

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP
Regular Meeting Minutes – August 13, 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 via zoom, John Gilbertson, Steve Reznicek

Clerk: Colleen Oestreich via zoom; Deputy Clerk: Kristi Larson

Treasurer: Peggy Curtis

Others: Travis Kelm, Willard Kelm, Peggy Reznicek

Clerk's Report – 7/9/25 Regular Business Meeting Minutes – Motion by Supervisor, Reznicek second by Supervisor, Gilbertson to accept minutes. M/C

County sent out a notice that they plan to purchase new poll pads due to an update in technology & the current poll pads will no longer be supported. County will cover the purchase of one poll pad for each precinct. Liberty Twp currently has 561 registered voters & recommendation is to have one poll pad for each 500-600 voters. Cost for additional poll pads is \$367.50. Motion by Sup. Oestreich, second by Sup. Reznicek to use the poll pad purchased by the County and not purchase additional poll pads. M/C

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

Partnership work – Schultz invoice is still outstanding but the work is completed. Sup. Gilbertson will follow-up for payment & clerk will send out an invoice.

BRFA Meeting – held on 7/24/25. Clerk reported that the main topic was the emergency response from the 6/21/25 storm.

BATO Meeting – July meeting was cancelled. Next meeting is planned for October.

Road Report – roads are in good condition. 110 loads of maintenance gravel has been applied. Werner, Albers & Stai Ct have not received gravel yet. Motion by Sup. Oestreich, second by Sup. Gilbertson to delay any gravel application on Werner until planned work is further along. M/C

Board discussed the winter maintenance contract timeline. Clerk will send draft notice to board for input.

Board discussed Xavier Road entrance issues. Requested it to be on September agenda.

Approve and Pay Bills – Motion by Sup. Oestreich, second by Sup. Reznicek to pay claims 5411 – 5421, PC & JG reimbursements totaling \$52,635.71. M/C

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Mail & Upcoming Meeting;

- Received an estimate of Liberty Twp population status with process for input
- Received the appraisal value of \$35K for Town Hall from MATIT
- Received MAT dues notice – Liberty Twp estimated population=790 therefore annual dues = \$592.80; due 1/1/26
- Liberty Twp Regular Monthly Meeting – 9/10/25
- MAT District 12 Regional Meeting – 8/26/25; Ada
- MAT Annual Conference – 12/11-13/25; St Cloud, MN

Adjourn – Motion by Sup. Reznicek, second by Sup. Gilbertson to adjourn at 7:15 PM. M/C

Colleen Oestreich, Clerk

Karl Oestreich, Chairman