

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

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
August 2, 2017**

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

The monthly meeting was CALLED TO ORDER at 7:01pm by Chairman Clay Cich. All Town Supervisors present, treasurer and town clerks. 20 individuals stood with Board to recite the Pledge of the Allegiance.

- 1) APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Jeff Blix moved to accept the minutes with corrections under Parks & Rec, Reservoir Riders **will donate** and under Community Center, delete “which **Board** recommended against because they are made of treated lumber”, add Walter Rapp will do. Walter Rapp seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 2) TREASURER’S REPORT: St. Louis County payment to township for \$208,000.00 deposited. Treasurer explained Schedule 1 report in meeting packet to audience and board. The checkbook is reconciled for amount of \$529,789.09 as of 7/13/2017.
- 3) CORRESPONDENCE: 16 items, 5 mail and 11 emails were reviewed
- 4) REVIEW OF BILLS: Correction made to claims list for approval, total \$19,835.30, with addition of claim to Duluth Zoological Society for zoo mobile for \$160.00 (late addition). Jim Ray made motion to pay checks #8985 to 9003, Deb Pawlowicz seconded, **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**.
- 5) REPORTS:

**Clerk-** MPL is logging just before 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. on Bear Island Road to avoid using 1<sup>st</sup> Ave during construction of dam. Supplies were ordered for custodians and office, including printer and phone. Web site is up and running, please visit, more will be added in coming weeks.

**Road Report** – storm was not as bad as last year. Roads were blocked, residents & St. Louis County Public Works helped clean up & clean up continues to take place. County request for clearer RIGHT OF WAYs on turn arounds, which will be done in another month. Culvert on Usiak Rd was put in and debris will be removed, Lakehead Trucking will check culverts on all Birch Acres Roads.

**Fire Department** – Record number of calls during July, 36 calls (25 medical, 7 fire calls, 2 rescue calls, 2 unfounded calls. On July 21-22 members responded to 11 calls in 12 hour (usual 6-8 calls/July). Members trained on Swift water rescue, Diabetic Emergencies, equipment, pump training and drafting. Members visited construction site at Island Lake Dam with Construction Company and MPL. Fire dept. also submitted request for standby generator with attached estimate. Town Board requested Fire Dept. get a minimum of 3 comparable quotes and present for next board meeting.

**Law Enforcement** – nothing

**Cemetery** – nothing

**Parks & Rec** – National Neighborhood Night Out had 180 residents attend, donations for drawings from community businesses were given away. Event was under budgeted amount. Hockey rink needs a load of leveling sand to insure liner is positioned.

**Community Center** – Highland Beauty Floors to fix tile next week, custodians requested to pour water in drains weekly to reduce odor. No information on septic issues. Jim Ray is waiting to hear from electrician on LED upgrade & he has done some bulb replacement.

**Recycle Center** –Conditions for the 2017 grant include an education/inservice piece which Deb Pawlowicz is following up on.

**Other Meetings** – none

6) OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Broadband Update: meeting in July with State of MN, USDA, Century Link and 3 residents, 2 Town Supervisors, no concrete information on funding, resident did email information to office about grant application which was forward to Clay Cich. Resident requested to be on committee and name was added. Century Link was approached about HOT SPOT at Town Hall; Clay Cich will follow up on.
- B. Quotes for road side mowing of township roads, 1 received, supervisors opened, Jeff Blix motion to accept quote from Beaver River Farms for \$2725.00, Walter Rapp seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- C. PEO/PARK update: 1 violation was recorded/taped and submitted to Township Attorney to follow up on completing. Residents in audience had questions regarding PEO payment of fee, submitting proof of insurance and actual date of acceptance of mediation agreement, supervisors requested clerk to follow up with MATIT and township attorney.

7) NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Anchor Community Church request to use town hall parking lot if needed for event, board directed clerk to inform group that anyone may park at town hall but it is not reserved.
- B. Resolution 17-003 presented regarding donations made to National Night Out, Jim Ray made motion, Jeff Blix seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- C. Clay Cich vacated his position temporarily as Town Supervisor and Chairman and left meeting. The board will review candidates for temporary town supervisor at next board meeting per state/township statue and laws.
- D. Jeff Blix made motion to move September Town Board meeting to Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at 7pm so all board members can be present, Jim Ray seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- E. Walter Rapp made motion to purchase baby changing station for \$132.00 for unisex bathroom in town hall, Deb Pawlowicz seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- F. Resident request for sound system for meetings and air conditioner for office, also to hold monthly meetings in basement hall to accommodate more people. Clerks will look into microphones for meeting; basement hall will be used for next town board meeting. Neither clerk wants to have an air conditioner but did purchase another fan.

ADJOURNMENT: Walter Rapp made motion to adjourn meeting, Jim Ray seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Meeting adjourned at 9:22pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Diane C. Palmstein/Town Clerk

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Board Chairman