

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

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
July 5, 2017**

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

The monthly meeting was CALLED TO ORDER at 7:00 pm by Chairman Clay Cich. All Town Supervisors present, Paul Reuvers, MATIT attorney also present. 21 individuals stood with the Board to recite the Pledge of the Allegiance.

Clay Cich made motion to adjourn to closed meeting for lawsuit/mediation between PEO and Fredenberg Township, Jim Ray seconded. Board, treasurer, deputy clerk, MATIT attorney met in closed meeting. At 7:45pm, Town Board Meeting resumed, Clay Cich made motion, Jeff Blix seconded. Settlement motion read by MATIT attorney for public to hear, Jeff Blix made motion to accept terms, Jim Ray seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**. MATIT attorney will email settlement to persons who request a copy sent via email sign up distributed at the meeting. Resident provided documentation to Town Board regarding Datka Park.

1) APPROVAL OF MINUTES: no changes noted. Walter Rapp made motion to approve, Deb Pawlowicz seconded, vote: 4 YES, Jeff Blix abstained. **MOTION PASSED**.

2) TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer reconciled last month and this month statement. Funds available: \$444,739.17.

3) CORRESPONDENCE: 5 mail and 4 e-mails were reviewed.

4) REVIEW OF BILLS: Reservoir Riders paid for Storm Damage portion due and reimbursed for 3rd Benchmark due from 2016. Total of \$125,073.08 due, Clay Cich made motion to pay checks #8946 - #8968, Jim Ray seconded. Vote: 4 YES 1 NO, **MOTION PASSED**.

5) REPORTS:

Clerk: Working on Web Site, getting pictures and setting up with Web Designer. Second notice to newsletter advertisers sent out but response has been slow. Only advertisers who have paid will be included in August Newsletter.

Roads: Maintenance done except East Hunter Lake Road, upgrades to be done to Birch Acres/Usiak (ditching/widening). North Birch Acres Road sign taken down by someone and will be replaced. Jim Ray completed road inspection with St. Louis County for plowing and recommendations were made by them.

Fire: Variety of calls were responded to: 5 medical calls, 2 structure fires & 1 search for lost person. The calls included automatic mutual aid calls with other townships as well as receiving mutual aid from them. Team of Fredenberg Fire responders provided medical assistance at Grandma's Marathon, 110 patients were seen. Members joined with other departments in Grand Lake to learn and practice advanced skills in drafting and relay pumping to fight fires in rural setting more efficiently.

Law Enforcement: nothing

Cemetery: 1 plot sold and Town Board Signed Deed.

Parks/Rec: Continued work on hockey boards and requested more help from volunteers. Reservoir Riders representatives present & will donate \$1500.00 to complete project, which was gratefully accepted by Board. Jim Ray met with MN Power rep. regarding upgrades to lighting efficiency in community center and grounds, the information given to him does not make changing the hockey lights to LED cost effective but Community Center upgrades would be. Jim Ray made motion to upgrade lighting at Community Center &

Recycle Center, Clay Cich seconded, **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**. Jim Ray will contact electricians to explore costs.

Community Center: proposal from Curtis Oil to replace defective pump and run/test again in fall. An iron filter for furnace was recommended to resolve current problems (the bill for services was approved this month, there were no charges for labor). Clay Cich made motion to get magnetic filter if it is a "cleanable unit", Jeff Blix seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**. Septic system checked out and needs a new SD card to check out system to be able to make repairs if needed, will be done by system designer. Entry tile is coming up and carpet in basement has large fray, Highland Beauty Floors will be contacted to made repairs. Custodians requested classroom upstairs be locked so hall rentals don't use, Walter Rapp will rekey locks. They also requested to water seal pavilion picnic tables which Board recommended and Walter Rapp will do. National Night Out: on Tues. August 1, 2017 at Fredenberg Community Center from 5-7pm. Lots of activities/events/drawings /food planned, still looking for volunteers.

Recycle: bins are full from holiday weekend. Deb Pawlowicz looked into Hazardous Waste Day and WLLSD informed her it needs to be set up in January of each year, she will try to set up date for 2018. Shredding Day is run through Shred It/Rip to Shreds, cost between \$600-\$800 depending on volume/tonnage. She will look into this further for dates.

Other meetings: Treasurer, town clerks attended summer MAT short courses on June 29, 2017 in Cloquet.

6) OLD BUSINESS

- A) Property Insurance Update: changes in coverage must be signed and approved by ENTIRE board to occur, MATIT will not reassess values for several years at it was done in 2015. Insurance bill was approved for payment with this month's bills.
- B) Informational meeting for Usiak/Birch Acres Roads completed and well attended. Consensus was to have first 900ft from Lavaque Road in completed. There will be another meeting and at that time individual costs for work by road will be given to residents.
- C) Public meeting for Fredenberg Lake Road, will be postponed until into late fall or December, when bids for work are lower as companies setting up work for Spring 2018(confirmed by Clay Cich and Jeff Blix). Discussion on township policy for roads and approval followed, input from public allowed. Jim Ray provided information on estimated costs for maintenance on paved roads and the need for a designated fund to pay for this. No further board action.

7) NEW BUSINESS

- A) Curtis Propane/Oil fixed pricing presented, Jeff Blix made motion to accept Plan B at \$129.9/gal., Deb Pawlowicz seconded, **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**.
- B) Clay Cich Sabbatical Request presented, there will be a need for a temporary vacancy to be filled on the Board until approximately August to Dec. 2017, information for candidates will be in July 2017 newsletter and Board will address next meeting.
- C) Road Mowing: request for bids needs to go out in Duluth News Tribune, for 14 miles of township road, clerks will follow up and place ad.

ADJOURNMENT: Jeff Blix moved to adjourn meeting, Jim Ray seconded. August Board Meeting on Wednesday, August 2, 2017 at 7pm. Meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane C. Palmstein/Town Clerk

APPROVED