

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

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
December 5, 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, Mary Skafte & Diane Palmstein, clerks, also present, Bill O'Brien/treasurer was absent. 9 individuals stood with the Board to recite the Pledge of the Allegiance.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 7, 2018 Town Board Minutes reviewed by Board, Jim Ray made a motion to accept minutes without correction, Jeff Blix seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
2. TREASURER'S REPORT: Presented monthly reconciliation, funds available as of 11/13/18: \$345,530.61 which includes \$150,000.00 in CD's. Mary Skafte presented information from Todd Hagen at Ehlers regarding reinstatement of bond rating from S&P Global, there is a fee involved and Ehlers is cost sharing as they felt partly responsible for the issues, so Township will be invoiced for \$3000.00 not the original \$5000.00.
3. CORRESPONDENCE: total: 9 = 6 mail and 3 e-mails were received and reviewed by the Board.
4. REVIEW OF BILLS: No corrections. Jeff Blix made motion to accept check #9457-9488, totaling \$51,422.20. Deb Pawlowicz seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Jim Ray & Jeff Blix commented on snowplowing amount, snow has been less than 2 inches at times, Jim Ray will contact Mark Toms about plowing at 2 inches and Jim contacting him for plowing if less and there is an event at Town Hall. Clerks will follow up with letter to him.
5. REPORTS:
Clerk – Resolution 18-025, Designating Annual Polling Place reviewed, Clay Cich made motion to accept Resolution 18-025, Deb Pawlowicz seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Clerks received information on reinstatement of Fredenberg Local Board of Appeal & Equalization in 2019, currently 4 Supervisors are certified also, St. Louis County requires resolution to reinstate, Resolution 18-026 To Reinstate Local Board of Appeal & Equalization reviewed, Deb Pawlowicz made motion to accept Resolution 18-026, Jim Ray seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Request by Fredenberg Community Exercise group, Sandy Rock/rep read to Board for up to \$200.00 for new equipment as program has grown so much, equipment will be ordered through clerks, Clay Cich made a motion to order up to \$200.00 of exercise equipment for Township, Jeff Blix seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** ARDC letter for voting new commission member presented but Board opted not to reply.
Road Report – FYI County will plow County Roads first before doing any Township Roads. Work done on curve on Fredenberg Lake Road completed. Dahlberg Road: County notified Township that a driveway is being put in at turn around, Jim Ray will meet with owner of property to resolve but it may require Township to have fill brought in.
Fire Department – responded to 7 medical calls and one fire call, which involved power lines down on Bear Island Road after a boom truck traveled with boom extended. Dept provided traffic control for MN Power to repair damage. Also Dept. worked on discarding old fire hoses and flooded skating rink. A flyer present regarding Holiday season safety.
Cemetery – now closed
Parks & Rec – rink flooding continues slowly, will look at a better hydrant/hose system for next year. Warming shack addition beginning this week. Received an email from Steve Overom/Township Attorney from PEO Attorney regarding trails and easement from MN Power, Jim Ray will talk to Reservoir Riders as trails are the Clubs responsibility. Board does not wish to respond to PEO as mediated settlement is in place. Also, Board requests Steve Overom be informed that Township does not wish to incur any further attorney fees from him regarding PEO and/or their attorney and PEO should contact Township directly.
Community Center – significant response from residents about starting new activities at Town Hall. Mahjong started Tuesdays at 1 pm, wood crafting every third Wed. of month at 2 pm, Book Club every third Monday at 7pm, also Arrowhead Library System having a holiday music program on Monday, Dec. 10 at 2pm. Door locks are repaired, Walter Rapp insulated pump room and radiator on stairs making noise, hopefully will be solved soon.

Recycle Center – running well, all bins were emptied by Thanksgiving. Looking into doing another 1 or 2 Hazardous Waste Days in Township and possibly a shredding day, Deb Pawlowicz will be getting more information.

Other Meetings- Jim Ray and Clay Cich attended MAT conference at DECC in mid November.

6. OPEN FORUM: letter from Patty Wheeler read aloud: thanking Jeff Blix for his service as a town supervisor. Noel Pearman offered kettle bells to exercise group for free as he is downsizing, clerks will inform Sandy Rock.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Birch Acres Roads and Fredenberg Lake Road projects, all paperwork to St. Louis County was completed by 11/30/18 by clerks. On Dec. 4, 2018 at 4pm, Matt Bolf/SEH contacted clerks to inform them that he had discussion/negotiations with Northland Constructor regarding specs on road and cost of project was reduced, which in turn lowered assessment on each road. St. Louis County accepted new assessment amounts today for those who are being assessed over 10 years, resolutions will be presented at Dec. 19, 2018 meeting to refund residents who paid assessments to Township before 11/24/18: Fredenberg Lake Road parcels will be refunded \$215.74, Birch Acres Road only will be refunded \$122.23 and First 900ft will be refunded \$24.59. A letter of explanation will be included.

B. Broadband: written update from Michael Coughlin read aloud. They are continuing to finish fiber placement and will do until end of Dec. then splicers will continue to be put in but some of work may need to be completed in the Spring. Century Link will notify Township when service can be provided. They will continue to clean up areas also, but weather and frost may be issue. Call Township office if you need to contact him with issues.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Township Road request from Sunset Ridge Road & Amundson: Jim Ray and Lakehead Trucking inspected road and about half done but not up to Township Road standards currently. Clerks informed Board that Chris Vold/Road Rep. was contacted and given timeline and asked if road association had contacted MN Power about doing easement/conveyance of road to Township.

B. There will be a second Board Meeting on Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at 7pm in Fredenberg Town Hall, Board Room which include Annual Budget and Salary Meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT: Jeff Blix made a motion to adjourn meeting, Jim Ray seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm

Respectfully submitted,

Clerk

Board Chair/Co-Chair