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February 6, 2019 TOWN BOARD ACTIONS

The monthly meeting was CALLED TO ORDER at 7:00 pm by Chair Jim Ray. Also, present were: Clay Cich, Deb Pawlowicz, Tim Wagner. Walter Rapp was absent. Bill O'Brien, treasurer, Diane Palmstein and Mary Skafte, clerks present. 5 individuals stood with the Board to recite the Pledge of the Allegiance. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 2, 2019 Town Board Minutes reviewed by Board, Jim Ray made motion to accept minutes without correction Tim Wagner seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** January 2, 2019 Reorganizational Meeting minutes reviewed by Board, Deb Pawlowicz made motion to accept minutes without correction, Clay Cich seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** January 16, 2019 second meeting of month reviewed by Board, Clay Cich made motion to accept minutes without correction, Deb Pawlowicz seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** January 16, 2019 Board of Audit minutes reviewed by Board, Deb Pawlowicz made motion to accept minutes without correction, Tim Wagner seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** TREASURER'S REPORT: Presented monthly reconciliation, funds available as of 1/11/19 were \$687,128.56, which includes \$150,000.00 in CDs. Treasurer reviewed 12/31/18 balance sheet, Road & Bridge Fund has all dollars for road improvement projects which will be divided up into "road paving" category. Large portion of dollars will be paid tonight to Northland Constructors. CORRESPONDENCE: 14 total: 4 mail and 10 e-mails were received and reviewed by the Board. REVIEW OF BILLS: No corrections. Jim Ray made motion to accept check #9601 to 9619, totaling \$337,553.29, Deb Pawlowicz seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Check #9511 to Victor Lundeen Company was voided because it had already been paid. Clerk requested clarification of paying mileage and drive time, MAT will be contacted regarding a policy for townships. REPORTS: **Clerk** – Recycle Grant and Financial Statement complete and was signed by Deb Pawlowicz, will be submitted before 2/28/19 deadline. All tax reports are completed and were done by Jan. 31, 2019. Refund letters to those assessed on roads and letters to those having County assess were sent by 1/19/19. 3-4 more boxes of record retention to go through and files should be complete. Older meeting minute books will go into retention at the MN Historical Society archives. **Road Report** – received call about slippery roads and St. Louis County was called to sand, which they did. North Dike has approval from MN Power to remove 3 pine trees, work will be done in a few months. Resident informed Jim Ray that the first 900ft of Birch Acres Road has some cracking, he will be addressing in Spring and Northland Constructors contacted.

Fire Department – copy of contract for 2019 with Township reviewed Deb Pawlowicz made motion to accept, Clay Cich seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** **Cemetery** – now closed **Parks & Rec** – Snowblower repaired, a big thanks to Jim Ray. Push shovels that were taken from the rink, were returned in poor condition and generously repaired for free by a local resident. Light at the rink is out but to difficult to replace in the winter, will be done in the Spring. Porta potty at sliding hill installed. **Community Center** – exercise room was painted. Clarification on projects done at the Center and authorization to complete discussed. It is requested custodians contact Clay Cich, who oversees this area for 2019 for approval before work begins. Clerks will pass along to custodians. **Recycle Center** – very cold for attendants, because they assist customers who come. On the frigid days last week they placed a sign to have customer recycle themselves and stayed inside. Clerks will contact WLSSD about their cold weather closing policy, so the Center could be closed due to weather. **Other Meetings-** Clay Cich and Diane Palmstein attended DAT, January meeting. Fredenberg is setting up speakers for March, May and Oct. meetings. Clay Cich and Jim Ray attended January 22, 2019 County Board Meeting, to insure Fredenberg was included in St. Louis County crack filling and stripping program, which was approved and contract now signed. OPEN FORUM: Ann Cich wanted to thank Reservoir Riders for the grooming of trails, which has been excellent this year. OLD BUSINESS: Birch Acres Roads and Fredenberg Lake Road projects: Certificate of Indebtedness and loan with National Bank of Commerce signed/completed on January 15, 2019, total amount of financing \$147,309.00. Clerks found an error in Birch Acres Road Assessment by SEH, contacted Matt Bolf and he felt the error dollar amount should be shared with the township, clerks presented his paperwork to Township with assessment totals and numbers and where the error was found, he used 29 properties in one spot and 30 in his final numbers, there were 29 total for Birch Acres. He proposed non-payment of an owning bill for \$1,320.00 to SEH from Township to settle, clerks informed him that assessment total was \$3,147.77 (which is not even half of amount he suggested). The Township cannot recoup these dollars from residents and the mistake is from SEH, whom the Township extended their contract with to provide these professional services at a cost. The Board directed the clerks to contact SEH with decision for payment from them of \$3,147.77 to cover costs of their mistake. Broadband Update: report read from Michael Coughlin/Century Link (it will also appear in Feb. newsletter). Fiber to home project progressing forward. Weather has been difficult. Continue to splice at the 3-feeder location as feeder terminals are complete. Market launch still anticipated for this winter and customers will be notified by mail and via notice in township newsletter. Clean up will continue into spring when frost gone also. Township Road Request for Amundson/Sunset Ridge: Clay Cich stated there are problems with how the road was recorded and the Association is working with the County and MN Power currently to resolve. NEW BUSINESS: Donation to Hermantown All Night Grad Party: information presented regarding donations made in 2015 and prior of \$100.00, no donations in 2016 & 2017. Jim Ray contacted Chair-person of the party and discussed what donations other townships give, ranges varied. Most of monies come from private businesses and individuals. Resolution 19-002 was presented, Jim Ray made a motion to accept Resolution 19-002 with a \$100.00 donation to Hermantown All Night Grad Party, Clay Cich seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Census 2020: Jim Ray and clerks meet with Sarah Priest from US Census Dept. and she made a presentation regarding 2020 upcoming census. The Dept. has a drive to have cities/township become more involved. This information was made available to the Board along with her request to have a Resolution to form a Committee to organize the count, which some townships have done. There are different levels in which the Township can be involved, such as advertising for staff in newsletter, census reminders when the count starts also. The US Census Dept. will complete the 2020 census with or without a Township committee. The Board decided by motion made by Jim Ray to do advertising for Census through newsletter but not form a committee, Clay Cich seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Clerks will respond to Census Dept. There will be no second meeting of the Board on Feb. 20, 2019 at 7pm. by motion Jim Ray, seconded by Deb Pawlowicz. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** ADJOURNMENT: Jim Ray made a motion to adjourn meeting, Deb Pawlowicz seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

The Township would like to extend
sympathy to the family of
Linwood "Woody" Skafte
who passed away on January 12, 2019.
Woody served the community as a Board Supervisor and Township Road Foreman.
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**DON'T FORGET
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Fredenberg Woodcarvers & Hobby Group will begin meeting at the Fredenberg Town Hall, upstairs classroom.

From 2pm to 5pm

this month on February 20, 2019

We want to invite everyone to come share and discover your talents.

**2019 FREDENBERG TOWNSHIP
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

**TUESDAY
MARCH 12, 2019**

7:00 PM

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February 25, 2019**



The **Fredenberg No Shame & No Guilt Book Club** will be meeting the **FOURTH MONDAY OF** each month from 7-8 p.m. in the first upstairs classroom at the Fredenberg Town Hall. February book is "The Crossing Places" by Elly Griffiths.

Please enjoy a good read and join us for treats and interesting conversation. Everyone is welcome.

**UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED CLASSES HELD AT
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For more info call Anita at 729-0450

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Wednesdays - 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Instructor: Sandy Rock

for all classes listed below: \$4/class

Monday

Cardio/Toning/Core 7:00 am

Tuesday

Cardio/Toning/Core 5:30 pm

Wednesday

30/30 Cardio & Core 7:00am

Toning/Core (no cardio) 8:10 am

Thursday

YOGA 9:00-10:00am (Claire, \$8/class)

Friday

Step/Toning/Core 7:00 am

Toning/Core (no cardio) 8:10 am

Saturday

Cardio/Toning/Core 8:00 am

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BROADBAND UPDATE FROM MICHAEL COUGHLIN/CENTURY LINK

HELLO FREDENBERG: The fiber to home project continues to progress forward. The weather has been difficult to say the least. We continue to splice the fiber at the 3 feeder locations and the terminal placed along the routes that will provide service the homes. We continue to process to turning up locations as the feeder terminals are completed. With that said, anticipated market launch for Fredenberg is still this winter. Market launch is what we call the area ready to accept service orders and provide service. When a section is ready, CenturyLink will notify customers with fliers by mail and send notice out through the Township. Clean up will be a process. CenturyLink and it's contractors will be back after frost to do a final clean up to the area where work was performed. With a project this large, things can be missed, please feel free to contact us with concerns about the clean up and we will address your concerns. Thank you.

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ST LOUIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE NEWS RELEASE

Public input wanted as County updates multi-hazard mitigation plan

Tornadoes, flooding, wildfires, blizzards, straight-line winds, ice storms, and droughts are the kinds of natural disasters most likely to cause widespread economic loss and personal hardship in St. Louis County. Taking steps to minimize the damage from a natural disaster is key to the County's multi-hazard mitigation plan (MHMP); and as the County works to update the plan, it wants to hear from the public.

The St. Louis County Sheriff's Office - Emergency Management Division is working with the University of Minnesota Duluth – Geospatial Analysis Center (GAC) to update the County's plan. Also working on the update is a planning team of representatives from County departments, local municipalities, school districts, and other key stakeholders such as utility providers.

The St. Louis County multi-hazard mitigation plan covers St. Louis County, including the cities of Aurora, Babbitt, Biwabik, Brookston, Buhl, Chisholm, Cook, Duluth, Ely, Eveleth, Floodwood, Gilbert, Hermantown, Hibbing, Hoyt Lakes, Iron Junction, Kinney, Leonidas, McKinley, Meadowlands, Mountain Iron, Orr, Proctor, Rice Lake, Tower, Virginia and Winton. The St. Louis County MHMP also incorporates the concerns and needs of townships, school districts, and other stakeholders participating in the plan.

"Hazard mitigation planning is a central part of our emergency management program," said Dewey Johnson, St. Louis County Emergency Management Coordinator. "Understanding the natural hazards that can cause serious impact to our communities and taking action to reduce or eliminate the impact of future disasters makes us more resilient. Hazard mitigation helps us to break the cycle of damage and repair caused by things like flooding, ice storms, and severe wind events that can damage property, stress economies, and threaten life safety in our county."

Examples of hazard mitigation include improvements to roads and culverts that experience repetitive flooding; construction of safe rooms at campgrounds, parks, mobile home parks or schools to protect lives in the event of tornadoes or severe wind events; burying power lines that may fail due to heavy snow, ice or wind storms; ensuring timely emergency communication to the public through warning sirens and mass notification systems, and conducting public awareness and education campaigns to help people to be prepared to take safe action before, during, or following a hazard event. Some mitigation activities may be eligible for future FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance grant funding.

As part of the planning process, St. Louis County is seeking feedback from residents and businesses from across the County to incorporate into the plan:

- What are the natural hazards you feel pose the greatest risk to your community?
- Have you experienced a previous disaster event?

What concerns do you have, and what sorts of mitigation actions or projects do you feel would help to reduce the damages of potential future events for your personal property, your community, or the County as a whole?

Comments, concerns, or questions regarding natural disasters and potential mitigation actions to be included into the plan update process should be submitted to St. Louis County Emergency Management Coordinator Dewey Johnson at 218-726-2936 or johnsond@stlouiscountymn.gov.

There will be additional opportunities for public feedback throughout the update process. A draft of the plan will be posted on the County website for public review prior to submission of the plan to the State of Minnesota. Future news releases will be shared with the media to notify the public of these opportunities.

The Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000) requires counties to update their plan every five years in order to maintain eligibility for certain federal disaster assistance and hazard mitigation funding programs.

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MIXED PAPER

- Paper of any color
- Pressboard boxes
- Junk mail
- Magazines
- Newspapers and advertisements
- Shredded paper (must be contained in a paper bag)



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- Glass bottles and jars
- Steel and aluminum cans
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- No plastic cups, plates, or utensils
- No buckets
- No motor oil or antifreeze containers
- No take-out, deli, or clamshell containers
- No window glass, ceramics, or drinking glasses
- No scrap metal



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