

**FREDENBERG TOWN BOARD
SAINT LOUIS COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
June 7, 2017**

**TIME & PLACE: 7:00 PM
TOWN HALL/COMMUNITY CENTER**

The monthly meeting was CALLED TO ORDER at 7:02 pm by Chairman Clay Cich. Jeff Blix, town supervisor was absent. 13 individuals stood with the Board to recite the Pledge of the Allegiance.

- 1) APPROVAL OF MINUTES: no changes noted. Clay Cich made motion to approve, Jim Ray seconded, **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- 2) TREASURER'S REPORT: CD is up for renewal on 6/21/17, amount of \$40,000.00, he will check on interest rate. There is a two month financial report provided but it is off \$687.94 from Schedule 1 report. Difference is related to outstanding checks and he will find error and make corrections. He will also check on Storm Damage payment deposited into township to insure Reservoir Riders received their portion as it came as one lump sum. Clay Cich made motion to approve, Walter Rapp seconded, **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- 3) CORRESPONDENCE: 17 items were received during the month and reviewed.
- 4) REVIEW OF BILLS: Delete Reservoir Riders "storm damage", Clay Cich made motion to approve and pay Claims #8916 to 8934, Deb Pawlowicz seconded, **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- 5) REPORTS:

Clerk – followed up on Township Domain issue, this Domain name was cancelled in 2016 with last payment, had been void because administrator had closed it in 2015. Walter Rapp changed all locks in Office and keys given to designated personnel. Clerks are requesting that receipts are attached to expense requests to receive payment, this will provide a paper trail for township monies. Fredenberg Township has been signed up for MN Historical Society record retention since 1989, we will follow guidelines to update office files/records. State withholding issues have been resolved and a portion of liens taken have now been refunded and we are current through April 2017. Still no township credit card but will be completed this week.

Road Report – last rain was hard on roads. Issues will be dealt with as maintenance progresses.

Fire Department –another busy month, responded to 11 emergency calls including 7 medical calls, 2 grass fires, one fire outside and a structure fire. We received assistance from our mutual aid partners and were able to confine the structure fire to the roof area of attached garage, preventing spreading to home. Eleven members participated in emergency vehicle operations driving class in May. A classroom presentation on safe driving held at fire hall, then intensive behind the wheel training in St. Cloud. Members also participated in medical & wildland fire training. A lot of pancakes were served at the Annual Pancake Feed and a great big thank you to everyone who attended.

Law Enforcement - Clay Cich reported on an incident on Island Beach Drive, someone shooting guns over the lake, St. Louis County Sheriff was called and handled.

Cemetery – driveways have been cleaned and old flowers removed

Parks & Rec – bin for propane cylinders done (thanks Walter Rapp). Old hockey board removed (thanks Greg Kaneski) and proved to be rotten and unsellable, new hockey boards will be going up. Jim Ray meet with MN Power reps and evaluated changing to LED outside lighting, he is still exploring costs/saving/timers/motion sensors. Resident requested financial summary of total cost associated with Fredenberg Park Lawsuit, this remains an ongoing issue and

cannot be obtained at this time.

Community Center –painting repairs completed by Jasper. There are 8-9 reservations for town hall so far this summer

Recycle Center –Grant approved from WLLSD, increased grant money to \$7,706.36. Connie is requesting HAZARDOUS WASTE/SHREDDING DAY for township, hopefully done on the same day, Deb Pawlowicz will be contacting WLLSD about this. Pot holes still not fixed, Lakehead will be doing very soon per Greg Kaneski.

Other Meetings –

6) OLD BUSINESS:

a) Web Site: Fredenberg has a working domain: Fredenberg.org, this will be used for the new web site which clerks are working on developing with web designer.

b) Hank Harper complaint: Clay Cich followed up with him at his home and directed him to contact St. Louis County Commission.

c) SEH feasibility study: Clay Cich reported that there will be an Information Meeting for the Usiak Road on June 15, 2017 in the town hall at 7:00pm, it will be posted in designed posting sites for township and on the road. Deb Pawlowicz made motion: The Town of Fredenberg will only operate according to the Laws of Minnesota Association of Townships and Minn.Stat.429 for all public improvements, Walter Rapp seconded, **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**. Fredenberg Road feasibility study was updated, motion made by Clay Cich to have Public Hearing scheduled for June 20, 2017 at 7:00pm in the town hall, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY notification will be placed in Duluth News Tribune and residents notified. Walter Rapp seconded, **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**. It is DULY NOTED that resident, Rex Greenwall stated that the will of the people is not being followed per the vote taken at the Annual Meeting in March 2017 in regards to road improvement.

7) NEW BUSINESS:

a) Special Board Meeting, June 6, 2017. No Board action taken. MATIT attorney informed those present that another meeting will be held when all town supervisors are present

b) Annual Road Review: Jim Ray is working on setting up a dedicated road repair fund for paved roads in the township

c) Newsletter quotes information from 2 local companies and estimate of costs with clerk completing presently. Walter Rapp made motion to accept Quotation 81089, version 2 from Pro Print, Clay Cich seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**.

d) Township Property Insurance – town supervisors given a copy last month to review. Clerk clarified reassessment values that were completed in Sept. 2015, waiting to hear from MATIT if they will consider doing again, will update supervisors when information received. If values are decreased on policy, it has to be unanimous by the Board and signed, new limits would be maximum amounts claimable. The bill for yearly insurance will be due at July Board meeting.

e) Jeff Blix “leave of absence” was presented, clarification from MAT attorney on MNStat.367.03, subd 7. Jim Ray made motion that the letter not be read aloud but copies of letter made available to audience. Walter Rapp seconded, vote: 3 YES, Clay Cich abstained.

f) Walter Rapp made motion to purchase rugs for building entries for \$140.00 and will also look at getting one for outside of entry, Deb Pawlowicz seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

g) Walter Rapp present request for materials/supplies to complete hockey boards for \$1067.55. Walter made motion to accept, Clay Cich seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

ADJOURMENT: Clay Cich moved to adjourn meeting, Deb Pawlowicz seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 9:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane C. Palmstein/Clerk

Clay Cich/ Town Board Chairperson

June 8, 2017: 5:30 pm, I was informed by Chairman Clay Cich that the Public Hearing scheduled for June 20, 2017 at 7 pm, in which a motion was made and passed, would not be able to take place because there was not adequate time to post and inform residents in accordance with Laws/Statues of Minnesota and compliance with MN Association of Townships. Cancellation was posted at designated township sites and in township newsletter.