

**LIBERTY TOWNSHIP**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes – January 10, 2024**  
**Location: Liberty Town Hall, Bemidji, MN**

**Call to Order-** Meeting was called to order by 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: Peggy Curtis

Others: Travis Kelm, Willard Kelm

**Clerk's Report –**

December 13, 2023 Regular Business Meeting Minutes – Motion by Supervisor, Reznicek second by Supervisor, Gilbertson to accept minutes. M/C

IRS mileage reimbursement has increased to \$.67/mile effective 1/1/24.

MN new sick leave law became effective 1/1/24. A poster has been posted in the townhall. All employers will be required to offer sick leave for any employees who work 80 hours or more. Early information from MAT indicated that it wouldn't impact elected officials on township boards.

Presidential primary is scheduled for March 5<sup>th</sup> at Eckles Community Hall. Township election will be held on March 12<sup>th</sup> at the Town Hall. Clerk will contact election judges to ensure coverage for both elections. Slate of judges will be reviewed at the next board meeting.

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

Board reviewed current interest rates offered by First National Bank. Motion by Sup. Oestreich, second by Sup. Reznicek to open three \$25K CDs for a 91 term on a staggered timeline to allow flexibility should the funds be needed. M/C

**Road Update** - Roads are frozen, no known issues.

**Fire report** – an emergency meeting was held on 12/13/23. Sup. Oestreich attended. Previous meeting had improper voting take place therefore the emergency meeting was needed. Fire dept staffing was discussed. Chief expressed the need for 2 additional FTE. Rural association voted it down 8:6. Sup. Oestreich voted in favor of the motion based upon the information provided.

**2024/2025 Draft Calendar** was reviewed. Motion by Sup. Oestreich, second by Sup. Gilbertson to approve of the calendar as presented. M/C

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**Bluebell Event Center** owner, Tracie Lusby is seeking an expanded liquor license to include intoxicating liquor. Board reviewed the consent form. Motion by Sup. Reznicek, second by Sup. Gilbertson to approve of the resolution. M/C

**Approve and Pay Bills** – Motion by Sup. Reznicek, second by Sup. Gilbertson to pay claims 5163 - 5172 totaling \$1,993.54. M/C

**Mail & Upcoming Meetings –**

- a. Received a x-mas card from Anderson Contracting.
  - b. Bemidji Senior Center sent a request for donations. It will be reviewed with other requests at the annual meeting.
- **February 14, 2024 Regular Board Meeting, Board of Audit, 7 PM at Town Hall**
  - **March 5, 2024 Presidential Primary Election, Eckles Community Hall**
  - **March 12, 2024 Liberty Township Election, Annual Meeting, Town Hall**

**Adjourn** – Motion by Sup. Reznicek, second by Sup. Oestreich to adjourn at 7:25 PM. M/C

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Karl Oestreich, Chairman

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Colleen Oestreich, Clerk