

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

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
July 1, 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, Treasurer Bill O'Brien and Clerk Sherri Armstrong. Four residents stood with the Board to recite the Pledge of Allegiance, one more individual came in after the meeting had started.

- 1) ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR: The chair announced that there would be a time limit of 5 minutes for individuals who wished to address the board.
- 2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Jeff Blix moved to accept the minutes, Mark Toms seconded and minutes from the June 3 meeting were approved as written.
- 3) TREASURER'S REPORT: Bill indicated it had been a quiet month. No CD was ready to roll over, but we were expecting the first of our tax payments by the end of the month.
- 4) CORRESPONDENCE: Nine (9) total items of correspondence were received during the month and reviewed.
- 5) REVIEW OF BILLS: Mark Toms moved to pay vouchers #8228 – 8262 in the amount of \$37,118.32, Liz Blix, seconded and motion passed.
- 6) REPORTS:

The Clerk reported a disastrous issue with the sewer system which resulted in calling in Steve Happy on a Sunday to pump it out. We should probably look at the system to see if there is a problem with the lines, tank, floats or pump that results in this occurring semi-regularly. Roof on the recycling shed was replaced and she assumes the roof was also patched on the community center. She heard from WLSSD and they want a different grant application submitted than the one previously, so she will include the cost of the roof in the new proposal. She spoke with the contractor about patching the ceiling in the board room, he has been busy with emergency jobs, but hopes to have ours done in the next few weeks. She attended Short Course where budgets were the big topic. During the course of the "Township Game" the question of how much to have in reserve in the township funds was brought up. Kent Suleum, MAT attorney, stated the statute didn't specify an amount, but the rule of thumb was 1 to 1½ times your monthly spending pattern. It was also brought up that townships should have an employee handbook if they have employees. The MAT newspaper will become a magazine by August and they will have their new attorney on board by that time as well. She is still working on the internet/website/phone issues and being passed on to other people. She did get the website password, however the FTP is blocking it. The group working on the cemetery has finished and hopes to have the work completed for uploading and distribution by the end of the month. They had reported what looked like damage to one of the stones. Supervisor Rapp said he went out and looked and he didn't see any sign of vandalism.

Road Report all township roads have had chloride applied to them. There was a report of a beaver dam which was dealt with by trapping the beaver and demolishing the dam. Work has begun along the Fredenberg Lake Road- one hill is down and they will continue working on ditching this month.

Fire Department – no report.

Law Enforcement - nothing at this time

Cemetery – nothing at this time

Parks & Rec - the hockey nets have been received and are stored until the season starts. The tennis court is seeing some action through both classes and individuals coming to play. The basketball nets and hoops will be replaced as those were ordered last year.

Community Center - issues were discussed under the Clerk's report.

Recycling Center – also handled under the Clerk's report.

Other Meetings Attended – the clerk attended Short Course as reported earlier.

7) OLD BUSINESS:

- a) **Datka Road Park Update** – Debra and Tom Pawlowicz, who live nearby, stated there was garbage left in the area. They weren't able to tell if it had been dumped there by people using the area or if it had come from a nearby trash can. They did report bear scat near the site however. They picked up the mess and disposed of it. Tom also stated while walking in the Park he noticed some branches down on trails after the recent storms that he removed. Draft of the ordinance will be sent to the attorney for review.
- b) **Independent Auditor Review** – the next step is to set a date for the treasurer and clerk to go over the review with the CPA. Then we can implement the changes. Rex Greenwell asked when the levy would be certified and if it would be lessened due to changes found in the review. The levy was voted on by the citizens at the annual meeting and will be certified for that amount voted on in September. There will be no changes. Bill O'Brien stated that there may still be questions, but as we have not spoken with the CPA yet, no answers can be given. He was open to discussing the concerns individuals have with them. Mr. Greenwell wished to continue the discussion but, as the same ground was being covered and the Chairman had stated there would be a 5 minute limit prior to the beginning of the meeting, he was told he had more than taken up his time limit.

8) NEW BUSINESS:

Road Foreman Position – one application was received at the meeting. The Clerk pointed out That there was no formal written resignation from the previous foreman and as such the board had Not taken any action on it, it had not been posted in the newsletter. She will post it for this month And we will table it until the next meeting.

- 9) ADJOURNMENT: The board was reminded of all upcoming meetings. Checks were then signed and Jeff Blix moved to adjourn the meeting; Mark Toms seconded and we adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri A. Armstrong
Clerk