

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

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
August 5, 2015**

**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. Board members present: Supervisors Liz Blix, Clay Cich, Walter Rapp, Mark Toms and Clerk Sherri Armstrong. Nine residents and 1 guest stood with the Board to recite the Pledge of Allegiance, one more individual came in after the meeting had started.

- 1) ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR: The chair announced that there would be a time limit of 5 minutes for individuals who wished to address the board.
- 2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Jeff Blix moved to accept the minutes with the correction of a spelling error under the Datka Park section, Mark Toms seconded and minutes from the July meeting were approved with the correction.
- 3) TREASURER'S REPORT: Bill was not present, but the clerk indicated that we should have received the first payment of our tax monies.
- 4) CORRESPONDENCE: Nine (9) total items of correspondence were received during the month and reviewed.
- 5) REVIEW OF BILLS: Jeff Blix moved to pay vouchers #8275 – 8290 in the amount of \$48,987.20, Liz Blix, seconded and motion passed.
- 6) REPORTS:

The Clerk reported having problems with printing the newsletters which involved 4 trips before it was ready, but we received 45% off the cost. One cemetery plot was sold.

Road Report all township roads have had chloride applied to them, but will need additional grading after we get some rain. Work along the Fredenberg Lake Road is done except for some clean-up work. Don and Grace Chesney informed the board they were starting the process to bring a petition to the board for blacktopping the Birch Acres and Usiak Roads under the special assessment provision. That would mean that the cost of the project will be borne entirely by the residents along those roads.

Fire Department – had 5 calls in June including an ATV accident, mutual aid fire as well as fire and medical calls. Members trained on water supply with the Lakehead Mutual Aid Association. They provided support at medical aid tent for Grandma's Marathon. July was a quiet month with only 1 medical call. Airpacks were tested. They were reporting August was already busy with 3 calls, the Community Night Out and providing assistance for the Brewhouse Triathlon bike course race. They are hoping that someone else would like to spearhead NNO for next year.

Law Enforcement - nothing at this time

Cemetery – just the one plot sold mentioned by the Clerk.

Parks & Rec - tennis court is seeing a lot of use. The new basketball hoops are up. Sand was brought in to fill in under the swing set and a swing was repaired. The ball field needs weeding and then more filler put in as well as new bases

Community Center the repair on the board room ceiling has commenced. There was a good layer of insulation there and no sign of mold or wetness. There were signs that there had been a fire up there at some point as there was charring but no serious damage. The sewer system was worked on and a large blockage was taken care of. Both the system here and at the new fire hall will be inspected. Jeff said he had bone in touch with CenturyLink and they would be here on Friday to hook up the high speed internet.

Recycling Center – WLSSD is looking at the financials for grants at this time. They will be scheduling another supervisor's meeting after they have finished looking at their financials.

Other Meetings Attended – none.

7) OLD BUSINESS:

- a) **Datka Road Park Update** – the ordinance will be sent to the attorney for review and we will be able to set a date for the Public Hearing after that. More dead wood was cleared away from path areas, with no more trash being left. The board did receive pictures of chartered buses that were parked on the property on 2 separate occasions. Stephanie Love, one of the owners of Positive Energy Outdoors, had told the bus drivers that there was an easement in place that allowed them to use the area. The street sign for the area is missing and the board was presented with documentation that the missing could be construed as being on a sawhorse used for directions to the aforementioned business.
- b) **Independent Auditor Review** – through a communication mix-up there was no meeting between the CPA, Treasurer and Clerk, The State Auditor has requested a copy of the review to look over. Ed Proetz still had questions on spending and the audit. The township attorney was at the meeting at the board's invitation and attempted to address Ed's questions. Ed also wanted to know who was paying for the blacktopping of Birch Acres Rd – and as stated when Don Chesney presented; the residents would be responsible for the cost.
- c) **Road Foreman Position** – the board had received a total of three applications was received at the meeting. The board voted to leave the decision up to Jeff after he had a chance to look over the application and speak with anyone he felt was a good choice.

8) NEW BUSINESS:

- a) **Roadside Mowing** - there was just one quote that came in, Jeff Blix moved to accept Beaver River Farms for the job, Liz Blix seconded and motion **PASSED**,
- b) **Quote for Pavement work on Bear Island Road** - Again, only one was received. Some discussion ensued as whether there was additional work for the sunken area that needed to be done prior to patching and it was determined there probably is. Mark Toms moved to accept Asphalt of Duluth as the contractor and to go up to an additional \$7000 if needed for that repair. Walter Rapp seconded and motion **PASSED**.

- 9) ADJOURNMENT: The board was reminded of all upcoming meetings. Jeff Blix moved to adjourn the meeting; Mark Toms seconded and we adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri A. Armstrong
Clerk