

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

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
August 3, 2016**

**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. The treasurer was absent. Ten individuals stood with the Board to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

- 1) ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR: There were no items from the floor.
- 2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The corrections of the spelling of “striping instead of stripping” the tennis court and 3/5 rather than 4/5 made a majority vote were made. Mark Toms moved to accept the minutes with the corrections, Liz Blix seconded; and minutes were approved as stipulated.
- 3) TREASURER’S REPORT: The treasurer phoned in his monthly reconciliation; as he was in route from the Cities. As of 3 August approximate funds available in the amount of \$446,000., which included the \$80,000 we have tied up in CD’s. as well as out first tax payment of \$181,121.43.
- 4) CORRESPONDENCE: Seven (7) total items of correspondence were received during the month and reviewed.
- 5) REVIEW OF BILLS: Jeff Blix moved to pay vouchers #8606 -#8626 in the amount of \$47,637.24, Mark Toms, seconded and motion **PASSED**,
- 6) REPORTS:

**Clerk** - reported calls about storm clean up and if the township was planning on helping either by removing debris or at least have a drop off point for limbs/trees. Calls were returned with information on where they could haul debris and clean up was going as fast as we could. There was also a report of graffiti on a CenturyLink box. The clerk also apologized to Supervisor Cich for not getting him all of the documents he requested but she was still looking for them. The town hall was used as a staging and dinner station for the cleanup crews. The clerk also stated we had received our first dividend check from our worker’s comp insurance.

**Road Report** – the Road Foreman reported that while much has been cleared away, there is still much to do. There are a number of overhanging branches in many areas. He also stated that most of the calls he got were going through at least one of the supervisors or clerk instead of calling him directly, so it wasn’t timely notification. It was pointed out that all numbers for staff are listed on the front page of the newsletter. We had a beaver problem along Bear Island Road that was handled and seems to be under control. The question of mowing and brushing came up with this storm. The clerk reported she had gotten no quotes. With the storm we will put off the brushing till next year, Jeff will contact Ben Pearson and see if he is willing to do the mowing at least year’s prices so we don’t have to wait another month. The board thanked Lakehead Trucking, Jim Ray and Dale Cich for their help in the cleaning up efforts.

**Fire Department** – the department responded to 13 - 1 including a Carbon Monoxide alarm, 11 medical calls—4 which were mutual aid and included setting up a landing zone for a helicopter transport— and 1 fire call from a tree on a power line sparking. Many hours were spent assessing damage from the storms on July 5 and 21 to provide closed road information to the county’s Emergency Management unit to help with damage assessment. Departments from Hoyt Lakes and Virginia came and helped clear roadways for emergency situations here prior to moving on to Lakewood Township. The department is always eager to welcome new members. If you are interested you can stop by the hall on their Thursday meeting night or talk to a member.

**Law Enforcement** - nothing at this time .

**Cemetery** – dirt was added to the area that had been earmarked for a veterans’ memorial area by the lilac bushes. This will facilitate mowing for the contractor until such time as we have a more concrete plan for the memorial area.

**Parks & Rec** - NNO was a big success and the board sent a thank you out to all the volunteers who helped with the event. It was mentioned that there were no donation cans put out, and we had a lot of leftover items but it was a learning process. It was suggested that we add some grass seed to the sledding hill to fill in the ruts made by motorized vehicles running up and down the hill. It had been mentioned before that we would place some large rocks at the bottom of the hill to keep vehicles off the hill and the signs we had made stating “no vehicles” are apparently ready for pick-up. The park signs are only needing a final approval prior to making and installing.

**Community Center** – the sign out front is still a work in process. After the NNO event people asked if we had more outdoor outlets. Greg Kaneski had a contact he would give the board to see if that was possible. The roof on the old fire hall is finished.

**Recycling Center** – the grant money was received so we will go forward with the security light installation.

**Other Meetings** - none.

7) OLD BUSINESS:

- a) **Fredenberg Lake Rd** - a new parcel listing was obtained from the county assessor’s office and has been forwarded to the attorney. There was still much discussion on a fair and equitable means of assessing the individuals for the project. At this time, the project is on hold until next Spring, but we will have the attorney continue to work on a means of contacting all parties for their input.
- b) **Website** – the clerk had the website taken down, but as with all things with the internet it is never truly all gone so may still be seen, but should not be able to access any of the links.
- c) **Election** – Clay Cich had concerns over the validity of election and the candidacy openings and took them up with various state and county officials. He started the discussion with the board by stating that he’d been told it wasn’t something you wanted the media to get a hold of as it could be a potential can of worms. After much discussion, it was decided that Walter and Clay will speak with the MAT attorney familiar with election law and find out the township’s status. We will then call a special meeting to move forward as directed.

8) NEW BUSINESS:

- a) **PEO Application** – the clerk received an application from Positive Energy Outdoors and a check for a blanket use of the park for their activities. The board directed that the check be returned along with a copy of the park rules and regulations.
- b) **Disaster Recovery** - the clerk had received a few requests to bring this to the board after the storm. While the board appreciated the concern from the residents, they have no current plans to work on such a plan for the future.

9) ADJOURNMENT: The board was reminded of all upcoming meetings. Mark Toms moved to adjourn the meeting; Jeff Blix seconded and we adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri A. Armstrong, Clerk