

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

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
March 7, 2018**

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

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. 11 individuals stood with the Board to recite the Pledge of the Allegiance.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 7, 2018 Board meeting minutes reviewed by the Board, Jeff Blix made a motion to accept without corrections, Clay Cich seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
2. TREASURER'S REPORT: Presented monthly reconciliation. Previous months \$277.00 was resolved and reconciled. Schedule 1 was presented, Public Safety was removed from schedule as it is no longer used, Road & Bridge receipt for \$11,380.61 in schedule. Total funds available as of 2/12/18 was \$497,083.24
3. CORRESPONDENCE: 8 mails and 4 e-mails were received and reviewed by the Board
4. REVIEW OF BILLS: No corrections, Jeff Blix made motion to accept checks #9188 – 9199, totaling \$8,065.45, Clay Cich seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
5. REPORTS:
  - Clerk** - 2018 Board of Appeal & Equalization will be held on May 2, 2018 from 1-2pm at the AP Cook Bldg. at 2503 Rice Lake Road, Duluth MN, it will be an open book meeting. New binder cabinet has been installed. Request to get help to move desk from closet into office before Annual Meeting next Tuesday. Pictures found in closet and will be hung again. DAT meeting on March 15, 2018 at 7pm at Rice Lake Town Hall, clerks will be attending.
  - Road Report** – nothing
  - Fire Department** – received Masimo Rad-57 carbon monoxide oximeter through MN DNR program, the oximeter will be used to check carbon monoxide exposure in our firefighters & patients who exposed to CO and training in use done. Department responded to a mutual aid structure fire, mutual aid possible airplane crash, outside fire (out of control) but was fine. Also provided medical stand by for KC Pro snowmobile race. The septic system at Hall was frozen, lines were checked, no clogs and tank pumped. No idea why it froze and will have to be checked to prevent again. Dept. will introduce File of Life program at Annual Meeting. Smoke alarms still available at [www.getasmokealarm.org](http://www.getasmokealarm.org) or call Linda Bergstrand at 218-349-2668.
  - Cemetery** – nothing
  - Parks & Rec** – timer replaced in warming shack and working. May have to look for a snow blower this year or next, Jim will look for deals on end of year close outs.
  - Community Center** – heaters in old Firehall broke and froze, plumber fixed repaired both units to working order. Carlson Duluth fixed motor in office heater. Residents are using Township web site to get rental agreements.
  - Recycle Center** - June 9, 2018 from 11:30 am to 2:30pm, will be WLLSD Hazardous Waste Day at the Town Hall. Locks replaced at center
  - Other Meetings** – none
6. OPEN FORUM: Jeff & Liz Blix want to say kudos and thank you to Kim & Tim Wagner for helping them when Liz was injured on her snowmobile, they were tremendous. Mark McShane provided information on new Hermantown YMCA, funding campaign. It was recommended he present at Annual Meeting on March 13, 2018 for the community.
7. OLD BUSINESS:
  - A. Township Comprehensive Plan: Deb Pawlowicz has first draft of 2018 Plan and requested for it to be presented to the community at a Public Hearing. Jeff Blix made a motion to hold a Public Hearing on April 18, 2018 at 7pm, Jim Ray seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
  - B. Birch Acres Roads & Fredenberg Lake Road Projects: Resolution 18-006, Declaring the Official Intent of the Town of Fredenberg, Minnesota to Reimburse Certain Expenditures from the Proceeds of Bonds to be Issued by the Town. Deb Pawlowicz made a motion to accept Resolution 18-006, Jeff Blix seconded. **MOTION PASSED**

**UNANIMOUSLY.** Board reviewed written proposals presented by North Shore Mortgage and National Bank of Commerce for financing and bonding of projects. Clay Cich made motion to accept Resolution 18-007 accepting proposal by National Bank of Commerce for the Purchase of Tax Exempt Bonds to Finance the Construction of Improvements to Fredenberg Lake Road Project, Birch Acres Roads (from Usiak to West End) and N. Birch Acres Road & Birch Acres Road (from Lavaque to Usiak Road), Jim Ray seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

8. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Banking Change Information: National Bank of Commerce reps.: Troy Lambert & Bradley Roder presented information and handouts on banking with them. Bill O'Brien/treasurer inquired about costs for checking/deposits and asked the Board to allow him to analyze and review information before making a decision, the Board agreed and will discuss further at April Board meeting.
- B. Hermantown All Night Grad Party donation request was reviewed, Resolution 18-008 was presented, Jeff Blix made motion to make \$400.00 donation and accept Resolution 18-008, Clay Cich seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Proctor/Hermantown Excellence in Education Banquet donation request was reviewed, Resolution 18-009 was presented, Clay Cich made a motion to make \$400.00 donation and accept Resolution 18-009, Jeff Blix seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- C. Advertising for Township Road Maintenance and Lawn Mowing: Jeff Blix made motion to advertise for quotes for Township Road Maintenance for 2018, Jim Ray seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Jeff Blix made a motion to advertise for quotes for Township Lawn Mowing for 2018, Deb Pawlowicz seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Jim Ray made a motion to close the meeting, Attorney – Client Privilege, seconded by Jeff Blix, **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** to hold closed session as authorized under the attorney-client privilege pursuant to Minn.Stat 13D.05, subd.3(b), to discuss the settlement arising from Positive Energy for Youth v. Township of Fredenberg, State of Minnesota, and St. Louis County. Following the closed meeting, the Fredenberg Board will convene in open session.

Board, clerks and treasurer moved into a closed meeting.

Motion to Reconvene: Motion by Clay Cich, seconded by Deb Pawlowicz to reconvene into open session. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**ADJOURNMENT:** Jim Ray made motion to adjourn meeting, Jeff Blix seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Meeting adjourned at 8:53pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Board Chair/Co-Chair





