

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

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
October 3, 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, Clay Cich, Deb Pawlowicz & Walter Rapp, Bill O'Brien/treasurer, Mary Skafte & Diane Palmstein, clerks were also present. 17 individuals stood with the Board to recite the Pledge of the Allegiance.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Sept. 12, 2018 Town Board Minutes reviewed by Board, Jeff Blix made motion to accept Sept. 12, 2018 minutes, Clay Cich seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
2. TREASURER'S REPORT: Presented monthly reconciliation, funds available as of 9/13/18 is \$402,685.72 which includes \$150,000.00 in CD's. Treasurer informed Board of issues with S&P Global, requesting information, poor communication when contacted and involving Ehler, Todd Hagen, to assist (Bonding company for Fire Hall Bonds). Township currently is unrated which does not impact our interest rates, but he is working with Ehler to reestablish rating. Also provided Board with information regarding paying off bonds early after 2/2021 (as allowed) as a cost savings.
3. CORRESPONDENCE: 12 total: 6 mail and 6 e-mails were received and reviewed by the Board.
4. REVIEW OF BILLS: No corrections. Clay Cich made motion to accept check #9403 – 9418, totaling \$23,272.65, Deb Pawlowicz seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
5. REPORTS:

Clerk – presented sealed quote for snow plowing, 1 received. Jeff Blix made a motion to accept quote from Mark Snow Plowing for \$100.00/time at Community Center & \$55.00/time at Recycle Center, Jim Ray seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** No quotes for snow fencing, Board directed clerks to contact local companies about cost of installing snow fencing. Jim Ray spoke with MPL about light pole, informing them that it was in place because MPL couldn't run the feed to the building that length, they agreed, attachments of Township's can stay but Township must purchase pole, prorated for \$516.00. All Road Project Assessment notices were mailed out before 9/20/18. Book Library at Town Hall got drenched from recent storm and books are wet. Walter Rapp will remove and salvage what he can and make cabinet water tight.

Road Report – quiet month, roads currently in good shape. Resolution #18-020 presented to Board to make application to St. Louis County for Maintenance Striping/Crack/Chip/Scrub Sealing for 2019, Jeff Blix made motion to accept Resolution #18-020, Clay Cich seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Fire Department – busy month, 8 medical calls, 1 motor vehicle accident & 2 mutual aid fire calls. Fire Prevention Week is upon us, theme is: **Look, Listen, Learn, Be Aware, Fire can happen anywhere.** Please check smoke alarms/carbon monoxide detectors, hazards in homes, look where fires could start, learn 2 ways out of every room, look around and Stay Safe. Annual Fire Truck or Treat on **Saturday, October 27 from 1 -3 pm**, at the Fire Hall, displays, game and candy. Dept. received donation from Eveready of batteries for smoke alarm/CO detectors, available every Thurs. evening at Fire Hall for anyone. Please consider joining the Dept., a few openings available. Come by on a Thursday evening for a tour and learn more about being a volunteer in the Dept. Neighbors helping Neighbors.

Cemetery – remains open for now

Parks & Rec – damage to hockey boards from wind storm, Walter Rapp repaired. Park signs were removed by Walter Rapp. 2 bids for addition onto warming shack reviewed, 12 x 16ft addition with new roof for entire building, Jeff Blix made motion to accept bid from Top Notch for \$7,650.00, Jim Ray seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Resolution 18-019 presented to Board, Accepting a Donation of \$1,500.00 to only be used for an addition onto current warming shack, Clay Cich made motion to accept Resolution #18-019, Deb Pawlowicz seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Community Center – Jim Ray attended 9/20/18 Star Gazing event at Town Hall, he is looking into motion sensor lights versus spotlights at doors/parking lot, as a cost saving/security/environmental lighting measure.

Recycle Center – paving of driveway completed, seal coat will be put on next year. All dumpsters, bins back at

Center and aluminum can recycle trailer now in position at Center. Will look at padding on bottom of dumpsters to prevent marring of blacktop.

Other Meetings- Jim Ray had conference calls with Township Attorney regarding Township Matter.

6. OPEN FORUM: Noel Pearman: asked about how minutes are done at public hearings, clerks do document meeting and keep speakers log as required. Are volunteers/supervisors covered under insurance at Township, supervisors have insurance and Township buildings have liability as required by law. He also has books to donate to Township. Paul Waterman: zoning issue on his property where his children would like to build homes, spoke with County, directed to go to Township about changing classification, he will come into Township office on Tuesday with information and clerks will assist/contact County as to how to proceed.
7. OLD BUSINESS:
 - A. Birch Acres/Usiak & Fredenberg Lake Road Paving Projects: Public Hearings set for First 900ft Birch Acres and Birch Acres Road Project on Tues. Oct. 16, 2018 from 6 - 7pm and Fredenberg Lake Road from 7 – 8pm. Matt Bolf from SEH will be there.
 - B. PEO: Jim Ray informed Board that it is in the works to have MPL approval for PEO to build a trail 4-6 ft wide to the lake on their property, it will be non-motorize use but open to all. Jeff Blix has concerns about snowmobile trail being used as it is a designated trail for Reservoir Riders exclusively, he did speak to members and it is a DNR matter and they are working on it.
 - C. Broadband: work has begun, it was held up because Century Link had issues with the County to get permits, which are now in place. They are getting mainline in and will continue work as long as weather holds out, with completion in spring if necessary.
8. NEW BUSINESS:
 - A. Sunset Ridge/Amundson Roads: Chris Vold informed Board that work currently being done by Lakehead Trucking to bring roads up to Township Road Standards, he is concerned about timeline and process to acquire this road as a township road. Clerks have spoken to Steve Overom/ Township Attorney, the road has to be approved as up to Township Road Standards to proceed. Clerks will contact him for a timeline of process as MPL has given okay on paper (they own property) but to acquire is a more legal process.
9. OTHER MEETINGS: There will be no second meeting of Town Board on Oct. 17, 2018
10. ADJOURNMENT: Jeff Blix made motion to adjourn meeting, Clay Cich seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Clerk

Board Chair/Co-Chair