

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

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
February 3, 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. Board members present: Supervisors Liz Blix, Clay Cich, Walter Rapp, Mark Toms and Clerk Sherri Armstrong. Nine individuals stood with the Board to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

- 1) ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR: none
- 2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Jeff Blix moved to accept the minutes with the correction of 3 typos in the regular minutes and no corrections in the Reorganization or Budget and Salary Minutes. Clay Cich seconded. Minutes were approved with the corrections.
- 3) TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer was not present but had left a picture of the funds for everyone to view. Total funds available as of 13 January were \$422,834.07, which includes the \$80,000 we have tied up in CDs..
- 4) CORRESPONDENCE: Five (5) total items of correspondence – 1 email- were received during the month and reviewed.
- 5) REVIEW OF BILLS: Jeff Blix moved to pay vouchers #8435 – #8449 in the amount of \$31,265.30, Liz Blix, seconded and motion **PASSED**, with Mark Toms abstaining.
- 6) REPORTS:

**Clerk** - reported a busy month with various reports and certifications to file for both the year and quarter ends. She asked that everyone check their W-2s for the correct social so she can finish filing them. She also reported that she has been working with the treasurer to complete the reconcile on the books. She spent a lot of time talking to several individuals, one from a neighboring township about township functions. We had 2 conceal and carry classes and will be hosting both the Democratic and Republican caucuses in March. She reminded the board of items needed to compile the Annual Report, please get the department reports and other items to her as soon as possible, but NLT the end of the month.

**Road Report** – reported we had some bad roads, but they were all pretty patchy due to the weather being so fickle and the way the plows have been getting out. Although we had spoken with the county about the issue reported on E Birch Acres Rd. we have not had sufficient snowfall to see if the situation will be resolved. There was some speculation that as they are using a regular truck and not a grader, it will not be any different. The patch done on Bear Island Road around 2<sup>nd</sup> avenue last fall is starting to settle and is noticeable. Greg Kaneski said they had tried something new on the fix and the difference noticed now if probably due to frost heaving. We will know after the spring thaw if the new procedure works or not. The clerk mentioned that the speed limit sign at the beginning of Bear Island Road seemed to be a casualty of the snowplow and will need to be adjusted.

**Fire Department** – had a busy month, responding to 7 calls in all – 3 medical, 1 mutual aid medical, 2 fires and 1 mutual aid fire. Three members started their firefighter 1 and 2 class. Members also attended the Arrowhead EMS Conference and Expo held at the DECC. Additional gear lockers were purchased and installed. A new radiator was also installed on the rescue truck. Members spent time preparing for the Insurance Services Office review which took place at the beginning of February. The department should receive a report on how they did in about 6 months.

**Law Enforcement** - nothing at this time

**Cemetery** – nothing at this time.

**Parks & Rec** - the rink attendant and the Fire Department having been doing a great job, without much success. Again Mother Nature is creating havoc - just when the ice gets nice, we have warm temps that turn it to a big slush pond. The sledding hill, on the other hand, has seen lots of use this season. Hours when the shack and rink are manned are posted on the warming shack door.

**Community Center** – the heating system in the board room and clerks’ office are still non-compliant, but if we open the door ahead of the meeting time in the board room and can find the right adjustment on the valve in the clerk’s office we can make it work.

**Recycling Center** - the attendants have decided against installing a window in the office area so the clerk was instructed to go ahead with filing the grants with WLSSD for operating and the security light.

**Other Meetings** - Jeff Blix went to the Reservoir Riders meeting business meeting.

7) OLD BUSINESS:

- a) **Ordinance** - Mark Toms read just the revised portions of the Parks Ordinance. The board set a new Public Hearing date for Wednesday February 17<sup>th</sup> from 7-8pm.
- b) **Shredding Day** - the clerk has looked into this, but has nothing to report at this time.
- c) **Website** - we will take items off the old website and then have it brought down while we work on creating the new one.
- d) **Hall Rental Fees** – the clerk advised the board on what the neighboring townships are charging for hall rental and any requirements/stipulations. They will take it under advisement and item was tabled.

8) NEW BUSINESS:

- a) **Resolution #16-001** - This is the annual resolution concerning the moral character of the business owners who sell beer/liquor. Mark Toms moved to adopt the resolution, Liz Blix seconded and it was **ADOPTED** unanimously.
  - b) **Requests from Residents** - Mark Toms asked that a form be created for the residents to put in writing their requests for information from the board. The administrative policy already lays out the terms for payment for such requests, but this will allow a timely response and a paper trail for all parties.
  - c) **Harassment** - Belle Littler related to the board she had been ordered off the trail in recent weeks while walking her dog to allow dogsleds through. She also stated she had been contacted by law enforcement over some of the confrontations. She also wanted to let the board know that she has filed formal complaints with the authorities and will be sending us copies of those complaints. She wanted to know if the board would be following through on their stated intentions for the park. Deb Pawlowicz asked if the park rules and regulations have been posted yet.
- 9) ADJOURNMENT: The board was reminded of all upcoming meetings. Jeff Blix moved to adjourn the meeting; Mark Toms seconded and we adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri A. Armstrong, Clerk