

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

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
April 1, 2015**

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

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. Five residents and one guest stood with the Board to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

- 1) ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR: Joan Sutliff asked about fruit trees – Item B under New Business.
- 2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Jeff Blix indicated a typo under Review of Bills should be “two” and questioned the “deputy clerk” reference in the auditor’s report. The clerk indicated that was taken directly from the report handed to her and she copied what was written. Jeff Blix moved to accept the minutes with the correction of the typo, Mark Toms seconded and minutes from the March 4 meeting were approved as otherwise written.
- 3) TREASURER’S REPORT: Treasurer indicated that one CD had been rolled over when it came due, he will continue to do this as the two CDs reach maturity.
- 4) CORRESPONDENCE: Twelve (12) total items of correspondence were received during the month and reviewed.
- 5) REVIEW OF BILLS: Liz Blix moved to pay vouchers #8165 – 8177 in the amount of \$1,814.37, Clay Cich, seconded and motion passed. (NOTE: the claims list for approval handed out at the meeting was changed by \$50 due to Supervisor Cich indicated that he would not be available to attend Short Course after all. The clerk changed the amount on the check prior to running them for signature.)
- 6) REPORTS:

The Clerk filed the end of year financials for the town with the State Auditor as required by law. She is waiting to move the files over to the new version of CTAS until after the meeting with the outside auditor for his recommendations/suggestions. She mentioned Short Course was that Friday and indicated Supervisor Toms and she would be attending. (This was when Supervisor Cich remembered he couldn’t attend.) She reminded the board that the SLATCO Annual Meeting was April 22nd and reservations needed to be in by the 17th.

Road Report – Jeff Blix said roads were good overall, but he’d had a complaint from one of the residents he would discuss with the Road Foreman and the contractor. The road review was scheduled to take place after the LBAE on May 13th starting approximately 2pm. A representative from the chloride contractor indicated the price per gallon would be the same as last year. He also indicated he would be available for roadside mowing at the cost of \$110 per hour, if we were interested we need to let him know by June 1st. Publishing for road work contractor for the upcoming season will be done for awarding at the May meeting. It was decided to have the contract run from May 1st to April 31st.

Fire Department – there was no report.

Law Enforcement - nothing at this time

Cemetery - the Clerk had been contacted by the Twin Ports Genealogy group and they were interested in indexing our cemetery. If chosen, the group will clean around the headstones, photograph them to upload on the internet and index those in residence. They will not lift any stones up if that is required, but it is something we should look into for the future.

Parks & Rec - the Reservoir Riders had sent a donation for hockey nets. The custodians will be installing the basketball net, but they don’t think the tennis net is the correct one and we need to check on it. Liz and Sherri will work on ordering the new hockey nets for next year. There was some discussion on the cost of the light on the sledding hill. The utility company will be contacted. Mowing contract for the upcoming season will be

published for awarding at the May meeting.

Community Center - the custodians will be installing the fans in the basement. Supervisors Cich and Toms did some patching work around vents and seams on the roof on the center. Roger Dahl indicated the snow fencing would come down next week and reminded the board we will need replacement fencing for next season.

Recycling Center – Mark Toms stated that we should replace the roof and then add it to next year’s grant. He asked Roger Dahl what the insurance company had said about the claim from before and asked if he would be willing to get some estimates on a new roof. Clay Cich stated we should look at architectural shingles if we go with that option instead of a metal roof.

Other Meetings Attended – Supervisor Jeff Blix attended the LBAE refresher course; the clerk attended the SLATCO meeting.

7) OLD BUSINESS:

- a) **Datka Road Park Update** – suggestions for rules and regulations were gone over at a special meeting. The group will mull over the recommendations and will meet again on 20 April at 7pm.
- b) **Independent Audit** – tabled until after tax season ends.

8) NEW BUSINESS:

a) **Technology Issues** - the internet speed at the hall is sketchy at best. Mark Toms advocated for having an outside tech person (not from the utility company) check the connections. A few options were presented for pursuing. It was again agreed upon that the clerk should purchase a new monitor for the office. (This was approved during the last computer upgrades, but the clerk elected to not do so at the time).

b) **Fruit Trees** - Joan Sutliff indicated that last year an individual had donated some fruit trees for planting with the community garden area. He she questioned if the same offer presented itself this year, if the area they used last year was appropriate to continue with or would the board like a different spot. She was assured that the area by the garden was fine, or they could use the area just off of the ball field.

9) ADJOURNMENT: The board was reminded of all upcoming meetings. Jeff Blix moved to adjourn the meeting; Mark Toms seconded and we adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri A. Armstrong,
Clerk