

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP
Regular Meeting Minutes – March 20, 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, Corinda Edevold, Scott Edevold

Clerk's Report –

February 14, 2024 Regular Business Meeting Minutes – Motion by Supervisor, Reznicek second by Supervisor, Oestreich to accept minutes. M/C

February 14, 2024 Board of Audit Meeting Minutes – Motion by Supervisor, Gilbertson second by Supervisor, Reznicek to accept minutes. M/C

Eckles Township Clerk position – Colleen Oestreich has been appointed to this position effective March 1, 2024.

Treasurer's Report – CD #434 investment purchase has been completed. Safe deposit box has been rented. Key holders will be the treasurer and clerk.

Motion by Sup. Gilbertson, second by Sup. Reznicek to accept report as written and subject to future audit. And transfer \$25K from R/B Fund to General Fund to complete the purchase of the third CD investment approved earlier. M/C.

Elections – Presidential Primary and Township elections were held with no significant issues. Currently have 9 voting stations and 2 express vote stations at Eckles Community Center. Both townships are exploring options to increase the number of stations in preparation of the upcoming fall elections. Costs would be shared by the two townships.

Oath of Office – Sup. Reznicek – 3 yr term and Clerk, Oestreich – 2 yr term completed their oaths prior to the start of the meeting.

Roads – No action

Fire report – Meeting was held on February 22th. Chief provided an overview of activity, still seeking 2 FTE. A flat levy was sent forward.

Public Hearing Notice – Board reviewed the notice sent by the county for Benjamin Olson.

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Reorganization 2024/2025 – Motion by Sup. Reznicek, second by Sup. Oestreich for the following assignments: M/C

- Karl Oestreich, Chair, Fire, Gopher
- John Gilbertson, Roads, Back-up Gopher
- Steve Reznicek, Weeds

Compensation – Board discussed.

- Motion by Sup. Gilbertson, second by Sup. Reznicek to increase clerk compensation by \$75/month effective next month. M/C
- Motion by Sup. Reznicek, second by Sup. Gilbertson to increase treasurer compensation by \$35/month effective next month. M/C

Official Posting Locations – motion made by Sup. Gilbertson, second by Sup. Reznicek to use the website, 89 Bar, Pioneer newspaper and Town Hall bulletin board on the door as the posting locations. Paper notices will be published in the Pioneer newspaper. M/C

Financial Institutions – Motion by Sup. Oestreich, second by Sup. Gilbertson to continue to use the 1st National Bank – Bemidji. M/C

Meeting Dates – Motion by Sup. Reznicek, second by Sup. Oestreich to approve of the attached meeting schedule. M/C

Approve and Pay Bills – Motion by Sup. Reznicek, second by Sup. Gilbertson to pay claims 5186- 5204 totaling \$28,855.04. M/C

Mail & Upcoming Meetings –

- BATO Meeting – 3/26/24, Northern Town Hall @ 5:30 pm
- 2024 MAT Short Courses – 4/3/24 Sanford Center, Bemidji
- Liberty Twp Regular Monthly Meeting – 4/10/24; Liberty Town Hall
- Board of Appeal & Equalization – 4/26/24 @ 1 pm, Liberty Town Hall with Zoom
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86812753583?pwd=3awDO59zzjB4gDnEYsQe5YlXo3hj.1>
- Liberty Twp Regular Monthly Meeting – 5/8/24; Liberty Town Hall
- Lawn Solutions – Jeff Hublit was provided
- MAT Officer List Update was reviewed
- MnDOT – Gravel Road Training – 3/28/24; Motion by Sup. Oestreich, second by Sup. Gilbertson to pay \$75 registration/each fee for all three supervisors. M/C

Adjourn – Motion by Sup. Reznicek, second by Sup. Oestreich to adjourn at 7:45 PM. M/C

Karl Oestreich, Chairman

Colleen Oestreich, Clerk