

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

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
May 2, 2018**

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

The monthly meeting was CALLED TO ORDER at 7:00 pm by Chair Jim Ray. Also present were: Jeff Blix, Walter Rapp, Deb Pawlowicz and Clay Cich. Treasurer and clerks were also present. 11 individuals stood with the Board to recite the Pledge of the Allegiance.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 4, 2018 Board meeting minutes reviewed by the Board, treasurer, Bill O'Brien request 1 correction under Old Business, list Bill O'Brien/Treasurer, Jim Ray correction under Road Report purchased but not applied weed killer. Clay Cich made motion to accept minutes with corrections, Jeff Blix seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
2. TREASURER'S REPORT: Presented monthly reconciliation, funds available as of 4/11/2018 is \$461,151.84. He hasn't gotten CD because bank wanted minutes with Bill O'Brien/Treasurer listed in approved motion. Clarified that Fredenberg is an organized township but not incorporated.
3. CORRESPONDENCE: 13 total: 5 mail and 8 e-mails were received and reviewed by the Board.
4. REVIEW OF BILLS: No corrections, Jeff Blix made motion to accept check #9238 - 9252, totaling \$12,120.44, Jim Ray seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
5. REPORTS:  
**Clerk** - there was no phone or internet service for the townhall on 4/30-5/1, due to lightning strike nearby. Still coordinating with Perry Middlemest for new computers. Lewis Smith/Fredenberg resident and veteran brought in a new flag that Walter put up in front of building. At request of Jim Ray, 5 neighboring communities contacted about their support and financial contribution to New Hermantown Wellness Center, all had supported but none had been approached for financial donation. MN Power contacted about changing township billing cycle, so no late fees are accrued, and they agreed to change. 9 town hall rentals already for summer months, 4 in April. PERA completed and current for 3 township employees. Election machine brought by Clay Cich to St. Louis County per their request, will be notified when new one arrives. Currently working on Parcel numbers for road projects and record retention. Information present to Board on reconciliation with previous Town Clerk and her retirement reimbursement, letter presented to Board as drafted by Township Attorney, Clay Cich made motion to resolve & reconcile for \$5,079.18 with previous town clerk and draft a final letter without attorney fees. Jeff Blix seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**  
**Road Report** – Jim Ray has been working with Lakehead Trucking on planning for road work, weight restrictions remain in place. Annual Township Road Review completed 5/1/18. Grading on roads will begin soon.  
**Fire Department** – Department responded 6 calls during April: 3 medical calls, 1 structure fire and 2 brush fires. Life Link III air medical service training: securing safe landing zones with helicopters for medical emergency. It included classroom learning about safety and training on site with a helicopter, loading patients while copter shut down and running. Information valuable for use of DNR helicopter in event of wild fire also. Burning permit information available on DNR web site, please check out. **DON'T FORGET FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL PANCAKE FEED ON SATURDAY, May 12, at Town Hall, 7 am to noon.**  
**Cemetery** –Walter has been working on an accurate mapping of sold plots in cemetery. Gate opened. **Parks & Rec** – Jim Ray has marked high spots in rink to level out and going to add rebar to support boards. He found Ariens snow blower for rink for \$450.00, Clay Cich made motion to reimburse Jim Ray for \$450.00 for snowblower, Walter Rapp seconded, 4 Yea, 1 Abstain, **MOTION PASSED.** Discussion of storage for equipment for rink, Jim Ray will price out cargo containers. Sliding hill has 4-wheeler track, Jim will make sure there is closed access on hill to prevent damage.  
**Community Center** – still waiting for furnace to be installed  
**Recycle Center** – getting busy. Cannot get an extra dumpster yet as its based-on tonnage need. Flyer for Township Hazardous Waste Day in June will be in this month's newsletter.  
**Other Meetings** – Jeff Blix and Jim Ray attended snowmobile club meeting with DNR.

6. OPEN FORUM: 3 residents spoke. Fran Williams had questions regarding Broadband line being laid, Clay Cich clarified. Mark McShane regarding recent home invasion in area over last 2 months. Mary Skafte regarding thank you to Walter Rapp for doing "TO DO" LIST for clerks.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Comprehensive Land Use Plan: Public Meeting held on 4/18/18, will continue to accept Public input until 5/20/18. At recent SLATCO meeting, county planners attended & presented information on County wide Comprehensive Plan. Clay Cich will contact Mary Anderson, a presenter to see if she will come to meeting in our township and present information.

B. Birch Acres/Usiak & Fredenberg Lake Road Paving Projects: Jim Ray gave Bank financial statements requested. He has also been contacting residents impacted by need to widen turn arounds on these roads.

C. PEO Violations: Motion to close meeting at 7:55 pm read by Jim Ray, as authorized under attorney/client privilege pursuant to Minn. Stat. 13D.05, subd.3(b), seconded by Clay Cich. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Jim Ray made motion to reconvene open Town Board Meeting, Clay Cich seconded, reconvened at 8:20pm. Clerk read aloud Motion to deposit five thousand dollars to be held in trust for the enforcement of the violation process in the matter of Positive Energy for Youth V. Township of Fredenberg, pursuant to the terms of a mediated settlement agreement, the motion was adopted by the Board of Supervisors on this 2 day of May, 2018 upon the following votes: **YEAS 5 NAYS 0 ABSTAIN 0, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

8. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Quotes for Township Lawn Mowing: 5 quotes presented, opened and reviewed by Board. Clay Cich made a motion to accept quote by Don Olson, contingent on removing Fire Department mowing from quote, making a per time price of \$295.00 to mow, if it raises costs higher than this to accept quote from Good Will Industries. Jim Ray seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Paving Recycle Center Driveway: 2 quotes presented, opened and reviewed by Board. Jim Ray made motion to accept quote from Sinnott Contracting for \$15,104.30 to complete, Deb Pawlowicz seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Clerk informed Board that paving may qualify for site improvement grant from WLLSD and will be used on next years expense for recycle center grant.

B. Presentation/Request for Donation for YMCA/Essentia Wellness Center: Mark McShane presented information on project. He informed the Board that the donation request and amount were presented and voted on at the 2018 Fredenberg Annual meeting and passed by majority vote to donate \$10,000.00, maximum allowed by MN statute. Discussion and questions about project followed, with residents and Board members. Supervisors felt it should be tabled at this time. Clay Cich made a motion to table request and verify if this could be a ballot question in upcoming November election for community, Walter Rapp seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Clerks will contact St. Louis County election office for information and report to Board.

9. OTHER MEETINGS: Fredenberg Annual Fire Department Pancake Breakfast on May 12, 2018.

10. ADJOURNMENT: Jeff Blix made a motion to adjourn meeting, Jim Ray seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Town Clerk

Board Chair/Co-Chair