

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

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
June 6, 2018**

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

The monthly meeting was CALLED TO ORDER at 7:02 pm by Chair Jim Ray. Also present were: Jeff Blix, Walter Rapp, Deb Pawlowicz, Clay Cich was absent. Bill O'Brien, Treasurer and Mary Skafte & Diane Palmstein, clerks were also present. 13 individuals stood with the Board to recite the Pledge of the Allegiance.

Mary Anderson/St. Louis County Planning & Zoning Dept. made a presentation on County Wide Comprehensive Land Use Plan, Fredenberg Draft Plan was reviewed and compared to St. Louis Cty Wide Plan, she had handout references of how the two are combined. There is a Regional Meeting Plan on July 19, 2018 from 3-7pm at Rice Lake Road 911 Center for more information and Public Hearings begin in September. She explained differences in concept & zoning map, of which zoning is enforceable, and concept is vision of community. Fredenberg Plan will not be approved by St. Louis County Commissioners, only the County Wide Plan will be but recommended finalizing our township plan and have approval by the Board, as it will be referenced.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 2, 2018 Board meeting minutes reviewed by the Board, no corrections. Jeff Blix made motion to accept, Walter Rapp seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
2. TREASURER'S REPORT: Presented monthly reconciliation, funds available as of May 10, 2018 is \$460,533.06. CD will be opened this week for \$50,000.00 at National Bank of Commerce (1.85% for 15 months).
3. CORRESPONDENCE: 14 total: 11 mail and 3 e-mails were received and reviewed by the Board.
4. REVIEW OF BILLS: Mary Skafte provided explanation of bills for mowing, furnace and election machine. No corrections, Jeff Blix made motion to accept check # 9264 to 9287, totaling \$88,276.87, Walter Rapp seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
5. REPORTS:

**Clerk** - Mowing of Fire Dept. done in years before 2017, was omitted that year and again this year because 2017 advertisement was used as a template, Dept. did not budget and requesting Board approve including in township mowing as quoted for \$95.00/time (by approved & accepted quote). Jim Ray made motion to approve Fire Dept. added to Township mowing, Deb Pawlowicz seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Clerks training for elections with St. Louis County on Friday, June 15, 2018, training for township election judges will follow in early July. Plan on meeting with Perry Middlemest this week about computers.

**Road Report** – Continue to work on prep for road projects. Normal maintenance started today. Jim will do an inventory of Township signs.

**Fire Department** – Thank you to everyone who came to Annual Pancake Feed. Members responded to 5 fire calls, 4 mutual aid calls, 6 medical call, one mutual aide and one vehicle rollover. Attended Leadership & Safety Class, wildland fire training, update training on medications and protocols. Lightning strike in April destroyed well control panel, it was replaced.

**Cemetery** – 2 burials this past month. The cemetery looks good and people visiting have commented.

**Parks & Rec** – Jim Ray continues to explore further storage sheds versus cargo containers for skating rink storage. If a kit is purchased, help from community would be appreciated with building it.

**Community Center** – Deb Pawlowicz had questions about outside outlets working, which also electrician is suppose to check. Furnace has been installed. Fredenberg Town Hall Gardeners report by Fran Williams, presented update on improvement/work completed by the Club this year. They requested money to pay for improvements & supplies, which include replacement of a mature tree lost in storm. Jim Ray made motion to allocate \$1,000.00 (\$420 approximately for new tree) and \$580 for supplies, Jeff Blix seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Recycle Center** – WLLSD Grant received for \$7665.00. Hazardous Waste Day on June 9 from 11:30 to 2:30 pm. Jim contacted Sinnott about paving and requested more prep time. Recycle aluminum can trailer will be moved down to Recycle Center once it is paved.

**Other Meetings:** Mary Skafte & Clay Cich went to DAT meeting and presentation by Vic Lund from County on

Road Signs.

6. OPEN FORUM: Deb Roach: information and questions about mailboxes on Fredenberg Lake Road turn around relocation, Board would move and / or replace holder but mailboxes themselves are responsibility of home owners to purchase. Requested Board consider a Township Wide Clean Up Day next spring, requesting township furnish dumpsters for garbage from township roads for this event. Don Chesney presented information on Como Oil propane plan in a group contract that the township could consider to lower costs.
7. OLD BUSINESS:
  - A. Comprehensive Land Use Plan: Deb Pawlowicz will schedule a meeting of committee to finish up Plan to present to Town Board for approval, possibly by next meeting.
  - B. Birch Acres/Usiak & Fredenberg Lake Road Paving Projects: Jim Ray presented change orders, #1 increases Birch Acres first 900ft to 24 ft, middle section to 22ft and 20ft at end section, Jim Ray made a motion to accept Change Order #1, Jeff Blix seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** #2 extends the timeline for paving to August 17, 2018 completion. Jeff Blix made a motion to accept Change Order #2, Jim Ray seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Jim Ray made a motion to amend the current agreement with SEH, to extend the contract until completion of Assessment Hearing in the Fall for additional cost of \$2,400.00, because of changes in completion date, Deb Pawlowicz seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
  - C. PEO Violations: escrow check for hearing to be delivered to Maki/Overom tomorrow. Jeff Blix and Jim Ray will contact Attorney with questions concerning written information received this week.
8. NEW BUSINESS:
  - A. Donation request for YMCA/Essentia Wellness Center: Clerks contacted MAT and St. Louis County Election office and it cannot be a ballot question. Board discussed feedback from community received, motions presented & voted on at the Annual Meeting. Walter Rapp made a motion to table a vote until the entire Board present next month, Jim Ray seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
9. OTHER MEETINGS: June 28, 2018, MAT Summer Training Classes at Amsoil Complex from 1 pm to 5:30 pm.
10. ADJOURNMENT: Jim Ray made a motion to adjourn meeting, Jeff Blix seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Clerk

Board Chair/Co-Chair