

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

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
January 17, 2018**

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

1. **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.
2. **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**
3. **OPEN FORUM:** no one
4. **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' 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the vote from Nov. 2017 meeting, it was clarified that since there was no application for the CUP (it had been withdrawn), that there was nothing to vote on and it was stated in the meeting minutes that way.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 and informed Board of how much the Wagner's have improved the property. Ken Kirsh: 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 opinins.

OTHER MEETINGS: none

ADJOURNMENT: Jeff Blix made motion to adjourn meeting, Clay Cich seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Board Chair/Co-Chair

APPROVED