

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP
Regular Meeting Minutes –February 11, 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

Clerk: Colleen Oestreich

Treasurer: Peggy Curtis

Others: Travis Kelm, Willard Kelm, Jay Stubbie, Jason Stubbie, Alison Walker

Clerk's Report – 1/14/26 Regular Business Meeting Minutes – Motion by Supervisor, Gilbertson second by Supervisor, Oestreich to accept minutes. M/C

Clerk, Oestreich provided an update on the township election. 15 absentee ballots have been sent out. Head Judge, Peggy Curtis announced the proposed slate of judges. They are Connie Petrie, Shirly Curtis and herself. Motion by Sup. Gilbertson, second by Sup. Oestreich to accept the slate of judges. M/C

Annual meeting will be held on 3/10/26. Deputy Clerk, Kristi Larson will lead and take minutes. Requested an agenda item of replacing the furnace in the townhall.

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

Bemidji Rural Fire Assn – Sup. Oestreich attended the meeting held on 1/22/26. They set the levy at 7% - Liberty Twp expense will be \$47,025; increase of calls by 17%; 3 yrs left on loan; looking at having treasurer a hired position; discussed possibility of joint titling of vehicles; 2/26 will have a LGU meeting at Northern Townhall at 6:30 pm.

Road Report – no major issues to report. Board asked why dual equipment was used to plow at certain times during the last snow event. Since secondary equipment wasn't clearing snow; township should not be charged hours on that equipment.

Beltrami County sent out notification that they are charging \$400 for bridge inspections.

2026 Beltrami Assessor Contract – Motion by Sup. Oestreich, second by Sup. Gilbertson to approve contract. M/C

Beltrami County Tax Forfeiture Sale – Board discussed proposal. Motion by Sup. Oestreich, second by Sup. Gilbertson to send a letter of opposition to proposal. M/C

Copy Machine – Motion by Sup. Oestreich, second by Sup. Gilbertson to approve purchase of copy machine for \$50. M/C

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Approve and Pay Bills – Motion by Sup. Gilbertson, second by Sup. Oestreich to pay claims 5468– 5474, EFT, CO reimbursements totaling \$5,412.65 M/C

Mail & Upcoming Meeting;

- Liberty Twp Regular Monthly Meeting – 3/18/26
- MAT Township Day at the Capitol – 3/2/26
- MAT Spring Short Course – 4/1/26; Bemidji, Sanford Center; Motion by Sup. Oestreich, second by Sup. Gilbertson to approve fees of board to attend. M/C
- US Census Bureau
- MnDOT – Gravel Road Maintenance & Design Training; Bemidji, 5/8/26

Adjourn – Motion by Sup. Oestreich, second by Sup. Gilbertson to adjourn at 7:30 PM. M/C

Colleen Oestreich, Clerk

Karl Oestreich, Chairman