

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

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
October 4, 2017**

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

The monthly meeting was CALLED TO ORDER at 7:00pm by Vice Chair, Walter Rapp, Jeff Blix, Darrin Wixo, Deb Pawlowicz and Jim Ray present, also treasurer and clerks were present. 17 individuals stood with the Board to recite the Pledge of the Allegiance.

- 1) APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Jeff Blix moved to accept minutes from last meeting without corrections, Deb Pawlowicz seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- 2) TREASURER'S REPORT: Presented monthly reconciliation of Township Funds, \$475,606.05 available. Township CD for \$50,000.00 has mature date on 10/22/2017, Board requested he continue with CD investment and look for best rate or longer term for best rate.
- 3) CORRESPONDENCE: 9 items received and reviewed: 3 mail and 6 e-mails
- 4) REVIEW OF BILL: No corrections, Jeff Blix motion to accept checks #9043 to 9057, totaling \$37,966.65, Walter Rapp seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- 5) Reports:
Clerks -Century Link Hot Spot installed and available for within 300ft of town hall. Clerks going to view a P.E.R.A. webinar for more information. Custodians have been doing maintenance on outside of town hall. A State mandated inspection was done by Carlson Plumbing and they are going to give an estimate to clean/maintenance on heating in classrooms/office. Contacting utility companies as they are charging tax to township and we are tax exempt, when contacted they didn't have any information to notify them of this. PEO violation procedures were presented to Board from Township attorney. Received 2 fire proof , 4 drawer locking file cabinets as donation and they are in (thanks to Jim Ray, Walter Rapp, Clay Cich, Scott McClarey). Highland Beauty Floors completed repairs satisfactorily. Audio system not in yet but will check on head phone hookup for system.

Road Report – Bear Island Road had some washout areas that were repaired. Miller Lane turnaround completed. Birch Acres turnarounds are not done yet. Grading continues.

Fire Department – Several members attended Wilderness and Remote First Aid Class, quiet month only 4 medical calls. The back up generator was delivered and one half of it was paid today with remainder when work completely finished. Annual Fire Truck or Halloween Fire Safety event at the Fire Hall on Saturday, Oct. 28 from 1-3pm, everyone is welcomed.

Law Enforcement – nothing

Cemetery -area needs 1 more mowing and gates will be locked up

Parks & Rec – nothing

Community Center – Septic back up from plug in pipe, cleared but there was some water clean up basement. Furnace being cleared again but still “banging”, Curtis Oil notified and will run clearing for 3 more weeks, Walter will check on regular basis.

Recycle Center – Dumpsters were emptied and center remains busy

Other Meetings – none

6) OPEN FORUM: Ed Proetz request for accounting on Datka Park. Mark McShane information on Essentia Health and YMCA joint venture at old Hermantown Middle School slated for 2018. Also appreciated changes in township office.

7) OLD BUSINESS:

A. Hot Spot for Township (discussed in clerk report)

B. Public Hearings for Birch Acres Roads/Usiak Road and Fredenberg Lake Road, Board reviewed feasibility study on Birch Acres/Usiak. Resolution #17-008, Jim Ray motion to accept and proceed with public hearing, Walter Rapp seconded. 5 YEA, 0 NAY, 0 ABSTAIN. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Resolution #17-009 on the Fredenberg Lake Road was presented, Walter Rapp motion to accept and proceed with public hearing, Deb Pawlowicz seconded. 5 YEA 0 NAY 0 ABSTAIN. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Public Hearings will be held for Birch Acres Roads/Usiak Roads on Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at 6 to 7pm in the Town Hall. The Fredenberg Lake Road Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 24, 2017 from 7 (or there about) to 8pm in the Town Hall. All notifications and postings will be done to comply with MN law.

8) NEW BUSINESS:

A. Walter Rapp declined Chair position, Jim Ray nominated by him, Board vote: 4 votes for Jim Ray, 1 abstain (Jim Ray). Jim Ray will fill the Town Chairperson position.

B. MN Auditor office, through Counties election division have applications for updated election machine, DS200, which will be replacing our current one, M100, in the future. The grant will cover at least \$1699.00 of total \$6000.00 cost of new machine. Our present machine will become obsolete within the next 4-5 years and then township will be responsible for entire cost, if not replaced at this time. Resolution #17-007 presented and Jeff Blix motion to apply for grant (per the terms of grant application), Deb Pawlowicz seconded. 5 YEA, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

C. Reservoir Riders Snowmobile Club donated \$1500.00 toward completion of Township hockey rink, Resolution #17-005 to accept the donation presented, Jeff Blix motion to accept donation, Jim Ray seconded, 5 YEA. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

D. Board requested advertising for quotes for Township snow plowing for 2018, board will put together detailed information about requirements. Requesting a per hour rate and perhaps a seasonal rate. Clerks will post in Duluth News Tribune as required by law.

E. Information found on incomplete application for Annexation agreement with Rice Lake, since no Fredenberg boundaries about the city of Rice Lake, the Board does not wish to proceed with completion of document. Clerks will contact Rice Lake with decision.

F. Comprehensive Plan: Deb Pawlowicz is heading committee which will meet on Monday, Oct. 9, 2017 in town hall at 7:00 pm to begin work on.

ADJOURNMENT: Walter Rapp made motion to adjourn meeting, Jim Ray seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Town Supervisor Chair or Vice Chair