

Liberty Township Special Meeting Minutes
April 6, 2026
Liberty Township Hall
7478 N 41 Rd, PO Box 334
Manton MI 49663

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM by Supervisor Swanson.
- II. **Roll Call:**
 - a) Present: Supervisor Brad Swanson, Trustee Brian Neihardt, Clerk Amanda Kimbel-Sparks, Trustee Jim Heady, Treasurer Jennifer Moffit Absent: None
- III. **Public Comment:** Members spoke
 - a) Motion by Moffit, seconded by Neihardt to close public comments. All in favor.
- IV. **Approve Agenda** Motion by Neihardt to approve the agenda adding Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer expenses, and Crawford Plumbing invoice to section X. a. and add Reschedule April meeting to XI.a. seconded by Moffit. All in favor.
- V. **Open Public Hearing on Budget**
 - a) **Present Budget**
 - b) **Public Comment** Motion by Neihardt, seconded by Heady to open public comment. All in favor. Members spoke.
 - c) **Close Public Hearing on Budget** Motion by Moffit, seconded by Heady to close Public comment and Public Hearing. All in favor.
- VI. **Guest Speaker** None
- VII. **Action Items**
 - a) **Approve Appropriations Act** Motion by Moffit, seconded by Heady to approve the Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2026-27. Roll Call: Swanson, yes; Heady, yes; Neihardt, yes; Moffit, yes; Kimbel-Sparks, yes. All in favor.
 - b) **Approve audit bid and authorize audit** Motion by Neihardt, seconded by Moffit to hire Gabridge & Co to perform township audits and assist with accounting processes. Roll Call: Kimbel-Sparks, yes; Heady, yes; Swanson, yes; Moffit, yes; Neihardt, yes. All in favor.
 - c) **Set Spring Clean-up day and secure disposal company** Spring Clean Up day will be May 2, 2026 from 9-12. Manton Disposal and metal recycler on site.
 - d) **Approve Brine Contact** Motion by Swanson, seconded by Moffit to approve 2026 Brine Contract with Wexford County Road Commission. Roll Call: Kimbel-Sparks, yes; Swanson, yes; Heady, yes; Moffit, yes; Neihardt, yes. All in favor.
 - e) **WJPC final steps** Kimbel-Sparks to reach out to WJPC and Equalization for status.
 - f) **Discuss next steps in zoning for Liberty Township** Discussion had. No action taken.
 - g) **Discuss MiClass investments options** Motion by Swanson, seconded by Moffit to take \$5000 from the general fund and invest in MiClass investments towards future playground improvements. Roll Call: Swanson, yes; Neihardt, yes; Moffit, yes; Heady, yes; Kimbel-Sparks, yes. All in favor.
- VIII. **Approve Minutes of February 17, 2026, Regular Board Meeting** Motion by Moffit, seconded by Swanson, to approve the February 17, 2026 Regular Board Meeting. All in favor.

- IX. **Budget vs Actual Report** To be addressed next month.
- X. **Consent Agenda (All can be approved with one motion)**
 - a) **Accounts payable**
 - i) **Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer Expenses**
 - ii) **Crawford Plumbing**
 - (1) Motion by Neihardt, seconded by Moffit to approve expenses presented. Roll Call: Heady, yes; Moffit, yes; Kimbel-Sparks, yes; Neihardt, yes; Swanson, yes. All in favor.
 - b) **Officer's Reports**
 - i) **Supervisor's Report**
 - ii) **Treasurer's Report**
 - iii) **Clerk, Sexton, Hall Manager, FOIA Coordinator Report**
 - (1) Motion by Swanson, seconded by Neihardt to approve Consent Agenda. All in favor.
- XI. **Public Comment (3-minute limit)** Several members spoke. Motion by Neihardt, seconded by Moffit to close public comment. All in favor.
- XII. **Reschedule April Meeting** Motion by Heady, seconded by Neihardt to reschedule April Regular Board Meeting from April 21, 2026, to the following Tuesday, April 28, 2026. All in favor.
- XIII. **Adjourn** Motion to adjourn made by Heady, seconded by Swanson at 8:00 pm. All in favor.

Minutes prepared by Amanda Kimbel-Sparks, Clerk