

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

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
Sept. 12, 2018**

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

The monthly meeting was CALLED TO ORDER at 7:02 pm by Chair Jim Ray, present were: Jeff Blix, Clay Cich, Deb Pawlowicz & Walter Rapp, Bill O'Brien/treasurer, Mary Skafte & Diane Palmstein, clerks were present. 22 individuals stood with the Board to recite the Pledge of the Allegiance.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: minutes from August 1, 2018 meeting reviewed, Jeff Blix made a motion to accept without corrections, Jim Ray seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
2. TREASURER'S REPORT: Presented monthly reconciliation, funds available as of 8/10/18 is \$480,433.85, which includes \$150,000.00 in CD's.
3. CORRESPONDENCE: 22 total: 11 mail and 11 e-mails were received and reviewed by the Board.
4. REVIEW OF BILLS: No corrections. Jeff Blix made motion to accept check # 9362 – 9391, totaling \$76,969.80, Clay Cich seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
5. REPORTS:
Clerk – request to advertise for quotes for 2018/2019 snow plowing season, Clay Cich made motion to advertise for snowplowing for Town Hall & Recycle Center for 2018/2019 season, Jeff Blix seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Jeff Blix made a motion to advertise for quotes for putting snow fence on township roads, Clay Cich seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Resolution 18-015 Accepting Donation from Hi-Banks Resort for \$50.00 presented, Clay Cich made motion to accept Resolution 18-015, Deb Pawlowicz seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Resolution 18-011 Election Judges approval addendum presented with 2 more election judges, Board voted **UNANIMOUSLY TO ACCEPT ADDENDUM.** Election update: Township did not receive test deck, password, new machine tapes or enough ballots from St. Louis County Elections, issues were addressed to County following elections. The Township Election Judges did a fantastic job and our new machine worked well. Contacted MN Power regarding power pole leasing, which they do not do, they will install pole for \$938.00 but not electricity, electrician quote for project was \$1,900.00. Board will look at adding a mast to addition of warming shack but clerks will also check cost to electrician hook up electricity if MN Power installs pole.
Road Report – replaced culvert on Stuberud Road. Northland Constructors gave extra paving material to Lakehead to patch areas on Bear Island Road. Maintenance grading is being done. Roadside cutting and right of ways brush cutting complete and a very good job was done.
Fire Department – responded to 5 calls during August. Members completing annual requirements to meet lower insurance rating we have. Annual Testing was completed on fire hoses/ladders. Fire truck pumps were tested & recertified, and annual safety inspections completed. All medical oxygen & SCBA air tanks hydro tested, SCBA were tested/recertified.
Cemetery – nothing, if no snow will remain open until Nov. 1, if it snows it will close earlier.
Parks & Rec – Pickle ball participation numbers were up this year.
Community Center – Clay Cich looked at containers/pre-built sheds/adding onto warming shack. Walter will contact builders for prices to add on to warming shack as Reservoir Riders representatives present, donated \$1,500.00 toward adding onto warming shack only. Resolution to accept donation will be presented at next meeting, with prices.
Recycle Center – Driveway will be paved next week, current Recycling being done at Townhall, there have been issues with extra pick up needs and Jim Ray/Deb Pawlowicz are working with Lorilee Blais from WLSSD to fix. Clerks submitted improvement grant application for paving and Jim Ray announced that a grant of \$5,000.00 was awarded to Fredenberg Township.
Other Meetings: Jim Ray and Clay Cich meet with East Cook Lake Road residents regarding having road paved and provided general information to them.
6. OPEN FORUM: Chris Vold thanked the Board for viewing Sunset Ridge/Amundson. Ed Proetz thanked clerks and

Fire Dept. for info on 911 signs and informed Board there is a \$35 fee, he asked Board to consider township funding for these. Mark Toms asked why on Fredenberg Lake Road aprons on driveways & township roads weren't done with the exception of Vista Bay, Jim Ray explained that Vista Bay was done to prevent gravel from steepness of driveway washing down on road as was also done on Birch Acres Road, he was informed when he discussed aprons with SEH engineer that it wasn't part of contract.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Birch Acres/Usiak & Fredenberg Lake Road Paving Projects: clerks presented packet with assessment rolls for 3 road projects to Board and audience. Resolution 18-016, Receiving Proposed Assessment Roll and Ordering Hearing for Fredenberg Lake Road Project, Project Cost \$225,970.67, parcel assessment \$3,896.05 presented. Jim Ray made a motion to accept Resolution 18-016, Deb Pawlowicz seconded. **4= Yeas, 0= Nays, 1= Abstain, MOTION PASSED.** Resolution 18-017, Receiving Proposed Assessment Roll and Ordering Hearing for Birch Acres/Usiak Road, First 900 feet Project, Project Cost \$38,199.12, parcel assessment \$658.61 presented. Clay Cich made a motion to accept Resolution 18-017, Jeff Blix seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Resolution 18-018, Receiving Proposed Assessment Roll and Ordering Hearing for Birch Acres Road Project, Project Cost \$98,226.31, parcel assessment \$3,274.21. Clay Cich made motion to accept Resolution 18-018, Walter Rapp seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Public Hearing for Birch Acres/Usiak Road and Birch Acres Road project will be on Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at 6 – 7pm. Public Hearing for Fredenberg Lake Road will be on Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at 7 – 8pm. Both are at the Fredenberg Town Hall.
- B. PEO Violations: Jim Ray announced that PEO violations were processed and denied by mediator. Township was instructed by mediator to assist PEO to get easement through MN Power property. A previous letter was sent to PEO from Town Board in 2017 that there were no objections to the easement from the Township. It is unclear what the Township is to do further. Costs were covered by initial escrow, mediator denied PEO attorney fees at full rate as that was not what he was charging PEO, so his cost was reduced. Township received a letter from State of MN concerning original Conditional Use Permit and request for information on Park use, Jim Ray spoke with State rep. and she consulted with her legal department and it is unsure if it is not completed what occurs next but St. Louis County Board does have to approve returning property to the State as they are administrating the property. Request from Board to have clerks contact State rep. and ask for more time to consider options. Also, resident asked about taking down signs in Park via email. Board had discussed last winter but no action taken. Motion made by Jeff Blix to remove signs, Walter Rapp seconded. **3=Yeas, 1=Nay, 1=Abstain, MOTION PASSED.** Walter Rapp will remove signs.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Twp Road request/petition from Sunset Ridge Road/Amundson: Clerks verified petitions names and addresses, and all were compliant and accepted by Board. Lakehead Trucking did preliminary estimate of costs to bring road up to township road standards. Road Association is reviewing costs to upgrade at this time. The process to legally take over as a township road requires significant time and legal cost to comply with State Statute.
- B. St. Louis County Maintenance striping & crack, chip sealing programs, Jim Ray reviewed information received, would like to compare prices with private companies and present next meeting with recommendation and/or resolution.

9. OTHER MEETINGS: **There will be no second meeting of Town Board on September 19, 2018 at 7pm.**

9. ADJOURNMENT: Jim Ray made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Clay Cich seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Clerk

Board Chair/Co-Chair