

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

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
September 14, 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. All board members were present. Nine 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: There was a spelling correction “election” under new business.. Jeff Blix moved to accept the minutes with the correction, Mark Toms seconded; and minutes were approved as stipulated.
- 3) TREASURER’S REPORT: The treasurer’s report stated as of 10 August approximate funds were available in the amount of \$503,066.33, which included the \$80,000 we have tied up in CD’s.
- 4) CORRESPONDENCE: Seven (7) total items of correspondence were received during the month and reviewed.
- 5) REVIEW OF BILLS: Mark Toms moved to pay vouchers #8639 -#8659 in the amount of \$67,184.51,Jeff Blix, seconded and motion **PASSED**,
- 6) REPORTS:

Clerk - reported calls where someone was looking for information on obtaining a plot in the Gnesen Cemetery, but didn’t leave a number and one from an individual who had lots of questions about the new park sign. She answered what she could and then referred the caller to Clay Cich.

Road Report – the Road Foreman reported that the W. Hunter Lake Road project is almost complete. The storm, while damaging, did help to thin out some of the trees along the route which helped although it took time to clear the debris away. The signs prohibiting vehicles on the sledding hill have been placed. All roads are in the process of being graded. Bear Island Road is experiencing washouts right after 3rd Ave on the North end which need attention as it is eroding the blacktop. If we change the pitch of the slope a bit and then plant some rye grass to help with the erosion problem it will go a long way in improving that stretch.

Fire Department – the department had an active month, responding to 9 medical calls (one mutual aid) and 6 fire calls (2 mutual aid). They participated in National Night Out and provided safety standby for Fitger’s Triathlon. Members also received training in medication administration protocols, incident action plans and remote area access familiarization. The life-threatening medication administration is something the department has been working towards and fortuitously was able to be put to good use only hours of receiving the medications. The department also reminded everyone to make sure that fire numbers are clearly visible from the roads and not covered up by brush/trees as it slows down response time. A link was provided that gave county guidelines to installing fire numbers. The board talked about upgrading the fire number signs within the township.

Law Enforcement - nothing at this time .

Cemetery – nothing at this time

Parks & Rec - the signs are posted at the sledding hill, but the board had also discussed a barrier to help with enforcement. Large boulders seemed cost prohibitive but as other ideas were kicked around, someone mentioned there were currently a number of downed trees that could possibly be used for this purpose. A pickleball seminar will be held next week for those interested.

Community Center – the sign out front is still a work in process as it was a larger project than it first appeared. We were still waiting for the name of for the electrical work.

Recycling Center – the clerk will call again on the security light installation. She mentioned that the hauler for the center has changed and we currently have new bins and dumpsters in place.

Other Meetings – the clerk attended the DAT meeting where hot topics were the storm clean up and National Night Out celebrations.

7) OLD BUSINESS:

Fredenberg Lake Rd - several ways were discussed to derive an equitable way of assessing residents along the road for the project. Jeff Blix moved we have the attorney work towards a solution, Lix Blix seconded. Walter Rapp voted to go along with the motion, Mark Toms abstained and Clay Cich voted “no”. Clay felt that working with a title company would be more beneficial and less costly. If we are going ahead with the project we would want this settled by next Spring prior to starting work.

8) NEW BUSINESS:

a) **Skating Rink** – the rink is in need of some work, but will probably be okay until the 2017 season. Mark Toms volunteered to work on an updated version of the rink attendant job description.

b) **Special Meeting** - Noel Pearman asked after the minutes of the special meeting. They will be available next month.

9) ADJOURNMENT: The board was reminded of all upcoming meetings. Jeff Blix moved to adjourn the meeting; Walter Rapp seconded and we adjourned at 7:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri A. Armstrong, Clerk