

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

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
September 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 Clerk Sherri Armstrong. Eleven residents and 1 guest stood with the Board to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

- 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 with the typo correction under Community Center of “been” rather than “bene” and the addition of the word “sign” under Datka Road Park update after missing, Mark Toms seconded. Minutes were then approved with the corrections.
- 3) TREASURER’S REPORT: Bill was not present. The clerk indicated that several deposits were made in the last couple of days.
- 4) CORRESPONDENCE: Seven (7) total items of correspondence were received during the month and reviewed.
- 5) REVIEW OF BILLS: Mark Toms moved to pay vouchers #8303 – 8316 in the amount of \$2701.60, Liz Blix, seconded and motion passed.
- 6) REPORTS:

The Clerk reported problems with the internet and a mix up with the upgrade from Century Link—we went from slow to no for awhile, but we are good to go now. The hall has seen a lot of usage and after the wedding reception last week, we had the handle on one of the upstairs toilets broke, but it has been repaired and we will likely replace all the plastic handles in the building.

Road Report The new Road Foreman was introduced. He reports all roads are in good condition with spot grading done mid month to smooth out a few rough spots. Brush and tree branch cutting were done on W. Hunter Lake and Bear Island Rds for safety. Fredenberg Lake Rd project is complete except for random C5 applications. Crack sealing on Bear Island Rd is done and work is starting on the damaged area near 2nd Ave. Roadside mowing appears to be completed although no bill was received.

Fire Department – responded to 14 calls during August. They assisted with Fitger’s triathlon, National Night Out, driver’s training at the Air Guard and helped plan and hosted Dick Hansen’s funeral. Noel Pearman wished to thank the First Responders as well as the unknown civilians who helped when his wife had her accident. He was very appreciative.

Law Enforcement - nothing at this time

Cemetery – Walter went out and marked graves, but they are probably now gone since it has been mowed after the markers were placed. Mark stated we need to have permanent row markers of some kind installed. We hope to have the genealogy's report soon; they were waiting for a resident to get back to them with some history of the place.

Parks & Rec - it was decided that the ball field should be sprayed for weeds prior to the winter. The sprayer previously purchased cannot be located. Walter indicated he had one he would borrow to the township to get the job done. Since the season is over, bases will be researched and ordered for next year.

Community Center - as mentioned earlier the bathroom repairs were done. The light situation on the septic tank still needs resolving, the septic systems still need to be inspected here and at the fire hall. Greg Kaneski will speak to the individual who does the inspections.

Recycling Center – things are going well. No word yet on the grant.

Other Meetings Attended – The Clerk was at the DAT meeting on the day that Rice Lake was officially named a city instead of a township – interestingly enough they had not yet been notified.

7) OLD BUSINESS:

- a) **Datka Road Park Update** – the board set September 23rd at 7pm for the Public Hearing on the ordinance. Jeff Blix moved that a summary of the ordinance be published in the newspaper and the ordinance in its entirety be posted at the township's posting places. Mark Toms seconded, and motion **PASSED**. Additionally anyone wishing for a copy of the ordinance may ask the clerk for one. Stephanie Love also pointed out that the easement mentioned in the minutes was a personal easement which was one all residents along the road had. She also wished to point out that the sign referenced in the paragraph was not the missing street sign, but an old white board sign they had made.
- b) **Independent Auditor Review** – trying to get a meeting between, the CPA, treasurer and clerk proved to be impossible. As all parties are wishing to bring this to a close we will try again.
- c) **Insurance Policy** – after much discussion and some inconsistencies in the information on the reviews report were noted, Mark Toms moved to accept Resolution 15-005 Approving Replacement Cost Coverage. Mark Also moved to adopt Resolution 15-006 Approving an Increased Property & Casualty Deductible in the amount of \$2,500. Both resolutions were seconded by Jeff Blix and were **PASSED** unanimously by the board.

8) NEW BUSINESS:

- a) **New HHS Superintendent, Kerry Juntunen** - Mr. Juntunen, who was allowed to speak out of order in the agenda at the Chair's invitation, introduced himself and thanked the residents of the township for their support for the bond referendum for the new Middle School. He issued an invitation to the Open House on September 16th from 4-7pm. He also stated they have a Letter of Intent from the city regarding the new Regional Health and Wellness Center and are hosting state representatives to view the project and get behind it with funding in the state budget; He has asked the Education Coordinator to come and meet the board and view the facilities for future classes. Mr. Juntunen also stated there will be a school board election on November 3rd and Fredenberg will be a polling place.
 - b) **Reservoir Riders** - have placed a request for the money put aside for their new roof. They are also looking at some repairs and tuck pointing for the chimney.
 - c) **Long Range Plan** - Mark Toms spoke of the need for a 3- and 5- year plan from the board for the township. He also stated that this would be a great opportunity to have a community representative committee involved in the process.
 - d) **Ed Proetz** - Wished to point out that since the treasurer was often absent, he had the option of having a deputy at the meeting. While the board is aware of the options for both clerk and treasurer, we have asked several times over the past year for people interested in the positions to let us know, to no avail. Rex Greenwell asked the board which bank held the township's funds and then asked what the balance was as of that day. As the treasurer holds the checkbook, no one could give him the balance, but we would make sure it was available at future meetings, treasurer or no.
- 9) ADJOURNMENT: The board was reminded of all upcoming meetings. Jeff Blix moved to adjourn the meeting; Mark Toms seconded and we adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri A. Armstrong, Clerk