

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

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
December 2, 2015**

**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. Board members present: Supervisors Liz Blix, Clay Cich, Walter Rapp, Mark Toms and Deputy Clerk Tyra Adams. Ten individuals stood with the Board to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

- 1) ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR: Nothing from the floor.
- 2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mark Toms moved to accept the minutes with the correction of taking Blix from his name at the adjournment, Rex Greenwell submitted a written correction suggestion for his portion of the November meeting. Liz Blix seconded. Minutes were approved with the correction.
- 3) TREASURER'S REPORT: The deputy clerk read a reconciliation from the treasurer giving the checking account balance as \$314,613.45 with an estimated \$43,826.15 in outstanding checks. With the business market rate balance and the \$80,000 in CDs, we have a total funds balance of \$488,784.94.
- 4) CORRESPONDENCE: Nine (9) total items of correspondence – 3 emails- were received during the month and reviewed.
- 5) REVIEW OF BILLS: Walter Rapp questioned why we paid Worker's Comp and there was a question as to the amount paid to CenturyLink which the board questioned. (NOTE: the check had been made out in the amount that reflected the amount paid the previous month which was not showing on the current bill.) Jeff Blix moved to pay vouchers #8380 – 8391 in the amount of \$9,201.26, with the correction of the phone bill. Mark Toms, seconded and motion passed.
- 6) REPORTS:

The Clerk wasn't present due to a death in the family.

Road Report –now fence has been installed on Beaver River and Chesney Roads. Culvert installation and reshaping of the ditch is completed on Olson Drive to prevent further washouts in that area. The final grading of the season was difficult due to constant rainfall received right up to the freeze. The roughest sections of road were worked on. Jeff stated he had received a complaint about the county plowing on E. Birch Acres Rd and leaving a large snow bank.

Fire Department – none received at the time of the meeting.

Law Enforcement - nothing at this time

Cemetery – Walter Rapp has received the materials for staking out the cemetery. The project will be on hold until spring thaw.

Parks & Rec - the board received one application for rink attendant – Liz Blix moved to accept, Jeff Blix seconded and motion PASSED. Mark Toms will get the number to coordinate with the attendant to get the rink ready. It was decided to have the rink staffed on Saturday for the 4 hour period.

Community Center – the lights in the stairway need work and they are still working on the pump issue.

Recycling Center - The dumpsters were moved to allow for better snowplowing. It was suggested we put reflectors up to mark the driveways. Walter Rapp was going to check on this.

Other Meetings - none.

7) OLD BUSINESS:

- a) **Ordinance** – Mark Toms asked to have it emailed to him.

8) NEW BUSINESS:

- a) **Proposal from Maki & Overom Law Firm** - the board looked over a proposal by the firm and Mark Toms moved to accept them as the new township attorneys, Clay Cich seconded and motion was **PASSED**. The contract will run from December 10, 2015 – January 1, 2017. The clerk will send a letter to Mr. Brown informing him of the board's decision.
- b) **Rex Greenwell** - Complained about transparency regarding minutes and their inaccuracy. He feels minutes are edited and the newsletter is incorrect. Mark Toms and Jeff Blix both expressed they do not feel written minutes correction was needed as Rex requested. Rex then brought up electoral approval needed for the park – Jeff explained this had been checked with the attorneys- both ours and the county, and the board was transparent in their actions. Rex was thanked for his comments.
- 9) ADJOURNMENT: The board was reminded of all upcoming meetings. Jeff Blix moved to adjourn the meeting; Clay Cich seconded and we adjourned at 7:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted, as transcribed from Deputy Clerk's handwritten notes.

Sherri A. Armstrong, Clerk