

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

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
February 1, 2017**

**TIME & PLACE: 7:00 PM
TOWN HALL/COMMUNITY CENTER**

The monthly meeting was CALLED TO ORDER at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Clay Cich. Supervisor Walter Rapp was not present. Eleven 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: Jim Ray moved to accept the minutes of the regular meeting with the deletion of section on protocol, Deb Pawlowicz seconded. Jeff Blix moved to accept the minutes of the Reorg meeting with the correction of Jim's name, Jim Ray seconded; and minutes were approved with stated corrections.
- 3) TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report stated total funds available as of January 12 are \$520,525.21 which included the \$80,000 in CD. He also explained that the bank had taken money out of one of the CD's to pay off a fine instead of taking it from the checking account. The penalty for the early withdrawal from the CD is negligent; but the treasurer suggested that the board may want to roll it over into a 11- month CD, with a slightly larger interest rate, rather than the current 6 month and the same with the next one to create our stagger.
- 4) CORRESPONDENCE: Six (6) total items of correspondence were received during the month and reviewed.
- 5) REVIEW OF BILLS: Jeff Blix moved to pay vouchers #8799 - #8815 with the exception of #8805(Highland Beauty down payment) in the amount of \$6,192.41, Jim Ray, seconded and motion **PASSED**.
- 6) REPORTS:

Clerk – is working on all the end of year, end of quarter reporting and the Annual Report – she is looking for department head reports by the end of the month. She is working with the treasurer to reconcile the books. She heard from FEMA and sent back the reports for payment. She also tendered her resignation to the board, effective March 31st. She did offer to stay on as deputy clerk until her predecessor is up to speed.

Road Report – the Road Foreman reported that the month was slow but roads had been in good shape until the recent storm made for some slippery conditions. It was also reported that some of the roads had some serious washboarding going on.

Fire Department – Fire department reported a busy month for emergency runs, with 6 medical, 1 snowmobile fire and 1 carbon monoxide calls. They provided mutual aid a one medical call and received mutual aid at 2 other medical calls. Calls were worked in conjunction with St. Louis County Rescue Squad, Air Medical, Grand Lake Fire, Gold Cross Ambulance and the Sheriff's office. Routine maintenance was performed as well as training on carbon monoxide emergencies and scene size-up and pre=planning.

Law Enforcement - nothing to report

Cemetery – nothing to report

Parks & Rec - the rink was flooded and individuals enjoyed good skating for a day or two before it melted. We are working to get the ice back to skating surface, but the outside valve appears to be frozen. The timer and lights need work, but will probably wait until later in the year when they can also do some repair on the boards.

Community Center – Clay Cich said he had heard from the custodians they couldn't handle the painting job, so he spoke with a contractor to do the job. There was some discussion on the project should have gone out for bids/quotes. Clay said he would talk to a few more people. The board authorized the lowest qualified bidder could be awarded the job prior to the next meeting so the project could be started. Painting will not include the kitchen or classrooms. Clay also

said he would speak with Highland Beauty about the down payment. It was brought up that to re-carpet the stage would be a large cost and it would be better to have it removed. It was mentioned that many groups used the stage for their events when renting the facilities and it was thought that the paneling along the stage did not go all the way to the floor. It was stated that fixing the paneling issues was less cost prohibitive than re-carpeting the stage.

Recycling Center – things are going well.

Other Meetings – Clay Cich attending clerk/treasurer training at the MAT offices.

7) OLD BUSINESS:

- a) **Lawsuit** - in a current state of limbo. The Reservoir Riders did post new signs, but the DNR says it will not enforce the ordinance due to the wording used. Tom Pawlowicz reported he had been in contract with the Reservoir Riders Club about the safety issues. The attorneys have requested a meeting, which was set for March 2nd at 6 pm. This will be a closed meeting due to the nature of the subject matter. Deb Pawlowicz stated she would like to work with Jeff Blix on the issues as she has more info to contribute. Clay Cich asked Jeff if the rest of the board could have copies of the emails so everyone was on the same page.

8) NEW BUSINESS:

- a) **Resolution 17-001** - Concerning a supervisor also working as road foreman – the resolution was read and Jeff Blix moved to adopt it, Deb Pawlowicz seconded and motion **PASSED** with a vote of 3 approving, 1 absent and 1 abstaining.
 - b) **Resolution 17-002** - Concerning the moral character of owners of businesses with beer/liquor licenses - this is a yearly requirement to allow the township establishments the sale of liquor. Jeff Blix moved to adopt the resolution, Jim Ray seconded and motion **PASSED**.
 - 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