

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

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
March 4, 2015**

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

The monthly meeting was CALLED TO ORDER at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Jeff Blix. Board members present: Supervisors Liz Blix, Clay Cich, Mark Toms and Clerk Sherri Armstrong. Thirteen residents and guests stood with the Board to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

- 1) ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR: The Chairman announced there would be no further comments taken from the floor on the park project as they had listened to both sides of the issue at last month's meeting.
- 2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mark Toms moved to accept the minutes with the correction of the receipt numbers listed, Liz Blix seconded and minutes from the February 4 meeting were approved as otherwise written.
- 3) TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer was not present.
- 4) CORRESPONDENCE: Eleven (11) total items of correspondence were received during the month and reviewed.
- 5) REVIEW OF BILLS: Jeff Blix moved to pay vouchers #8138 – 8153 in the amount of \$7,220.44, Clay Cich, seconded and motion passed. (NOTE: the claims list for approval at the meeting actually had t months of claims on. So motion passed with the stipulation the clerk would re-run the report.)
- 6) REPORTS:

The Clerk reported that Connie and Mort had helped her clear out the old monitors, printers, computers and copier from the file room and had hauled them to the reclamation center. The dot matrix printer – which some couldn't even recognize – was still in the board room. She reported that the issue with the assessor and the claims against her is in process. She asked who would be attending short course (Clay and herself). She also reported on a phone call from a small township in southern Minnesota who had called asking questions about impeachment after locating information on it from our website. Approximately 40 minutes of conversation ensued and she sent out some information she hoped would help him.

Road Report - the roads have just been driven on Thursday and were in good shape at that time.

Fire Department – the department had a quiet month with 1 report of a brush fire which was in actuality a permit burn and 1 mutual aid call to Grand Lake for a train derailment which was eventually found to be in Northland Township. They have 2 members attending a Firefighter I & II class and one attending an EMT refresher. They paid honor to fallen firefighter Randy Hiti from Rice Lake as part of the escort from both the ME's office and during the funeral procession. They also helped with funeral preparation and support for the Rice Lake Department.

Law Enforcement - nothing at this time

Cemetery - nothing at this time

Parks & Rec - Liz asked if we had heard from the Reservoir Riders about a donation request she had submitted for hockey nets – we haven't. The season is pretty much over for the rink this year.

Community Center - nothing from here.

Recycling Center – things are fine. The clerk indicated she had received an email that day about the recycling grant with the note that paper copies were coming.

Other Meetings Attended – Supervisors Cich and Toms attended the audit committee; the clerk attended the

SLATCO meeting.

7) OLD BUSINESS:

- a) **Datka Road Park Update** – Having received the committee’s recommendations and listened to comments at the February meeting with a month to consider the comments, Clay Cich moved to approve suggestions 1-17 of the proposed recommendations as written and to not allow any businesses to operate on the park land now or in the future. Mark Toms seconded and motion **PASSED** unanimously. (List of recommendations is attached to these minutes.) The board then set a special meeting for March 23rd at 7pm to discuss rules/regulations/penalties and postings for the park.
- b) **Independent Audit** – Fran Williams, speaking for the audit committee, stated that records had been reviewed for the last six years. No fraudulent activities or other misappropriation of assets were identified. Fran reported that the auditor had recommendations for adjustments to the book and had been working with the deputy clerk on these and the simplified budget report was an example of the changes. The clerk noted she had not been in touch with Mr. Christensen recently. There will be a final meeting with the auditor.

8) NEW BUSINESS:

- a) **Resolution # 15-002, Concerning liquor licenses for 2 one-day special events from the Eagles Nest -** Mark Toms moved to adopt the resolution granting the Eagles Nest approval for selling alcohol outside for these two events, Clay Cich seconded and motion **PASSED** unanimously.

b) **Budget/Levy Amounts** - the board decided to keep the amounts essentially the same as the 2015 amounts with the removal of the \$2000 in law enforcement. They also wanted to ensure that we had \$20,000 in a deferred maintenance fund. The clerk noted that we would be seeing the parcel with the old fire hall and old Town Hall on the tax rolls this year.

- 9) ADJOURNMENT: The board was reminded of all upcoming meetings. Jeff Blix moved to adjourn the meeting; Liz Blix seconded and we adjourned at 7:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri A. Armstrong,
Clerk