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## SEPTEMBER 13, 2017 TOWN BOARD MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Walter Rapp/vice chair at 7:02pm, 18 residents present. Jeff Blix made motion of accept August meeting minutes without correction, Jim Ray seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Treasurer report: monthly reconciliation of township funds and schedule 1 provided, township accounts available totaled \$506,140.33. Correspondence: 14 items reviewed: 4 mail, 10 e-mail. Review of Bills: no corrections, Jeff Blix made motion to accept check # 9016 to 9031, totaling \$41,211.05 for payment, Deb Pawlowicz seconded, **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Reports: Clerks: Walter Rapp consulted with clerks about change to meeting agenda, which was cleared with MAT, to have Open Forum portion of monthly meeting to allow residents an opportunity to present issues/voice concerns, each speaker will be allowed 3 minutes to speak. Township now current with MN UC fund and P.E.R.A. participation is being worked on, township accounts have not been active for several years. Attended St. Louis Cty Comprehensive Planning meeting with Deb Pawlowicz and committee will be organize and complete plan for approval from county. Attended MAT district 10 meeting, legislative updates and financial provided. Looking into Webinar on Civility for town board which was approved in April 2017. Highland Beauty Floors still waiting for supplies to fix kitchen floor in town hall. Provided Town Board with Ehler report on bonding. Quote for PA system from DADs presented. Jim Ray made motion to accept quote for \$1119.95 from DADs with condition Jeff Blix contact for clarification on price. Deb Pawlowicz seconded, **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Presented costs for filing cabinet, it was recommended to search on-line auction sites. Board received PEO certificate of Insurance, user fee payment and court dismissal order, Board requested billing for user fee due date be July 5 and billed the month previously each year. Request custodians present monthly supply list to clerks. Grand Lake township manager called with issues regarding Fredenberg resident illegally dumping garbage in their township, St. Louis County Sheriff also notified. Road Report: Usiak Road work being done. Mowing of township roads done and turn arounds on Bergstrand & West Cook Lake complete. Fire Dept.: 4 medical calls & 1 public assistance. Fire truck pumps tested in accordance with NFEP and ISO standards. Quotes for generator presented, only could obtain two but contacted several to request bid with no response. Walter Rapp made motion to accept Simco for \$8995.00, Jeff

seconded, **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**. Parks & Rec: Township attorney to be contacted as to follow up/ notification process for PEO violations. Hockey boards done. Community Center: Roof leak in upstairs board room, request custodians leave fans on in basement for 1 week to reduce odor. Recycle Center: busy month, will request 3 pick ups for each August due to volumes. OPEN FORUM: no one. OLD BUSINESS: Broadband update, one of 2 finalists, they have combined Fredenberg & Gnesen into one entity, will know by mid Oct. if we have the grant monies. Usiak/ Birch Acres/North Birch Acres Road & Fredenberg Lake Road public hearings cannot be held until feasibility study on Usiak/Birch Acres done (per state law), clerk to follow up on. NEW BUSINESS: temporary town board supervisor vacancy, 3 candidates presented. Board vote: Ed Proetz: 0 votes, Fran Williams: 1 vote, Darrin Wixo: 3 votes. Darrin Wixo appointed to fill vacancy. New Town Chair will be done in Oct. meeting. Hot spot for township from Century Link proposal presented, Jim Ray made motion to accept 2 year contract for 40 mbps at \$89.99/month, Jeff Blix seconded, **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**. MAT contacted about auto paying bills, this okay once reviewed and approved by board, town supervisors had no concerns doing this for township bills. Anonymous donation presented from Fredenberg resident as Thank You for National Night Out, Resolution #17-004 presented and read, Jeff Blix made motion to accept, Walter Rapp seconded, **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**. ADJOURNMENT: Jeff Blix made motion to adjourn, Walter Rapp seconded, **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

## October 4, 2017 Town Board Meeting:

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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Jeff Blix moved to accept minutes from last meeting without corrections, Deb Pawlowicz seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**. 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. CORRESPONDENCE: 9 items received and reviewed: 3 mail and 6 e-mails REVIEW OF BILL: No corrections, Jeff Blix motion to accept checks #9043 to 9057, totaling \$37,966.65, Walter Rapp seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**. 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

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.

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. 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.

***CORRESPONDENCE:  
TO READ OR  
MORE INFORMATION,  
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**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**

## ADVERTISEMENTS

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(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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**FREDENBERG LAKE ROAD PAVING  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2017  
7:00 PM (OR THERE ABOUT) TO 8:00PM  
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**Official posting notice in Duluth News Tribune  
October 10 & 17, 2017**

**The next town-  
board meeting  
will be  
  
Wednesday  
Nov. 1, 2017  
  
7pm**