

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP
Regular Meeting Minutes –April 8, 2026
Location: Liberty Town Hall, Bemidji, MN

Call to Order- Sup. Oestreich called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 pm.

Roll Call Attendance:

Supervisors: Karl Oestreich, John Gilbertson, Steve Reznicek

Clerk: Colleen Oestreich via Zoom

Treasurer: Connie Kelm

Others: Travis Kelm, Willard Kelm, Peggy Curtis, Jason Stubbe, Jay Stubbe

Minutes – Motion by Supervisor, second Oestreich by Supervisor, Reznicek to accept minutes from 3/18/26 Regular Business Meeting. M/C

Equipment – Motion by Sup. Gilbertson, second by Sup. Reznicek to purchase a Zoom Speaker to improve sound quality. M/C Board discussed the need for road signs and cones. Motion by Sup. Oestreich, second by Sup. Reznicek to have Sup. Gilbertson check into options and come back with cost information. M/C

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer, Connie Kelm is transitioning to the position. Board used the cash control statement to oversee current financial position. Motion by Sup. Reznicek, second by Sup. Oestreich to accept report as written and subject to future audit. M/C.

Bemidji Rural Fire Assn – Sup. Oestreich attended the 3/26/26 meeting. There were 396 emergency calls.

MAT Short Course – Sup. Reznicek reported on the highlights from the supervisor's session including increased cost of fire trucks is due to the high cost of aluminum and labor costs; explanation of 3% road crown and width requirements; and liability insurance requirements of 1.5 million and board will ensure the safety of town hall entrances this spring.

Road Report – recent snowfall has made the roads very sloppy and rough. Board reviewed the draft request for gravel quotes. Liability insurance coverage was reduced to 1.5 million to match the county requirements. Motion by Sup. Reznicek, second by Sup. Gilbertson to approve the notice. M/C

Approve and Pay Bills – Motion by Sup. Oestreich, second by Sup. Gilbertson to pay claims 5486– 5497, EFT, PC, CO reimbursements totaling \$4,051.18 M/C Updated bank signature sheets were signed.

Paid Leave – Motion by Sup. Gilbertson, second by Sup. Oestreich to use the EFT option for paid leave quarterly payments. M/C

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Mail & Upcoming Meeting;

- Liberty Twp Board of Appeal & Equalization = 1:00 PM Liberty Town Hall 4/24/26
- Liberty Road Inspection – 9:00 AM Liberty Town Hall 4/25/26
- Liberty Twp Regular Monthly Meeting – 5/13/26
- MnDOT – Gravel Road Maintenance & Design Training; Bemidji, 5/8/26

Board thanked retiring treasurer, Peggy Curtis for her many years of service to Liberty Township.

Adjourn – Motion by Sup. Reznicek, second by Sup. Oestreich to adjourn at 7:29 PM. M/C

Colleen Oestreich, Clerk

Karl Oestreich, Chairman