

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

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
DATE: July 11, 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. 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.

1. 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.**
2. 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.
3. CORRESPONDENCE: total 12: 7 mail and 5 e-mails were received and reviewed by the Board.
4. 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.**
5. 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 Kaneshki 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.

6. OPEN FORUM: 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.

7. 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.

8. 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 NAYS 1 ABSENT**

9. OTHER MEETINGS: **There will be no second meeting of Town Board on July 18,**

10. ADJOURNMENT: Clay Cich made a motion to adjourn, Jeff Blix seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Board Chair/Co-Chair

APPROVED