

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP
Regular Meeting Minutes – November 13, 2024
Location: Liberty Town Hall, Bemidji, MN

Call to Order- Meeting was called to order by Sup. Oestreich. He led Pledge of Allegiance at 6:58 pm. Roll Call

Attendance:

Supervisors: Karl Oestreich, John Gilbertson, Steve Reznicek

Clerk: Colleen Oestreich

Treasurer: Peggy Curtis

Others: Travis Kelm, Willard Kelm, Jason Stubbe, Jay Stubbe, RJ Myhre

Clerk's Report – October 9 Regular Business Meeting Minutes – Motion by Supervisor, Oestreich second by Supervisor, Reznicek to accept minutes. M/C

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

Landowner/Twp Roadwork – Letter and corrected invoice - removing cost of aprons sent on 10/18/24. Schultz invoice is still outstanding. Sup. Gilbertson has met with her. Motion by Sup. Gilbertson, second by Sup. Reznicek to send an invoice with half cost of installation - \$300. M/C

General Election – Liberty Township had a very high turnout 80+%.

Clerk/Treasurer Structure – board discussed options. Motion by Sup. Oestreich, second by Sup. Reznicek to move forward with March ballot question on having Clerk and Treasurer positions be appointed vs elected. M/C

Rural Fire Assn Report – meeting held in October lacked information on date, time & location. Sup. Oestreich tried to obtain the information prior to the meeting but was not successful therefore missed attending the meeting. He is corresponding with leadership to address the issue.

Road Report – road overall are in good shape. Current maintenance contract has expired. Motion by Sup. Gilbertson, second by Sup. Oestreich to contract with Travis Kelm (Kelm Grading) for snow plowing at rate of \$120/hr - if fuel is >\$5 then cost will increase by \$5/hr. M/C

Contract for Services – Sup. Reznicek presented a draft for the board. He will work with MAT legal counsel to address some concerns and bring final proposal to board.

Liquor License Consent Forms – Board discussed requests from Bluebell Event Center and the 89 Bar. Motion by Sup. Gilbertson, second by Sup. Oestreich to approve these requests. M/C

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Approve and Pay Bills – Motion by Sup. Gilbertson, second by Sup. Reznicek to pay claims 5298 - 5318 totaling \$26,022.38. Bemidji Fire Assn payment will be held until second tax payment is received. M/C

Townhall Roofing – Sup. Gilbertson received an estimate for steel needed to complete the roof of approximately \$4K. Estimate does not include labor.

Mail & Upcoming Meeting;

- Beltrami County Hwy Dept sent a letter outlining the 23.56 miles of road maintained by Liberty Twp.
- Liberty Twp Regular Monthly Meeting – 12/11/24
- MAT Year-end training is being offered in November.
- MAT Annual Meeting will be held 12/13-14/24 in St Cloud.

Adjourn – Motion by Sup. Oestreich, second by Sup. Gilbertson to adjourn at 7:36 PM. M/C

Colleen Oestreich, Clerk

Karl Oestreich, Chairman