

Liberty Township Meeting Minutes

April 28, 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, Treasurer Jennifer Moffit, Clerk Amanda Kimbel-Sparks, Trustee Jim Heady, Trustee Brian Neihardt (arrived during first public comment)
Absent: None
- III. **Public Comment:** Members spoke
- IV. **Approve Agenda** Motion by Neihardt to approve the agenda, adding a moment of silence for Liberty Community member and strong Liberty Township supporter and resident, Eleanor Sesenko, who passed away, seconded by Moffit. All in favor.
- V. **Guest Speaker** Georgie Bump, Council on Aging gave update on renewal mileage on the ballot this year.
- VI. **Closed Session**
 - a) **To consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure; attorney client privileged communications** Motion by Swanson to enter closed session, seconded by Neihardt. All in favor.
 - b) Motion by Moffit to come out of closed session, seconded by Heady. All in favor.
 - c) Motion by Kimbel-Sparks to allow township attorneys to offer more guidance and answer questions the board may come up with seconded by Swanson. Roll Call: Kimbel-Sparks, yes; Swanson, yes; Heady, yes; Neihardt, yes; Moffit, yes. All in favor.
- VII. **Action Items**
 - a) **Announcing the Deputies**
 - i) Deputy Clerk, Reanna Sparks and Deputy Treasurer, Amy Howell.
 - b) **Discuss next steps in zoning for Liberty Township**
 - i) Postponed allowing for response from attorney.
 - c) **Discuss Attorney options** Covered in pervious items.
 - d) **Decide on newsletter printing**
 - i) Motion by Moffit to have Wexford Equalization Department print our newsletter to be inserted in the summer tax bill, seconded by Heady. Roll Call: Heady, yes; Kimbel-Sparks, yes; Neihardt, yes; Swanson, yes; Moffit, yes. All in favor.
 - e) **Discuss/Decide on new water heater options**
 - i) Motion by Neihardt to approve propane water heater replacement up to \$2900 or replace exhaust as needed, seconded by Moffit. Roll Call: Moffit, yes; Neihardt, yes; Heady, yes; Swanson, yes; Kimbel-Sparks, yes. All in favor.
 - ii) Motion by Kimbel-Sparks to pay Crawford Plumbing for sump pump and drain line replacement, seconded by Swanson. Roll Call: Moffit, yes; Heady, yes; Neihardt, yes; Kimbel-Sparks, yes; Swanson, yes. All in favor.

- f) **Memorial Day ceremonies update**
 - i) Cookies ordered, Band and Choir to provide musical accompaniment, Speaker Brad Swanson, Agenda to be distributed.
 - (1) Motion by Swanson to approve and pay Manton Band, Manton Choir and Corie Fullerton for Memorial Day services, seconded by Moffit. (Speaker Brad Swanson declined payment.) Roll Call: Heady, yes; Moffit, yes; Neihardt, yes; Kimbel-Sparks, yes; Swanson, yes. All in favor.
 - g) **Clean up day May 2, 2026, 9-Noon** Reminder to public.
- VIII. **Approve Minutes of April 6, 2026, Special Board Meeting**
 - a) Motion by Moffit, seconded by Heady, to approve April 6, 2026, Special Board Meeting minutes. All in favor.
- IX. **Budget vs Actual Report** Clerk gave update on meeting with Auditor
- X. **Consent Agenda (All can be approved with one motion)**
 - a) **Accounts payable**
 - i) **Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer Expenses**
 - b) **Officer's Reports**
 - i) **Supervisor's Report**
 - ii) **Treasurer's Report**
 - iii) **Clerk, Sexton, Hall Manager, FOIA Coordinator Report**
 - (1) Motion by Kimbel-Sparks to order veteran's grave markers and flags for the cemetery, seconded by Heady. Roll Call: Kimbel-Sparks, yes; Neihardt, yes; Swanson, yes; Moffit, yes; Heady, yes. All in favor.
 - (2) Motion by Moffit, seconded by Heady to approve Consent Agenda. All in favor.
- XI. **Public Comment (3-minute limit)** Several members spoke. Motion by Moffit, seconded by Swanson to close public comment. All in favor.
- XII. **Adjourn** Motion to adjourn made by Heady, seconded by Neihardt at 7:50 pm. All in favor.

Minutes prepared by Amanda Kimbel-Sparks, Clerk