

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

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
August 1, 2018**

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

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.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: minutes of July 11, 2018 Town Board meeting was 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.**
2. 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.
3. CORRESPONDENCE: 19 total: 11 mail and 8 e-mails were received and reviewed by the Board.
4. 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.**
5. 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 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.
6. OPEN FORUM: Fran Willaims 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.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Comprehensive Land Use Plan: Letter from Committee and Resolution 18-014 presented, with one correction, surveys sent to all two registered voters, not households. Clay Cich made motion to adopt Resolution #18-014, Jeff Blix seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- B. 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.**
- C. PEO Violations: Fredenberg Township or Steve Overom/attorney has not received any correspondence from PEO or their attorney since Judge made recommendations.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. 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.

9. OTHER MEETINGS: **There will be no second meeting of Town Board on August 15, 2018**

10. ADJOURNMENT: Jeff Blix made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Clay Cich seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Clerk

Board Chair/Co-Chair