

Liberty Township Special Meeting Minutes

July 29, 2025

Liberty Township Hall

7478 N 41 Rd, PO Box 334

Manton MI 49663

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Supervisor Swanson.

Roll Call: Present: Supervisor Brad Swanson, Treasurer Tanja McCane-Clark, Clerk Amanda Kimbel-Sparks, Trustee Jim Heady, and Trustee Brian Neihardt.

Absent: None

Agenda: A motion to add Guest Speaker Mary Hallet and additional discussion of Liberty Ladies Aid after the guest speaker to the agenda and to approve Agenda made by Swanson, 2nd by Neihardt. All in favor. Motion passed.

Purpose of the meeting

1. **Liberty Ladies Aid** Supervisor Swanson read aloud a portion of the July 15, 2025 Draft Regular Meeting Minutes Section XIII New Business, c. Hall use, ii and iii; Supervisor Swanson read aloud the letter sent to Liberty Ladies Aid from Liberty Township and read aloud the 2013 contract between Liberty Township and Liberty Ladies Aid.
2. **Guest Speaker-Mary Hallet of Liberty Ladies Aid** Mary Hallet read aloud *Liberty Ladies Aid Mission Statement*
3. **Liberty Ladies Aid** Supervisor Swanson discussed Lawful Expenditures and “open meetings” waiver.

Public Comment: Members of the public spoke.

- Motion to close public comment made by Swanson, seconded by Heady. All in favor.
- Motion to contact the attorney to work out a contract between Liberty Township and Liberty Ladies Aid to allow items belonging to Liberty Ladies Aid to be stored at the township hall lawfully to include an inventory of property to be stored made by Swanson, Seconded by Heady. Roll Call: McCane-Clark, yes; Neihardt, yes; Kimbel-Sparks, yes; Heady, yes; Swanson, yes. Motion passed.
- Motion to rescind motion “iii. *Motion to void the 2013 contract between Liberty Ladies Aid and Liberty Township based on the fact that it is not based on exchanging like for like services made by Kimbel-Sparks, seconded by McCane-Clark. Roll call: Kimbel-Sparks, yes; McCane-Clark, yes; Heady, yes; Neihardt, no; Swanson, no. Motion carried. Contract voided. Clerk to prepare letter to notify Liberty Ladies Aid that effective August 1, 2025 they will be required to pay the standard fee and go through the Hall Manager to rent the hall and return all keys*”, and to reinstate the 2013 contract between Liberty Township and Liberty Ladies Aid made by Heady, seconded by Neihardt. Roll Call: McCane-Clark, yes; Neihardt, yes; Kimbel-Sparks, no; Heady, yes; Swanson, yes. Motion passed.
- Motion to allow Supervisor Swanson and Clerk Kimbel-Sparks to contact the attorney about the 2013 contract between Liberty Township and Liberty Ladies Aid and to build a new contract with Liberty Ladies Aid made by Kimbel-Sparks, seconded by Swanson. Roll Call: McCane-Clark, yes; Neihardt, no; Kimbel-Sparks, yes; Heady, yes; Swanson, yes. Motion passed.
- MOTION MADE BY NEIHARDT TO ALLOW LIBERTY LADIES AID ITEMS TO STAY IN THE HALL
SECONDED BY HEADY. NO VOTE TAKEN

Adjourn Motion made by McCane-Clark, seconded by Neihardt to adjourn at 7:55pm. All in favor. Motion passed.

Minutes prepared by *Amanda Kimbel-Sparks, Clerk*