

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

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
June 1, 2016**

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

The monthly meeting was CALLED TO ORDER at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Jeff Blix. All Board members were present. Fourteen individuals stood with the Board to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

- 1) ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR: Roof on the old fire hall was added as item D under Old Business.
- 2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mark Toms moved to accept the minutes, Liz Blix seconded; and minutes were approved as written.
- 3) TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's monthly reconciliation; as of 11 May, funds available were \$464,069.27, which includes the \$80,000 we have tied up in CD's. We have one CD coming due in the next month which will be just rolled over.
- 4) CORRESPONDENCE: Five (5) total items of correspondence were received during the month and reviewed.
- 5) REVIEW OF BILLS: Jeff Blix moved to pay vouchers #8542 and #8552 and #8554-#8557 in the amount of \$45,600.96, Mark Toms, seconded and motion PASSED. #8553 was not paid as it looked to be a copy of one from last year.
- 6) REPORTS:

**Clerk** - reported a crazy month. Calls on the Fredenberg Lake Project and property taxes continued to come in. The ballot marker election machine was dropped off for routine maintenance and calibration for the coming primary and general elections. We had to turn our M100 (ballot counter) machine into the company when it went haywire during the school election, and we have not heard anything about its return yet, but the county election staff was reminded that it was taken for repairs. The flag is permanently at half mast, as a resident took it upon themselves to change the flag without talking to the clerk first, until we can get it fixed.

**Road Report** – permission was received to take down some trees on W. Hunter Lake Rd that were in the way. A couple of roads have been treated with calcium chloride, but not all of them yet. They will all be graded, graveled added as needed. Chloride will be applied to all roads but the Beaver River Rd at the request of the residents on that road.

**Fire Department** – have had a busy three months, responding to 13 medical, 1 brush fire calls and 2 vehicle accidents. They received their new Yamaha Viking UTV in March as part of the Yamaha Law Loan Program, thanks to RJ Sport and Cycle. Members participated in a wide variety of training including Haz-Mat, firefighter, emergency situations at the Island Lake North Dike Project and Basic Animal Rescue Training (BART). Rescue 4 is now in service. They extended a big thanks to all who participated in the Pancake Breakfast and thanked their sponsors: Upper Lakes Foods, Farmer Brothers, and the Minno-ette.

**Law Enforcement** - nothing at this time

**Cemetery** – Walter has started placing the row markers in and the clerk noted that the cemetery was mowed just prior to the Memorial Day Weekend.

**Parks & Rec** - We are still trying to get a group together for this. Clay stated he would help Liz get the manpower for the event. They will meet with the Fire Department on their meeting night to get the particulars. There is a group of 8-year olds whose parents would like to get the ball field in shape for them to play/practice on. They are willing to help with the work. A request was made for allowing them to stripe the tennis/basketball court for pickle ball. This game has been around for a while and has many aficionados in the township.

**Community Center** – the alarm has not gone off, but we still need someone to look at it.

**Recycling Center** – we have not heard back from the grant process yet. There are 2 lights on the south side of the building that needs to be replaced. The clerk was asked about the snow fencing that had been stored in the shed as it is no longer there. She will do some investigating.

**Other Meetings** - the board had the Local Board of Appeals and Equalization and the road review. During the review we caught a truck at the top of the sledding hill and spoke with the drivers. The clerk also attended the SLATCO Annual Meeting, which included a presentation on the new bridge up on the range.

7) OLD BUSINESS:

- a) **Fredenberg Lake Rd** - prior to announcing the vote the clerk asked for clarification as to multiple parcels owned by one person on the road and that relation to the vote and assessment. After receiving clarification she announced it was 27 “yes” votes to 28 “no” votes. Clay Cich asked several questions and contested the vote. There was much discussion until the Chair called it to an end. (NOTE: the clerk was advised to send out a letter to all parties on the road explaining that the vote was contested, and as such the project is currently on hold.)
- b) **Insurance** – the clerk stated she had written the insurance company with the changes to the policy as discussed last month and will be sending a check out as soon as she receives the new invoice.
- c) **Website - after** several lengthy discussions with both the website host and internet provider, they came to the conclusion that the router which we have had less than a year is the problem. The ISP couldn’t even find that model in their database. We will try updating the website off site before having a new one installed. Unfortunately because we can’t access it, we can’t even put that the current site is under construction.
- d) **Roof on old Fire Hall** - Clay Cich presented the board with an estimate from Miller’s for the roof. It includes additional insulation. Mark Toms moved to accept the proposal of \$16,650, Jeff Blix seconded and motion **PASSED.** After the project is completed Mark will do a final inspection.

8) NEW BUSINESS:

**ATV Ordinance** – the county has a new ATV ordinance for roads which contradicts our township ordinance. Township ordinances can be more restrictive than the county, but we can’t be less. Jeff Blix stated that he didn’t feel ATV’s should be on the township roads, which is our current ordinance, and felt that as the sheriffs’ department has already stated they would not enforce township ordinances, there was no need to amend our ordinance.

- 9) ADJOURNMENT: The board was reminded of all upcoming meetings. Jeff Blix moved to adjourn the meeting; Mark Toms seconded and we adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri A. Armstrong, Clerk