

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP
Regular Meeting Minutes – January 8, 2025
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

Treasurer: Peggy Curtis

Others: Travis Kelm, Willard Kelm, John Carlson

Clerk's Report – 12/11/24 Regular Business Meeting Minutes – Motion by Supervisor, Gilbertson second by Supervisor, Oestreich to accept minutes. M/C

Board reviewed the Liberty Twp 2025/2026 meeting calendar. Motion by Sup. Oestreich, second by Sup. Reznicek to approve of the meeting calendar.

Township election will be held on 3/11/25 from 4-8 pm. Notice has been published & posted seeking candidates for one supervisor, treasurer & the ballot question. Candidates have until January 14th to submit an affidavit of candidacy along with \$2.

Beltrami County set the annual Board of Appeal & Equalization for 4/25/25 at 1:00 pm. Sup. Reznicek plans to complete the online training required for supervisors.

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

Yearend reports included Federal- W2/W3, 1099, 1096, 940; State- Work Comp Audit, State Withholding, PERA Exclusion, Auditor Report, Sales Tax were available for review. Motion by Sup. Reznicek, second by Sup. Oestreich to approve submission of these reports. M/C

Landowner/Twp Roadwork – Sup. Gilbertson will follow-up with Schultz regarding outstanding invoice.

County Commissioner Carlson – Introduced himself to the board. He now represents residents of Liberty Township. He asked the board to contact him with any areas of concern moving forward. His phone # is 218.766.5010

Road Report – roads are frozen & icy.

Rural Fire Assn Report – met in December but a technicality postponed approval of contract with the city and new by-laws. Motion by Sup. Oestreich, second by Sup. Reznicek to approve resolution 2025-1 which appoints Karl Oestreich as primary representative and John Gilbertson as alternate to the Bemidji Rural Fire Association. M/C

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Approve and Pay Bills – Motion by Sup. Reznicek, second by Sup. Oestreich to pay claims 5330 – 5342 totaling \$7,399.12. M/C

Mail & Upcoming Meeting;

- Liberty Twp Regular Monthly Meeting – 2/12/25
- Secretary of State sent out information on 2025 elections
- Received a claims center request – Clerk will follow-up
- Cards from 1st Responders & Anderson Contracting

Adjourn – Motion by Sup. Gilbertson, second by Sup. Reznicek to adjourn at 7:20 PM. M/C

Colleen Oestreich, Clerk

Karl Oestreich, Chairman