LIBERTY TOWNSHIP
Regular Meeting Minutes – October 14, 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 via zoom, John Gilbertson
Clerk: Colleen Oestreich
Treasurer: Connie Kelm

Others: Travis Kelm

Minutes – Motion by Supervisor, Gilbertson second by Supervisor, Oestreich to accept minutes from 9/9/26 Regular Business Meeting. M/C

Reschedule November Board Meeting – Due to Veteran's Day Federal holiday on 11/11 – Motion by Sup. Oestreich, second by Sup. Gilbertson to move the scheduled meeting date to 11/10/26. M/C

General Election – 11/3/26; Proposed slate of judges are Peggy Curtis, Shirly Curtis, Steve & Peggy Reznicek, Connie Petrie and Karl Oestreich. Motion by Sup. Oestreich, second by Sup. Gilbertson. M/C

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer, Connie Kelm provided report from September. Motion by Sup. Oestreich, second by Sup. Gilbertson to approve report pending future audit. M/C

Tax Forfeiture Site & Access – no action needed.

Bemidji Rural Fire Association – meeting held on 9/24/26. Sup. Gilbertson attended. They have two quotes for new tender. One is $592K and other is $502K. This truck is scheduled to be purchased by the city. The 2027 increase will be 3%. They are also looking to purchase a 1T truck with a tank for an estimated cost of $145K. There is some grant funds that could cover some of this cost.

Road Report – grading is in progress. Hope to grade one more time before freeze/snow falls.

There are issues on Turgi and it could be a project in 2027 to correct drainage/entrance site. Rocks are starting to be exposed on Mosey & Dunn.

PO Box Rental – Board discussed establishing a new address for the township through the rental of a PO Box. Motion by Sup. Gilbertson, second by Sup. Oestreich to rent a PO Box. M/C

Approve and Pay Bills – Motion by Sup. Oestreich, second by Sup. Gilbertson to pay claims 5567-5575, CO reimbursement & EFT totaling $5,287.48 M/C

MN Paid Leave – the 2nd Qtr Payment made by Liberty Twp was applied to a different Liberty Twp account in MN. This error has been corrected but state recommends payment by EFT to ensure accuracy in processing. Motion by Sup. Oestreich, second by Sup. Gilbertson to pay via

EFT in the future. M/C The board also discussed potential to appeal rate charged once an annual determination letter is received.

Mail & Upcoming Meeting;

- Liberty Twp Regular Monthly Meeting – 11/10/26
- BATO Meeting – 10/27/26 @ 5:30 pm

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

Colleen Oestreich, Clerk

Karl Oestreich, Chairman