

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP
Reorganization & Regular Meeting Minutes – March 19, 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 via Zoom

Treasurer: Peggy Curtis

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

Reorganization – Newly elected Sup. Gilbertson and Treasurer, Curtis took their oaths of office.

1. Officer/Committee Assignments
 - a. Chair – Motion by Sup. Reznicek, second by Sup. Gilbertson to nominate Karl Oestreich as Chair. M/C
 - b. Vice Chair – Motion by Sup. Oestreich, second by Sup. Gilbertson to nominate John Gilbertson as Vice-Chair. M/C
 - c. Fire Assn – Motion by Sup. Reznicek, second by Sup. Gilbertson to nominate Karl Oestreich. M/C
 - d. Road – Motion by Sup. Reznicek, second by Sup. Oestreich to nominate John Gilbertson. M/C
 - e. Weed – Motion by Sup. Oestreich, second by Sup. Gilbertson to nominate Steve Reznicek. M/C
2. Financial Institution – Motion by Sup. Reznicek, second by Sup. Oestreich to continue to have 1st National Bank of Bemidji as Liberty Township's primary financial institution.
3. Publish/Posting Notices – Motion by Sup. Oestreich, second by Sup. Reznicek to have the following locations – Pioneer, Website, Town hall and 89 Bar. M/C
4. Calendar – Motion by Sup. Reznicek, second by Sup. Oestreich to approve of the meeting calendar as presented. M/C
5. Administrative Compensation – Motion by Sup. Reznicek, second by Sup. Gilbertson to maintain rates of \$70/meeting and \$20/hour.
6. Clerk/Treasurer – Restructure/sick leave policy was tabled.

Clerk's Report – 2/12/25 Regular Business Meeting Minutes – Motion by Supervisor, Gilbertson second by Supervisor, Reznicek to accept minutes. M/C

Submitted the approved levy report to the County Auditor.

Fund	Approved @ Annual Meeting 3/11/25
• General	\$ 37,000
• Road/Bridge	\$ 90,000
• Building	\$ 4,000
• Fire	\$ 43,000
Total	\$174,000

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Submitted the State Auditor report on 3/18/25.

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

Partnership work – Schultz invoice is still outstanding. Sup. Gilbertson will follow-up.

Road Report – Sup. Gilbertson reviewed the status. Township will soon publish/post requests for quotes for grading, mowing, brush cutting and regular maintenance. Road tour is scheduled for 4/26/25.

Approve and Pay Bills – Motion by Sup. Reznicek, second by Sup. Gilbertson to pay claims 5353 – 5365 totaling \$2,318.08. M/C

Mail & Upcoming Meeting;

- MAT Spring Short Course Training 4/2/25, Bemidji Sanford Center; Motion by Sup. Reznicek, second by Sup. Oestreich to approve payment to attend training. M/C
- Liberty Twp Regular Monthly Meeting – 4/9/25
- Sup. Reznicek completed online Board of Equalization training.
- Wadena contractor requested information on contracting with township.

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

Colleen Oestreich, Clerk

Karl Oestreich, Chairman