

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

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**March 1, 2017**

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**TIME & PLACE: 7:00 PM**

**TOWN HALL/COMMUNITY CENTET**

The monthly meeting was CALLED TO ORDER at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Clay Cich. Supervisor Walter Rapp was not present. Seventeen individuals stood with the Board to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

- 1) ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR: No items from the floor.
- 2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Clay Cich moved to accept the minutes of the meeting with the correction that we were not getting rid of the stage in the basement and that Clay had understood from a conversation with Connie Moriarity that she would not be physically able to paint the hall, Jim Ray seconded; and minutes were approved with stated corrections.
- 3) TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report stated total funds available as of February 10 are \$430,023.68 which included the \$80,000 in CD. He asked that the board make a decision on the CD that was coming due. As we would receive a better return on the investment if we bumped it up to \$50,000 for an additional 3 month term from where it is now; and we needed to round it out anyway; Jeff Blix moved to allow the treasurer to increase the CD by an amount to receive a better investment to at least \$50,000 or an additional \$10,000 if it was needed. Jim Ray seconded and motion PASSED.
- 4) CORRESPONDENCE: Seven (7) total items of correspondence were received during the month and reviewed.
- 5) REVIEW OF BILLS: Jeff Blix moved to pay vouchers #8827 - #8838 with the exception of #8837(Jasper Drywall) in the amount of \$36,184.06 Jim Ray, seconded and motion PASSED.
- 6) REPORTS:

**Clerk** – continues to work on the Annual Report as well as the other year end processing and thanks those individuals who have handed in their reports. She has filed the recycling end of year report as well as the 2017 operating grant.

**Road Report** – the Road Foreman reported that it is a quiet time for road work, although the recent warm weather created quite a few potholes that need to be dealt with. The clerk asked about advertising for the road work contract and if the board wanted to again hold the road review after the LBAE.

**Fire Department** – Fire department to 5 medical calls and 1 mutual aid structural fire in Normanna Township. They also had some good information on a grant program that is being put on by the Red Cross to get smoke detectors in homes. The detectors are free of charge and will be placed to the best advantage by trained individuals. We will put the info in the newsletter.

**Law Enforcement** - nothing to report

**Cemetery** – nothing to report

**Parks & Rec** - the rink season is over. It was also discovered that the key to the snow blower has gone missing.

**Community Center** – the building is in the process of being painted and tile/ carpeting laid. The treads on the stairwells will remain for safety issues. Jim Ray has been researching the boiler and feels that it might not have been properly flushed upon installation. He also stated that there were screens that can be used to help catch debris in the system. Curtis

will be called on to flush the system again when the weather warms up

**Recycling Center** – we have been asked to continue to track the number of customer who use the shed as well as the fullness of the containers. Deb Pawlowicz stated she would not be at the next meeting as she was out of the country.

**Other Meetings** – none.

7) OLD BUSINESS:

- a) **Lawsuit** - the board will be meeting with the lawyers tomorrow. Deb Pawlowicz will be meeting an hour earlier with Steve to be disposed.
- b) **Clerk Position** - Dian Palmstein and Mary Skafta both expressed an interest in the position and talked to Clay Cich about it. Both women were present at the board meeting and addressed the audience and gave a summary of their experience. They are willing to work together to fill the position. It was decided that Diane would fill the role of clerk and Mary as deputy. They will spend at least the next month working with the clerk to learn the ropes and will be attending short course. Diane stated she would be working in the office one day a week instead of on Saturdays to allow people to meet with her.

8) NEW BUSINESS:

- a) **LBAE** - (Local Board of Appeals and Equalization) meeting is scheduled for Wednesday May 3 from 1-2pm. A quorum of the township supervisors must be present as well as at least one who is certified as of February 1<sup>st</sup> for the board. Jeff Blix is currently the only supervisor certified. If these conditions are not met at the time of the meeting, the county will take it over as an Open Book meeting and the township loses the right to hold it for the next 3 years.
  - b) **Rex Greenwell** - Rex asked to address the audience and summed up the facts as he gleaned them from the pending lawsuit. He feels very strongly that the board should turn the park back over to the county. He also stated his intention of starting his own township newspaper and website.
  - c) **Administrative Meeting** - Kathy Pearson asked why the board was having the second meeting every month now. Clay Cich explained he thought it could be used to handle administrative items. It was decided to bring it up at the Annual Meeting.
  - d) **Website** – Fran Williams asked where we were with this and would we be updating it. The clerk was asked to put something in the newsletter for people interested in working on the project. The clerk does have all the files downloaded from the old site.
- 9) ADJOURNMENT: The board was reminded of all upcoming meetings. Jeff Blix moved to adjourn the meeting; Jim Ray seconded and we adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri A. Armstrong, Clerk