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January 17, 2018 TOWN BOARD ACTIONS

CALL TO ORDER: At 7:00 pm, Jim Ray, Board Chair called the meeting to order, Deb Pawlowicz, Clay Cich and Jeff Blix present, Walter Rapp was absent, both clerks present, and treasurer absent. 36 individuals stood with the Board to recite the Pledge of the Allegiance. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Reorganization meeting minutes from January 3, 2018 reviewed by Board. Clay Cich made motion to accept without corrections, Jeff Blix seconded. **MOTION PASS UNANIMOUSLY.** Annual Budget and Salary meeting minutes from January 3, 2018 reviewed by Board, Jeff Blix made motion to accept minutes without corrections, Deb Pawlowicz seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** **OPEN FORUM:** no one. **OLD BUSINESS:** A. Township response to PEO letter: Clerks presented draft copy of letter to PEO and their attorney from Township Attorney and audience. Board clarified why there were no objections to PEO & county contacting MN Power for use of MN Power property. Jeff Blix made motion to authorize Fredenberg Township attorney to send this letter to PEO's attorney, Deb Pawlowicz seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** B. Hi-Banks CUP: Board was presented with application for Conditional Use Permit (CUP) from Hi-Banks Resort for expansion through St. Louis County Planning and Zoning. Jim Ray, Chair stated his stance opposed to CUP because he felt the Townships Comprehensive Plan supported Rural Residential in the area, Clay Cich, Supervisor, stated his decision to support CUP after speaking to neighbors in area & support of business for Fredenberg. Several residents requested to speak before the Board: Noel Pearman wanted clarification on what Board can do, Jim Ray explained that the Board can state if the application complies with Township Comprehensive Plan (only approved Fredenberg Township Comprehensive plan by St. Louis County from 1989) and this was confirmed by our township attorney. Matt McShane questioned the vote from Nov. 2017 meeting, it was clarified that since there was no application for the CUP (it had been withdrawn), that there was nothing to vote on and it was stated in the meeting minutes that way. He also presented statistics from recent town survey by Comprehensive Planning Committee (note: this plan has not been submitted or approved by St. Louis County). Tim Wagner explained changes to his CUP application & was willing to answer questions but there were none. Gloria Pothast spoke in favor of rural residential setting for area and against CUP. Mark McShane: presented hand out to Board with information tabulated from recent Comprehensive Plan survey and has available petition from Fish Lake Dam Road residents opposed to CUP. Alan Edberg spoke in support of CUP & informed Board of how much the Wagners have improved the property. Ken Kirch

spoke in support of CUP and questioned validity of surveys specifically to the Hi-Banks Resort. Ed Proetz: presented information on a comparison of campgrounds/fishing/usage between the smaller Fish Lake and Island Lake. Gary Pothast: provided Board with written information on results of recent Township survey & opposed CUP. Jim Brunning: spoke regarding Hi-Banks meeting all the compliance issues of CUP & in support of CUP. Jerry Roadmore: lives next door to resort and supported CUP. Clerk read Resolution 18-003(attached to minutes) aloud, resolution states CUP doesn't not comply with Rural Residential for area as stated in Township Land Use Plan. Jeff Blix made motion to accept resolution 18-003, Deb Pawlowicz seconded. Vote: 3 YEAS 1 NAY 1 Absent. MOTION PASSED. Clerk directed to submit to St. Louis County Planning & Zoning for hearing on CUP on Feb. 8, 2018, time and place of hearing not set yet. Clerk also encouraged residents to attend hearing and voice opinions. OTHER MEETINGS: none ADJOURNMENT: Jeff Blix made motion to adjourn meeting, Clay Cich seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

FEB. 7, 2018 BOARD MEETING; The monthly meeting was CALLED TO ORDER at 7:00 pm by Chair Jim Ray, Jeff Blix, Clay Cich, Deb Pawlowicz were present, Walter Rapp was absent. Treasurer and clerks were also present. 10 individuals stood with the Board to recite the Pledge of the Allegiance. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 3, 2018 Board meeting minutes reviewed by Board. Jeff Blix made motion to accept without correction, Clay Cich seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** January 17, 2017 Board meeting minutes were reviewed by Board, Jeff Blix made motion to accept without correction, Clay Cich seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** January 17, 2018 Board of Audit minutes reviewed, correction to date, January 17, 2018, Jeff Blix made motion to accept with correction, Deb Pawlowicz seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** TREASURER'S REPORT: presented monthly reconciliation, checkbook was off about \$277 from this but he didn't have time to finish balancing. Total funds available as of 1/11/18 \$486,742.95. Bill also explained and answered questions regarding Schedule IA attached to agenda. CORRESPONDENCE: 7 mail and 13 e-mails were received and reviewed by Board. REVIEW OF BILLS: no corrections, Clay Cich made motion to accept check #9160 to 9175, totaling \$25,323.11, Jeff Blix seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** REPORTS: **Clerk** – IRS request for 2016 W2 & W3 forms from township, error may be related to the fact that they were placed on 2017 forms versus 2016. Received credit from Lake County Power for sales tax charged after tax exempt forms filed with them, \$277.54. Notification of Board of Appeal and Equalization, set for May 2, 2018 (Wednesday) from 1-2 pm but unsure of location and tried to call to verify but no call back. **Road Report** – quiet month, Board verified that April Meeting was when bids for Roads were done. **Fire Department** – Annual Contract presented with corrections, Board Reviewed and signed, clerk will return to Fire Dept. Department responded to 4 calls in January: search for hypothermic patient, lifting assist, seizures, mutual aid motor vehicle accident with fatality and mutual aid structure fire. Training: mass casualty, rescue & ladder training, vehicle driving & safety. 9 members attended Arrowhead EMS Association conference. 2 new members were welcomed: Shawn Brown & Jennifer Collard. Elections held: Linda Bergstrand Chief, Mark Baker 1st Asst Chief, Eric Bergstrand 2nd Asst. Chief, Julie Sunnarborg President, Sarah Serena-Bergstrand Vice President, Mark Baker Secretary, Kim Wagner Treasurer, Ryan O'Rourke Safety Officer, Eric Bergstrand Safety Officer, Troy Sunnarborg & Jeff Siem Maintenance Officers, Peg Twining Prentice Public Relations, Linda Bergstrand Public Education. Also, information on Fire Deaths in MN in 2017, 63 people died, increase of 47% from 2016. So far in 2018, 7 people have died in fires. REMINDER to check smoke alarms & carbon monoxide alarms, stay safe and don't become a statistic. Resident requested to place notice in newsletter about smoke alarm program again. **Cemetery** – nothing **Parks & Rec** – sliding hill and rink being used a lot, timer for lights is malfunctioning, Jim Ray will contact electrician about replacing. **Community Center** – cleaning checklist is working for custodians. **Recycle Center** – Fran Williams trained in, Recycle Grant application complete and will be submitted. Problems with locks on service and garage door, Deb Pawlowicz will have Mort replace versus trying to repair. Gordy Jensen willing to do fill in. Request for water hook up to building and it will be looked at in the spring. **Other Meetings** – none OPEN FORUM: no one OLD BUSINESS: Township Comprehensive Plan: Deb Pawlowicz reported that a first draft done for 1 section, continue to work on. Birch Acres Road and Fredenberg Lake Road Improvement Project: presented SEH letter with recommendation for contractor based on bids received and opened on January 30, 2018 for all 3 road projects, low bid was Northland Constructors with bid of \$296,061.43 (Engineers estimate was \$391,002.90). All information was reviewed by Board and Resolution 18-004 was read aloud, Jeff Blix made motion to accept Resolution 18-004, Jim Ray seconded, **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** A change of order may be presented after receiving an estimate for increased widths Birch Acres and North Birch Acres. Also, attorney costs and other expenditures for roads will be included in final numbers. High Banks Resort Variance: Township was notified by St. Louis Cty Planning & Zoning that the conditional use permit was pulled and hearing cancelled. Town Hall Furnace Quotes: unopened quotes were presented & opened by Board, they reviewed the 2 that were submitted, discussed wall

mount versus floor mount units and output of each. Jim Ray made motion to accept All Service Heating LLC bid for \$8950.00, Jeff Blix seconded, but amended to give latitude to Jim Ray to work with the contractor to make minor changes if necessary. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** NEW BUSINESS: Election Machine Grant: Township was approved for grant totaling \$1858.01 and will receive \$400.00 trade-in on old machine, presented 2 options from State to purchase new machine, one with 1-year warranty \$5375.00 and one with 3-year warranty (\$5995.00). Clay Cich made motion to accept unit with 3-year warranty for \$5995.00, Jeff Blix seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Salary versus per meeting rate of pay for Board supervisors and Treasurer: number of meetings listed in Budget & Salary Meeting was incorrect, and clarification requested by treasurer about is pay based on set salary for year or on number of meetings. Board discussed and decided it was based on pay per meeting at set rate for a total of 15 meetings per year, but 2018 will be a total of 16. Jim Ray made motion to make addendum to Salary & Budget Meeting minutes with this clarification, Clay Cich seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** ADJOURNMENT: Jim Ray made motion to adjourn meeting, Clay Cich seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Meeting adjourned at 8:56pm.

GORDY JENSEN RETIRES

Fredenberg Township Residents would like to thank Gordy Jensen for his many years of service as one of our recycle attendants. Gordy has been the friendly face at our center on Saturdays at the Recycle Center. He has been a dedicated, reliable and strong advocate for our recycling program. We cannot thank him enough. He will be missed.

MOU/Audubon Christmas Bird Count, Fredenberg (88) 11 years, since 2007

<u>Species</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Canadian goose											1
Mallard						2		2			2
Bufflehead									1		
Common Goldeneye	36	11	66	18	77	61	33	89	39	153	12
Hooded Merganser	1								1		
Common Merganser		1									
Ruffed Grouse	21	15	4	16		4	6	10	18	12	16
Wild Turkey	6		8	10	3	5					
Rock Pigeon	9	27	58	10	8	20	3	36	3		10
Mourning Dove		2			12		3	4		2	1
Bald Eagle	6	7	26	8	6	4	2	1	1	2	
Sharpshinned Hawk			2								
Northern Goshawk	cw				1						
Redtail Hawk							1				
Roughlegged Hawk		1				1	2				
Barred Owl				1			1				
Great Gray Owl			1								
Great Horned Owl	cw										
Belted Kingfisher											
Red bellied woodpecker		1			1			1			
Downy woodpecker	41	47	33	17	13	18	5	14	17	7	13
Hair woodpecker	26	32	17	12	10	9	9	9	11	8	12
Amer. 3toes woodpecker			3								
Black backed woodpecker	3					1					
Pileated woodpecker	12	4	7	2	1	4	3	5	2	2	
Northern shrike	3		2	1		1		4	2		1
Gray jay	5	2	6						2		2
Blue jay	41	39	15	29	31	32	24	35	18	28	13
Amer. Crow	52	109	57	32	75	69	161	84	45	49	126
Common Raven	64	55	108	21	36	37	39	39	57	32	59
Blackcap chickadee	535	782	534	171	159	334	145	85	215	80	145
Boreal chickadee	2	1	5								
Redbreast nuthatch	43	120	97	44	16	31	9	64	69	30	29
Whitebreast nuthatch	12	22	8	9	3	8	3	5	4	2	9
Brown creeper				1	1	2		1			
Golden crown kinglet		1	1	1							



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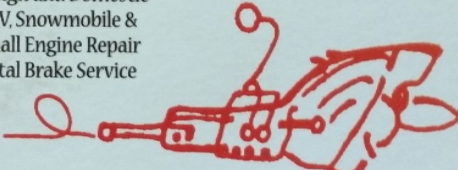
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government is structured.
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HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE THERE!!

**The next town board
meeting will be
Wednesday
March 7, 2018
7pm**