

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

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
March 2, 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. Board members present: Supervisors Liz Blix, Clay Cich, Mark Toms, Treasurer Bill O'Brien and Clerk Sherri Armstrong. Six individuals stood with the Board to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

- 1) ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR: none
- 2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Jeff Blix moved to accept the minutes with the correction of deleting the extra "meeting" under Other Meetings Attended. Clay Cich seconded; and minutes were approved with the correction.
- 3) TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer presented his monthly reconciliation; as of 10 February, fund available were \$510,573.46, which includes the \$80,000 we have tied up in CDs. We have cleared all the checks and deposits for 2015 that had appeared as outstanding. Bill asked the board about putting a disclaimer on the checks for the next order that states "Void after 90 days." and the board agreed this was a good idea.
- 4) CORRESPONDENCE: Sixteen (16) total items of correspondence were received during the month and reviewed.
- 5) REVIEW OF BILLS: Liz Blix moved to pay vouchers #8461 – #8472 in the amount of \$3,629.50, Clay Cich, seconded and motion **PASSED**, with Mark Toms abstaining due to his receiving funds for snowplowing.
- 6) REPORTS:

Clerk - reported another busy month still working on reports. She filed both the operating and safety improvement grants with WLSSD, is working to file the end of year report with the State Auditor and of course pulling together the Annual Report for next week.

Road Report – reported a quiet month as we are in the mode of having the county clear snow as it comes along. The patch on the Bear Island Road isn't too bad at this time. We will have to see how it held up as spring comes. It appeared that the East Cook Lake Road had been graded at some point, most likely it was the county taking their equipment to the ice. The clerk mentioned that Minnesota Power needs a call back about the road restrictions along Bear Island Road – they said last year that particular road was posted longer than the others in the township.

Fire Department – had a quiet month for emergency calls, responding only to an oil spill on Lavaque Rd and 2 medical calls. Members participated in an EMT refresher course and are continuing the firefighter 1 & 2 class. They also were on stand-by for the Vintage Snowmobile Event. The department is in the process of replacing their rescue truck with a newer vehicle. The current truck has well over 200,000 miles and is becoming untrustworthy. They have acquired a used 2011 4x4 Horton ambulance they are outfitting for future use.

Law Enforcement - nothing at this time

Cemetery – nothing at this time.

Parks & Rec - after a valiant effort this season – the rink has closed.

Old Fire Hall - we are looking to put a new roof on this building as well as changing the pitch while we are at it. Clay has been working to patch leaky areas for the last two years. We also chopped down several trees last year that were close to the building in an attempt to help the situation. Clay will work at getting some quotes and asked the clerk for any we had in the files from when we priced out the recycling shed roof.

Other Meetings - the clerk attended the SLATCO meeting – elections and taxes were discussed by the county auditor.

7) OLD BUSINESS:

- a) **Ordinance on Township Properties** - Jeff Blix moved to adopt the ordinance, Mark Toms seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously to accept it as written. Jeff thanked everyone for their time and effort taken to get us to this point. Jeff also reported that a new easement agreement had been reached with the Reservoir Riders. The agreement had not been updated when we first conveyed the property to the township, so was invalid. Snowmobiles are the only ones who should be using the trails from December 1st – April 1st.
- b) **Hall Rental Fees** – the item was tabled.

8) NEW BUSINESS:

- a) **Orderly Annexation Agreement from the City of Rice Lake** - This is an agreement sent to townships surrounding the new city stating they will not attempt to annex any part of our township without first approaching the board and receiving written agreement and not any earlier than October 2035.
- b) **Short Course** - Jeff , Clay and Sherri indicated they would be attending.
- 9) ADJOURNMENT: The board was reminded of all upcoming meetings. Jeff Blix moved to adjourn the meeting; Mark Toms seconded and we adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri A. Armstrong, Clerk