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## NOVEMBER 1, 2017 TOWN BOARD ACTIONS

The monthly meeting was CALLED TO ORDER at 7:03 pm by Chair, Jim Ray. Walter Rapp, Darrin Wixo, Jeff Blix and Deb Pawlowicz were present, also treasurer and town clerks. 56 individuals stood with the Board to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: reviewed by Board, Jeff Blix made motion to accept minutes from last meeting without corrections, Ray seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** TREASURER'S REPORT: CD for \$50,000.00 was renewed for 19 months at ½ of 1% interest. Presented monthly reconciliation of Township Funds, \$436,589.79 available. CORRESPONDENCE: 24 items received and reviewed (included emails received 10/31/17 and today pertaining to items on agenda, 1 email reviewed by Board that Deb Pawlowicz received and forwarded to Township, Board requested that clerk read portions/contents aloud. REVIEW OF BILL: No corrections, Jeff Blix made motion to accept checks #9068 to 9082, totaling \$10,431.18. Walter Rapp seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Reports: Clerks – continue to work on filing and record retention, completed and sent in election machine grant application. Carlson Duluth coming 11/14/17 to clean office/classroom radiators. Walter Rapp repaired Township mailbox. St. Louis County Public Works sent request for letter from Township to allow County to complete work in Township not covered by active Road Maintenance Agreement, Jim Ray, road foreman, assisted with response letter (this is a yearly requirement). MN Dept. of Transportation requested completion of map of area status of geographic information be completed, which clerks will work on. Clerks and treasurer complied information requested by resident last month on PEO claims since inception of Fredenberg Park, Board reviewed and requested statement of disclaimer be added regarding where it was obtained and that it is NOT a true dollar amount of all costs/hours. **Road Report** – work on turnaround on Birch Acres Road but recent storm isn't allowing Lakehead to finish. Jim Ray will check on status of County Contract usually received by private landowners for plowing. Ben Pearson presented letter from St. Louis County Public Works regarding snow fences on 2 township roads that were not installed, Jim Ray explained the decision based on his contact with County Public Works during drive around, which is a reason the request for quotes did not happen. Board discussed public safety and ability of emergency vehicles to get into roads if drifted. Jeff Blix made motion to have snow fences put up by Beaver River Farms for \$1,000.00 on Chesney and Beaver River Road because of public safety concerns, Darrin Wixo seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** **Fire Department** – report not received by clerks, Jim Ray did receive copy but did not have with him, he provided information he could. Received report via email. Members attended 16 hour EM responder refresher class. 6 medical calls, 1 unfounded fire call. Hosted Lakehead Mutual Aid Association meeting.

Hosted Annual Fire Truck & Treat Halloween Open House and Fire safety, well attended. Generator in process of being installed and completed. Fire Dept. meetings held every Thursday at 7pm at the Fire Hall, request to consider joining and helping your neighbors. **Law Enforcement**– nothing **Cemetery** –closed. **Parks & Rec** - Lakehead Trucking donated use of machine and time to level out rink, maintenance will be needed to prepare surface, flood and remove snow, clerk will place notice in Nov. newsletter. **Community Center** – Curtis is going to drain system again, per Walter Rapp may need to look at new furnace in future. He also did additional weather stripping in building. **Recycle Center** – no issues, remain busy. **Other Meetings** – Jim Ray attended DAT meeting on 10/19/17, found it beneficial.

OPEN FORUM: Ed Proetz asked about voting on road projects, costs for Datka (Fredenberg) Park and adverse possession of resident land for turnarounds. Randy Docauer regarding Birch Acres Road Improvement. Chris Vold regarding Birch Acres Road Improvement.

OLD BUSINESS: Township Comprehensive Plan: Deb Pawlowicz present information and committee progress, 12 residents working currently on it. Requested funds to pay for mailing of required resident survey. Jeff Blix made motion to approve costs of \$954.92 for survey, Darrin Wixo seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Broadband Update: Darrin Wixo reported he contacted Century Link and decision on grant monies not made yet, hopefully by mid-November, Century Link is applying for addition monies also to add to projects if possible. Birch Acres Roads/Usiak Road Improvement Projects: 3 residents spoke before board. Each board member presented their stand on projects: 17-011 for first 900ft from Lavaque Road, cost \$59,022.82. Jim Ray made motion accept Resolution 17-011 and continue with project, Deb Pawlowicz seconded. **4 - YEA 1 - NAY. 4/5 's majority of entire Board, MOTION PASSED.** 17-012 for Birch Acres Road (from Usiak to west end) & North Birch Acres Road, cost \$106,500.73. Jim Ray made motion to accept Resolution 17-012 and continue with project, Walter Rapp seconded. **5 – YEA, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Resolution 17-013 Usiak Road not considered. Fredenberg Lake Road Improvement Project: Resolution 17-010 for Fredenberg Lake Road Improvement. Motion made by Walter Rapp to accept Resolution 17-010 for Fredenberg Lake Road, cost \$280,228.00, Darrin Wixo seconded. **4 – YEA 1 – NAY, 4/5's majority of entire Board, MOTION PASSED.** SEH Engineering & Township attorney will be notified.

NEW BUSINESS: Township snowplowing quotes present, Board reviewed, Jeff Blix made a motion to accept quote from Mark Toms Snowplowing, \$75.00/hour for Community Center and \$45.00/hour for Recycle Center per time. Deb Pawlowicz seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Hi-Banks Resort Variance, clerk presented information on correspondence from St. Louis County regarding rescheduled hearing and application. Current information has increase of 44 sites for camping. Board informed of St. Louis County requirement for resolution from Board outlining town's response to conditional use permit. 5 residents spoke against variance, 1 resident spoke in favor, (sign in sheet available for review), owner of site also spoke and clarified questions from Board & 1 resident requested Board represent the entire community on variance issues. Board discussed how expansion doesn't comply with Township Land Use Plan of rural residential status versus commercial/industrial status. Board requested clerks contact St. Louis County Planning Dept. find out date of new hearing, application status and when 60-day rule begins. The clerks will forward information to Board and their individual responses recommendations will be sent to clerks **ONLY.** A resolution will be presented next meeting if warranted. Jeff Blix made a motion to prepare a resolution as a response to CUP from Hi-Banks Resort to comply with county requirements, Deb Pawlowicz seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** ADJOURNMENT: Jeff Blix made motion to adjourn, Jim Ray seconded. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Meeting adjourned at 9:35pm

***CORRESPONDENCE:  
TO READ OR  
MORE INFORMATION,  
CONTACT  
CLERK AT 218-721-3991***

**WINTER IS ALMOST HERE  
(ALREADY HERE)!!!**

Fredenberg Community Skating Rink needs help to prepare for a good season of ice skating. Looking for volunteers or a group to help prepare the surface (set the large liner in place on the rink), flood, clear off the rink following snow.

Please Contact: Clerks  
218-721-3991

We are excited about the new Community skating rink, available to everyone to use and enjoy

**UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED CLASSES HELD AT THE  
FREDENBERG COMMUNITY CENTER  
*CHECK OUR FACEBOOK PAGE***

For more info call Anita at 729-0450

**PAY AT THE DOOR AT RESERVOIR RIDERS**

Yoga Instructor: Anita Anderson \$5 per class.

**Wednesdays - 6:00 – 7:00 pm**

**Instructor: Sandy Rock**

**for all classes listed below: \$4/class**

**Monday YOGA 8:15 am (Sandy C., \$5 /class)**

**Monday**

**Cardio/Toning/Core 7:00 am**

**Tuesday**

**Step/Toning/Core 5:30 pm**

**Wednesday**

**30/30 Cardio & Core 7:00am**

**Wednesday & Friday**

**Toning/Core (no cardio) 8:10 am**

**Thursday YOGA 8:15am (Sandy C., \$5/class)**

**Friday**

**Step/Toning/Core 7:00 am**

**Toning/Core (no cardio) 8:10 am**

**Saturday**

**Cardio/Toning/Core 8:00 am**

**TOWN HALL / COMMUNITY  
CENTER RENTALS**

**Just a reminder that the Town Hall and two upstairs classrooms are a perfect place to hold an event. Kitchen facilities are available, tables/chairs and handicap accessible.**

**Just contact the clerks at  
218-721-3991  
for information**

**ANCHOR POINT—FREDENBERG  
ANNOUNCES CHURCH SERVICES  
AT 6:30PM  
ON THURSDAY NIGHTS**

For the past 2 years a few Fredenberg area families have been meeting with Pastor Josh Major to plan, prepare and pray regarding holding church services at the former Fredenberg Chapel.

Our motto is

“Love God, Love People & Make Disciples”.  
We are reaching out to the Fredenberg area.

**We invite you to join us for worship  
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Saturday & Sunday: Oct. 14 & 15, Nov. 11 & 12, Dec. 9 & 10*

*(second weekend each month) starting at 9 a.m.*

*Quilting, knitting, scraping, a good time to work on unfinished projects.*


*Please bring a snack or dish to share.*

*We are asking \$5/person to cover the rental cost of the town hall.*

*Any questions, please contact*

*Vicki Scheer at [l.lv.quilting2@gmail.com](mailto:l.lv.quilting2@gmail.com)*

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### DISBURSEMENTS FOR FREDENBERG PARK SINCE 2014

Information provided was obtained from CTAs accounting system used by the township, only claims that were entered under Fredenberg Park appear, other claims may have been placed under general non-specific codes and could not be determined. This is not a TRUE dollar amount as all costs and hours could not be captured for this report. This dissemination of information was approved by the Fredenberg Town Board of Supervisors on November 1, 2017.

<b>2014</b>		<b>2016</b>	
Land Conveyance Fee	\$322.65	Printing & Binding	\$303.54
		Tinting & Graphics	\$2,357.50
		Legal	\$5,806.32
<b>2015</b>		Trail Cameras	\$238.38
Survey of land	\$2,500.00		\$8,705.74
Legal Fees	\$1,120.50		
Copying	\$172.95	<b>2017 (through 10/24/17)</b>	
	\$3,793.45	Legal	\$14,091.33

**\*\*St. Louis County Property Tax Value for Park for years stated above available upon request.**

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9am—11am  
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FREDENBERG COMMUNITY  
CENTER**

**The next town-  
board meeting  
will be  
Wednesday  
Dec. 6, 2017  
7pm**