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August 1, 2018 TOWN BOARD ACTIONS

The monthly meeting was CALLED TO ORDER at 7 pm by Chair Jim Ray. Also present were: Jeff Blix, Clay Cich, Deb Pawlowicz & Walter Rapp , Bill O'Brien/treasurer, Mary Skafte & Diane Palmstein, clerks were also present. 13 individuals stood with the Board to recite the Pledge of the Allegiance. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: minutes of July 11, 2018 Town Board meeting were reviewed, correction to Road Report, Jeff Blix to call about dead trees. Jeff made a motion to accept minutes with correction, Jim Ray seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** TREASURER'S REPORT: Presented monthly reconciliation, funds available as of \$537,266.06 as of 7/12/18, which includes \$150,000.00 in CD's. CORRESPONDENCE: 19 total: 11 mail and 8 e-mails were received and reviewed by the Board. REVIEW OF BILLS: No corrections, Jeff Blix made motion to accept check #9329 to 9348, totaling \$54,136.73, Walter Rapp, seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** REPORTS: **Clerk** – MPL contacted township regarding improper use of their pole for wire from skating rink, the issue will be discussed with rep. from MPL when she returns from vacation. Perry Middlemest assessed computers at office and will be sending recommendation for 2 laptops, our PC is adequate. Como Oil contract for propane in place and tank in. Presented Resolution #18-012 Accepting \$300.00 donation for Neighborhood Night Out from Lakehead Trucking, Jeff Blix made a motion to accept Resolution #18-012, Jim Ray seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** **Road Report** – Presented to Board 1 quote received for advertised 1 x roadside mowing and 1 x brush cutting on township right of ways, quote was opened by Board & reviewed. Jim Ray made motion to accept quote from Jake's Companies for 2018 1 x roadside mowing for \$2,000.00 and 1 x brush cutting for \$ 7,200.00, Jeff Blix seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Jeff Blix contacted company that did spraying on trees and there is nothing they are going to do about it. Grace Chesney wanted residents on Lavaque Rd to know how nice the grass cutting out to the road looks. Beaver River Road may have to have decorative trees cut at turn around per St. Louis County Public Works. Jim Ray informed the Board that he spoke with St. Louis Cty about twp road signs, what is required by law and what is to leave up and/or replace. Recommended changing out signs and only keeping what is required by law. Discussed speed limit sign on Fish Lake causeway and St. Louis Cty recommended no changes. On Bear Island Road causeway, Cty also recommended no changes and to leave as it is, following discussion the Board decided that this area will be discussed further by the Board. Jim Ray presented Fredenberg Twp Traffic Sign Policy, reviewed by Board and Resolution 18-013, which was read, adopting Sign Policy. Board votes: YEAS: 5 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0, per policy it is effective immediately.

Fire Department – responded to 11 calls during July, 6 medical, 3 motor vehicle and 2 mutual aid fire calls. Participated in Rice Lake Fire Dept. Red Run, attended Lakehead Fire Dept. Mutual Aid Assoc. meeting and St. Louis Cty Chief's Association. Reminder to make sure your address signs are visible in case of emergency, it could delay response time, Dept. needs at least 12 ft wide and 12 ft high to get trucks/equipment safely in. Check out Fredenberg Volunteer Fire Dept. Facebook page for tips/updates. **Cemetery** – nothing **Parks & Rec** – discussion about shed and extra costs to move, other options for type of shed discussed. Clay Cich will explore costs of assemble and pre-built sheds and report to Board. **Community Center** – Electrician working on outlets and other electric issues in building. **Recycle Center** – additional dumpsters are now in place. **Other Meetings:** Walter Rapp attended St. Louis County Land Use Planning Public Meeting. **OPEN FORUM:** Fran Williams would like a map of Fredenberg available for hard copy in twp office. Chris Vold from Sunset Ridge/Amundson Roads presented information he has received regarding establishing a township road. As the road spokesperson, he is proceeding according to MN State Statute, also contacted MPL. He will present petition from road to clerk at the end of the meeting. Kathy Pearson questioned why motions at Annual Meeting don't seem to have action taken on them and that maybe that is why attendance at Annual Meeting is down. Grace Chesney stated that when she served on the Board, attendance was low. **OLD BUSINESS:** Comprehensive Land Use Plan: Letter from Committee and Resolution 18-014 presented, with one correction, surveys sent to all twp registered voters, not households. Clay Cich made motion to adopt Resolution #18-014, Jeff Blix seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Birch Acres/Usiak & Fredenberg Lake Road Paving Projects: Road Improvement projects will be completed by August 18, 2018. Ed Proetz/resident spoke to Board questioning the process which was used for approval of road improvements. Resolutions presented for Board reviewed: #18-015, Establishing Procedures for Considering Objections to Assessments, Jeff Blix made motion to accept Resolution #18-015, Deb Pawlowicz seconded. Vote: YEAS: 2 NAYS: 2 ABSTAIN: 1. **MOTION FAILED.** Resolution #18-016 Establishing Procedures For Deferral of Assessments presented, Jeff Blix made motion to accept Resolution #18-016, no one seconded. **MOTION FAILED.** PEO Violations: Fredenberg Township or Steve Overom/attorney have not received any correspondence from PEO or their attorney since Judge made recommendations. **NEW BUSINESS:** Donation request for YMCA/Essentia Wellness Center: Mark McShane presented information on benefits of Wellness Center for the community: local residents belong to Y, closer location, part of Hermantown School District. He reiterated that the amount was what the residents at Annual Meeting recommended and a lesser amount could be considered. Tom Pawlowicz asked if no donation was made will residents in township still be able to use Center? Yes. Ed Proetz suggested that residents who wish to make a donation to the Center, make it on their own accord. Mark McShane decided to withdraw the request for the donation of \$10,000.00 to YMCA/Essentia Wellness Center but felt other donations requests made to the township should be scrutinized more in the future. **OTHER MEETINGS:** **There will be no second meeting of Town Board on August 15, 2018.** **ADJOURNMENT:** Jeff Blix made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Clay Cich seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Meeting adjourned at 8:58pm.

FREDENBERG REUNION

ANYONE INTERESTED IN PLANNING REUNION OR GATHERING FOR
PAST AND PRESENT FREDENBERG RESIDENTS
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FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Be sure you are keeping your address signs visible so the Fire Department can find you in the case of an emergency. It is also important for your driveways to be clear and wide enough for the fire trucks and ambulances to access your residence. It will greatly delay the response if we have to stop at the end of your driveway to walk in and to pull the fire hose in if there is a fire. We need at least 12 ft. wide and 12 ft high to adequately maneuver the trucks and provide space for us to get the equipment off the trucks. Be sure there aren't solid objects, like posts, near the ends of the driveways so we can turn the trucks into the driveway safely. Thank you for your help in making our response easier.

JULY 11, 2018 FREDENBERG BOARD ACTIONS

The monthly meeting was CALLED TO ORDER at 7:00 pm by Chair Jim Ray. Also present were: Jeff Blix, Walter Rapp, & Clay Cich. Mary Skafte & Diane Palmstein, clerks were also present. Deb Pawlowicz, supervisor and Bill O'Brien, treasurer were absent. 10 individuals stood with the Board to recite the Pledge of the Allegiance. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: under Community Center, Fredenberg Town Hall Gardeners report by Fran Williams presented update on improvement/work completed by the Club this year. They requested money to pay for improvements & supplies, which include replacement of a mature tree lost in storm. Jim Ray made motion to allocate \$1,000.00 (\$420 approximately for new tree) and \$580 for supplies, Jeff Blix seconded, **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**. June 6, 2018 Board meeting minutes reviewed by the Board and approved with correction by motion made by Jeff Blix, seconded by Walter Rapp. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**. TREASURER'S REPORT: Presented monthly reconciliation, funds available as of 6/12/18 is \$377,009.68, which includes \$150,000.00 in CD's. CORRESPONDENCE: total 12: 7 mail and 5 e-mails were received and reviewed by the Board. REVIEW OF BILLS: No corrections Jeff Blix made motion to accept check # 9299 to 9316, totaling \$59,250.94, Clay Cich seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**. REPORTS: **Clerk** – Election training done for clerks as required by law, training for election judges to be done jointly with Gnesen & Rice Lake on July 19 and chief election judges with County on July 20. Working to get parcels # and addresses for road projects, assessments must be to Auditor by November 30, 2018. Century Link is sending permits for Twp roads to be signed for Broadband and will be contacting Road Associations also. They anticipate completion by mid-October. Requested Board motion for Twp. roadside mowing and Twp. brush cutting on right of ways of Twp roads, Clay Cich made motion to advertise for quotes for Annual Twp. roadside mowing and Twp brush cutting (slated to be done every 5 years), Jeff Blix seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**. **Road Report** – summer road maintenance completed. Jim Ray reviewing Twp road signs, he will also look into road signs for Birch Acres and Fredenberg Lake Road indicating "No Lake Access". There were concerns about trees dying where recent spraying by North County Clearing was done, Jeff Blix will contact them to discuss removal of dead trees. **Fire Department** – responded to 12 calls in June, 9 medical, 1 motor vehicle, 1 possible gas leak, 1 automatic fire alarm. Members manned a medical drop station at Grammas' Marathon. Regular maintenance done and breathing air cylinders were tested according to NFPA standards. Fire Dept. thanks Dr. Shawn Brown for her dedicated service to Dept. as medical director for past 3 years. She has been instrumental in encouraging dept. and training with medications we are able to use. Dr. Dan Freeman will continue as Medical Director. **Cemetery** – trimming of trees being done. **Parks & Rec** – storage shed still being explored and addition onto present one maybe most feasible, if it can be lifted and moved, Jim Ray and Greg Kaneski will look at what's needed to do it and report back. Board will submit a request to Reservoir Riders Club for donation for costs, clerks will present next meeting. Request from Deb Pawlowicz read, money to be used for Fredenberg National Neighborhood Night Out, including prizes for drawings which will be purchased from local businesses, Clay Cich made a motion to allocate \$2,000.00, Walter Rapp seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**. **Community Center** – furnace is in completely installed and paid for. Jim Ray made a motion to contact Como Oil to contract for propane for Township, Jeff Blix seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**. **Recycle Center** – June 9th Hazardous Waste Day was tremendous success, recommended to have it every year. A1 disposal will now collect plastic film, handouts about what is accepted will be at the Center soon. WLSSD came to our center to assess dumpster needs for cardboard and mixed paper and another dumpster will be set up for cardboard. Please wash out bottles, cans & containers, they attract insects and smell. Recycle Center is looking for large clean pieces of carpet, no shag, if you have some to get rid of contact Fran at 218-721-4384 to have them brought to Recycle Center. There is a pilot food scrap program by WLSSD, residents & Board had

concerns about rodents and smell, Jim Ray made a motion for Fredenberg Township NOT to participate in pilot program, Jeff Blix seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** **Other Meetings:** MAT Summer training courses attended by Mary Skafte and Diane Palmstein. Jim Ray and Jeff Blix met with Township Attorney regarding PEO violations. There will be no second Town Board Meeting on July 18, 2018. OPEN FORUM: Chris Vold, resident informed Board that Amundson & Sunset Ridge Roads would like to request to become a township Road, he was directed to contact MN Power first to start the process and clerks would contact MAT for information and Clay Cich offered his assistance also. OLD BUSINESS: A. Comprehensive Land Use Plan: Deb Pawlowicz is absent and will present at August Meeting. B. Birch Acres/Usiak & Fredenberg Lake Road Paving Projects: Birch Acres frost heave and culvert done, Fredenberg Lake Road improved with better sight lines in prep for paving in first weeks of August. Once complete costs and assessment Public Hearings will be set up to comply with MN Statutes. C. PEO Violations: Judge now reviewing documentation from both parties to make a final determination. NEW BUSINESS: A. Donation request for YMCA/Essentia Wellness Center: tabled until a full Board is present. B. Resolution #18-011, Appointing Election Judges read aloud, 2 Chief Election Judges and 8 Judges and 2 emergency Judges appointed upon completion of training requirements. Pay per hour will be \$12 for judge and \$13 for chief judges. Adopted by the Town Board: **4 YEAS 0 NAY 1 ABSENT** OTHER MEETINGS: **There will be no second meeting of Town Board on July 18, 2018** ADJOURNMENT: Clay Cich made a motion to adjourn, Jeff Blix seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

JULY 2018 RECYCLE CENTER UPDATE FROM FRAN WILLIAMS

I attended 6/18/18 WLLSD Rural Recycling Meeting. Information received:

1. A1 Disposal will provide Plastic Film Collection in a separate waste holder in our shed. We will be receiving hand-outs about the collection soon. Products accepted: air pillows but not bubble wrap, plastic bags except black trash, shrink or pallet wrap, food /bread storage bags. Also, no heavy sunflower, deer feed bags or corn bags. All items **MUST** be clean & dry.
2. WLLSD Food Scrap Pilot Program: Our Town Board will need to approve by motion to participate & inform WLSSD. Some townships are declining because of smell, insect and rodent problems, especially in the summer. Attendants will present information to Town Board.
3. Hartels updated their facility, dumpsters contain everything mixed together & sent to Cities. Waste Management contract up for renewal in August, not enough time to change to new vendor, WLLSD may renew for shorter period to have time to do internal review of vendors.

June 29, 2018, Lorilee Blais/WLLSD came to our center to look at the operation and dumpster capacity. The need for an extra pick up 5 weeks in a row and overflow to other dumpsters, was proof of need for a third dumpster by week of July 9th. Our newspaper dumpster will now be the same size as the others. **PLEASE FOLLOW NEW SIGNS for MIXED PAPER and CARDBOARD ONLY.**

PLEASE, PLEASE, wash out all bottles, can & containers. The smell and attraction to insects is horrible. Hornets come out to play and we don't want to play with them.

If anyone has **LARGE CLEAN PIECES OF CARPET** (no shag) only close nap or outdoor carpet you want to get rid of, the Center could use to replace the old pieces in the shed. Call me, 218-721-4384, to have them brought to the Recycle Center.

CORRECTION TO JULY NEWSLETTER

The newsletter article regarding elections for our township stated Supervisor D was currently held by Clay Cich and Supervisor E was held by Jim Ray. The County has made the correction and Supervisor D is currently held by Jim Ray and Supervisor E is held by Clay Cich. This correction was made prior to the opening of Affidavits of Candidacy on July 31, 2018. We apologize for the error.



The Fredenberg No Shame & No Guilt Book Club will be meeting the third Wednesday each month at 2 p.m. in the first upstairs classroom at the Fredenberg Town Hall. Our September book is "The Over-story", by Richard Powers. Please join us for discussion, treats. Everyone is welcome.

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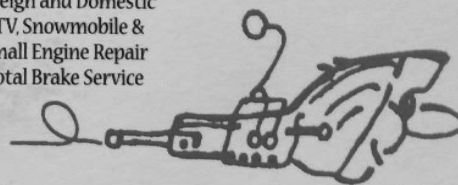
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Saturday 9am to 1pm

The next town board
meeting will be
Wednesday
September 12, 2018
7pm