard Curtis, Shirley Curtis, Jason Riggs, Daniel Brooks

**Beltrami County Sheriff's Update** – Sheriff, Jason Riggs provided an overview of the proposed jail construction and funding options. November 7<sup>th</sup> election will allow voters to decide on whether a 0.625% of 1% local sales tax is approved or if the property taxpayers could have a 20% increase. Location would be north of the Eagles Club.

**Clerk's Report –**

August 9, 2023 Regular Business Meeting Minutes – Motion by Sup. Oestreich by Sup. Reznicek to accept minutes. M/C

Election Notice for November 7<sup>th</sup> has been received from the County. It's been posted at the town hall and will be posted tomorrow at the 89 Bar. Election book has been updated and is in the town hall. The automark mark machine is being replaced by new, lighter technology (DS200). Eckles Township and Liberty Township decided to share one machine. Our share of the expense (\$3,407.50) is shown in this month's bills.

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

**Road Update** -Roads are graded when moisture conditions are right due to rain. Fall mowing will start next week.

**Dist 12/BATO Meeting, 8/22/23** – Sup. Gilbertson, Sup. Reznicek and Treasurer, Curtis attended. Primary discussion topics included the theft of the MAT Insurance payment and land sales of hunting property in Polk County is increasing property values.

**Township Website** – discussed future steps.

**Local Road Improvement Program 2023** – Sup. Oestreich and Clerk, Oestreich attended the webinar. \$6M available for competitive grant.

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**Road Contract** – Liberty Twp received signed agreement from Beltrami County.

**Future Road Contract** – Supervisors discussed options for next year. Reviewed draft ad and made edits. Motion to advertise for quotes in the Bemidji Pioneer and Buyline by Supervisor, Gilbertson, second by Supervisor, Reznicek. M/C

**Building Fund** – Supervisors discussed maintenance needs for the town hall including a new roof. Long range needs may include a well and septic system.

**Approve and Pay Bills** – Motion by Sup. Reznicek, second by Sup. Gilbertson to pay claims 5104- 5115 totaling \$9,914.26. M/C

**Mail of note:**

- **Insurance** – certificate has been received from Kelm Skidsteer

**Upcoming Meetings –**

- **October 11, 2023 Regular Board Meeting, 7 PM at Town Hall** with Zoom:  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87422765301?pwd=RVJKai9qZzZ3bDNCeXBFaFdyUM0Zz09>
- **November 7, 2023, Election @ Eckles Community Center**

**Adjourn** – Motion by Sup. Oestreich, second by Sup. Gilbertson to adjourn at 7:40 PM. M/C

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Karl Oestreich, Chairman

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Colleen Oestreich, Clerk