

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

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
January 7, 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, Walter Rapp, Mark Toms, Treasurer Bill O'Brien and Clerk Sherri Armstrong. Nine residents stood with the Board to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

- 1) ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR: No items from the floor.
- 2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mark Toms moved to accept the minutes, Jeff Blix seconded and minutes from the December 3 meeting were approved as written.
- 3) TREASURER'S REPORT: We are working on the close of year process. Since the Bear Island Road account is done, we will close out that account. CD's continue to roll over - 1 every 3 months, the interest on these continues to be minimal.
- 4) CORRESPONDENCE: Nine (9) total items of correspondence were received during the month and reviewed.
- 5) REVIEW OF BILLS: Jeff Blix moved to pay vouchers #8084 – 8101 in the amount of \$118,441.58, Liz Blix seconded and motion passed.
- 6) REPORTS:

The Clerk reported a quiet month. She is busy working on the end of year reports and filings.

Road Report - the foreman is on vacation. The county has been busy plowing the roads.

Fire Department – the department responded to 5 medical calls and one structure fire in the past month. The local Cub Scout pack visited and tried on the equipment and explored the truck. They also were taught fire safety topics such as crawling low in smoke and how to call 9-1-1. The department recognized Cliff Haynes' achievements and years of service as he retires from the department. They attempted to flood the rink, but the weather was not cooperating with them.

Law Enforcement - nothing at this time

Cemetery - the clerk mentioned that the memorial area we wanted to do here might make a good eagle project for someone. She had been approached by someone whose son was going to be looking for something soon.

Parks & Rec - due to the weather being uncooperative, the rink wasn't ready until after Christmas, but it is in great shape now. The attendant has been doing the flooding and the ice is nice. The hockey nets ordered weren't deemed sturdy enough for the rink and Liz will do some checking to see about getting something else locally for this year. It was suggested that she contact Mike Sertich for possible options.

Community Center - the clerk was told to contact Curtis about the heating zone issues.

Recycling Center – Roger Dahl was informed the insurance would pay for repairs, but not a new roof. The clerk received an estimate from a company about a metal roof. This issue will be looked at again in the spring.

Other Meetings Attended – Supervisor Cich attended 2 park committee meetings and also spoke with a representative from Minnesota Power about the park.

- 7) OLD BUSINESS:

- a) **Datka Road Park Update** – The committee had two more meetings and received an update from Minnesota Power. They also went over the "Speak Your Peace" civility flier in respect to their meetings.

More suggestions for the parking situation were discussed and it was agreed there would be minimal parking for the area. The group also came to a consensus on 10 other items. There is an easement issue regarding the Boyer property that needs to be sorted out. Stephanie Love of Positive Energy presented the board with a one page business plan that the non-profit operates under. She also explained that the website shows numerous offerings for classes, but once one is scheduled on line, the system deletes any of the other offerings that may have been previously shown. Not all classes listed on line are done. A full report is expected to be presented to the board at the next meeting.

- b) **Independent Audit** - the auditor's review of the additional 3 years should be done by the next meeting.
 - c) **Assessor** - the clerk was asked to go ahead with the filing.
- 8) NEW BUSINESS - there was no new business.
- 9) ADJOURNMENT: The board was reminded of all upcoming meetings. Jeff Blix moved to adjourn the meeting; Mark Toms seconded and we adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri A. Armstrong,
Clerk