

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

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
November 1, 2017**

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

The monthly meeting was CALLED TO ORDER at 7:03 pm by Chair, Jim Ray. Walter Rapp, Darrin Wixo, Jeff Blix and Deb Pawlowicz were present, also treasurer and town clerks. 56 individuals stood with the Board to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

- 1) APPROVAL OF MINUTES: reviewed by Board, Jeff Blix made motion to accept minutes from last meeting without corrections, Ray seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- 2) TREASURER'S REPORT: CD for \$50,000.00 was renewed for 19 months at ½ of 1% interest. Presented monthly reconciliation of Township Funds, \$436,589.79 available.
- 3) CORRESPONDENCE: 24 items received and reviewed (included emails received 10/31/17 and today pertaining to items on agenda, 1 email reviewed by Board that Deb Pawlowicz received and forwarded to Township, Board requested that clerk read portions/contents aloud.
- 4) REVIEW OF BILL: No corrections, Jeff Blix made motion to accept checks #9068 to 9082, totaling \$10,431.18. Walter Rapp seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5) Reports:

Clerks – continue to work on filing and record retention, completed and sent in election machine grant application. Carlson Duluth coming 11/14/17 to clean office/classroom radiators. Walter Rapp repaired Township mailbox. St. Louis County Public Works sent request for letter from Township to allow County to complete work in Township not covered by active Road Maintenance Agreement, Jim Ray, road foreman, assisted with response letter (this is a yearly requirement). MN Dept. of Transportation requested completion of map of area status of geographic information be completed, which clerks will work on. Clerks and treasurer compiled information requested by resident last month on PEO claims since inception of Fredenberg Park, Board reviewed and requested statement of disclaimer be added regarding where it was obtained and that it is NOT a true dollar amount of all costs/hours.

Road Report – work on turnaround on Birch Acres Road but recent storm isn't allowing Lakehead to finish. Jim Ray will check on status of County Contract usually received by private landowners for plowing. Ben Pearson presented letter from St. Louis County Public Works regarding snow fences on 2 township roads that were not installed, Jim Ray explained the decision based on his contact with County Public Works during drive around, which is a reason the request for quotes did not happen. Board discussed public safety and ability of emergency vehicles to get into roads if drifted. Jeff Blix made motion to have snow fences put up by Beaver River Farms for \$1,000.00 on Chesney and Beaver River Road because of public safety concerns, Darrin Wixo seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Fire Department – report not received by clerks, Jim Ray did receive copy but did not have with him, he provided information he could. Received report via email. Members attended 16 hour EM responder refresher class. 6 medical calls, 1 unfounded fire call. Hosted Lakehead Mutual Aid Association meeting. Hosted Annual Fire Truck & Treat Halloween Open House and Fire Safety event, well attended. Generator in process of being installed and completed. Fire Dept. Meetings held every Thursday at 7pm at Fire Hall, request to consider joining and helping your neighbors.

Law Enforcement – nothing

Cemetery - closed

Park & Rec - Lakehead Trucking donated use of machine and time to level out rink, maintenance will be needed to prepare surface, flood and remove snow, clerk will place notice in Nov. newsletter.

Community Center – Curtis is going to drain system again, per Walter Rapp may need to look at new furnace in future. He also did additional weather stripping in building.

Recycle Center – no issues, remain busy

Other Meetings – Jim Ray attended DAT meeting on 10/19/17, found it beneficial.

6) OPEN FORUM: Ed Proetz asked about voting on road projects, costs for Datka (Fredenberg) Park and adverse possession of resident land for turnarounds. Randy Docauer regarding Birch Acres Road Improvement. Chris Vold regarding Birch Acres Road Improvement.

7) OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Township Comprehensive Plan: Deb Pawlowicz present information and committee progress, 12 residents working currently on it. Requested funds to pay for mailing of required resident survey. Jeff Blix made motion to approve costs of \$954.92 for survey, Darrin Wixo seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- B. Broadband Update: Darrin Wixo reported he contacted Century Link and decision on grant monies not made yet, hopefully by mid-November, Century Link is applying for addition monies also to add to projects if possible.
- C. Birch Acres Roads/Usiak Road Improvement Projects: 3 residents spoke before board. Each board member presented their stand on projects: 17-011 for first 900ft from Lavaque Road, cost \$59,022.82. Jim Ray made motion accept Resolution 17-011 and continue with project, Deb Pawlowicz seconded. **4 - YEA 1- NAY. 4/5 's majority of entire Board, MOTION PASSED.** 17-012 for Birch Acres Road (west of) & North Birch Acres Road, cost \$106,500.73. Jim Ray made motion to accept Resolution 17-012 and continue with project, Walter Rapp seconded. **5 – YEA, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Resolution 17-013 Usiak Road not considered. Fredenberg Lake Road Improvement Project: Resolution 17-010 for Fredenberg Lake Road Improvement. Motion made by Walter Rapp to accept Resolution 17-010 for Fredenberg Lake Road, cost \$280,228.00, Darrin Wixo seconded. **4 – YEA 1 – NAY, 4/5's majority of entire Board, MOTION PASSED.** SEH Engineering & Township attorney will be notified.

8) NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Township snowplowing quotes present, Board reviewed, Jeff Blix made a motion to accept quote from Mark Toms Snowplowing, \$75.00 per time for Community Center and \$45.00 per time for Recycle Center. Deb Pawlowicz seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- B. Hi-Banks Resort Variance, clerk presented information on correspondence from St. Louis County regarding rescheduled hearing and application. Current information has increase of 44 sites for camping. Board informed of St. Louis County requirement for resolution from Board outlining town's response to conditional use permit. 5 residents spoke against variance, 1 resident spoke in favor, (sign in sheet available for review), owner of site also spoke and clarified questions from Board & 1 resident requested Board represent the entire community on variance issues equally and fairly. Board discussed how expansion doesn't comply with Township Land Use Plan of rural residential status versus commercial/industrial status. Board requested clerks contact St. Louis County Planning Dept. find out date of new hearing, application status and when 60-day rule begins. The clerks will forward information to Board and their individual responses recommendations will be sent to clerks **ONLY.** A resolution will be presented next meeting if warranted. Jeff Blix made a motion to prepare a resolution as a response to CUP from Hi-Banks Resort to comply with county requirements, Deb Pawlowicz seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT: Jeff Blix made motion to adjourn, Jim Ray seconded. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Meeting adjourned at 9:35pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Town Supervisory Chair or Vice Chair