

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

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
JANUARY 2, 2019**

**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: Clay Cich, Deb Pawlowicz, Walter Rapp and Tim Wagner, Bill O'Brien, treasurer, Diane Palmstein, Clerk, Mary Skafte, clerk was absent. 10 individuals stood with the Board to recite the Pledge of the Allegiance.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 5, 2018 Town Board Minutes reviewed by Board, Jim Ray made a motion to accept minutes without correction, Deb Pawlowicz seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** December 19, 2018 meeting minutes and Annual Budget and Salary Meeting minutes reviewed by Board, one correction Old Business costs of \$17,605.50. Deb Pawlowicz made motion to accept minutes with correction, Clay Cich seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
2. TREASURER'S REPORT: Presented monthly reconciliation, funds available as of 12/12/18, \$471,497.46 which includes \$150,000.00 in CD's, but doesn't include slightly over \$200,800.00 from pre-paid road assessments, as they were deposited on 12/20/18. Board directed Treasurer to reinstate bond rating for Township. Budget for 2018 Road and Bridge overspent and will remain as deficit for 2019 beginning budget, which will be available at Jan. 16, 2019 meeting.
3. CORRESPONDENCE: 18 total: 5 mail and 13 e-mails were received and reviewed by the Board.
4. REVIEW OF BILLS: No corrections. Walter Rapp made motion to accept check #9502-9518, totaling \$9,001.84, Deb Pawlowicz seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Clerk informed Board of check #9501 as voided because it got stuck to another check in printer. Invoice for Mark Toms plowing will be paid at Jan. 16, 2019 meeting.
5. REPORTS:
Clerk – Claims for refunds of road assessments will be going out in the next week. SEH check for January will be held until issue, an error on their part, is resolved. Ron Soumela, one of the last Township Constables passed away this week.
Road Report – Dahlberg Road turnaround, Jim Ray met with property owner, it will be made wider and have a culvert put in, the Township may end up paying for some gravel but unsure currently. Jeff Blix, resident had issues with County plowing his road the last storm, Jim Ray will contact County and discuss.
Fire Department – quiet month, 3 medical calls and 1 carbon monoxide check. Generator and SCBA compressor both received their annual service. Dept. is looking for new members, please contact at 218-721-3614, fredenbergfd@aol.com or visit on Thurs. at 7pm. Make sure you check your furnace and water heater vents and clear them of snow, covered vent cause inefficiency and can cause Carbon Monoxide to back up in your home. Check the batteries in your CO detectors also.
Cemetery – now closed
Parks & Rec – busy month for rink attendant. New snowblower being worked on and may need major repair, got old snowblower going but had to replace belts to get it going. Shed is complete and being used, will vent buildings better in the spring.
Community Center – continue to have groups use facility, see web site or newsletter for activities to join in.
Recycle Center – very busy Christmas week, check for improvement to driveway in the mail. Deb Pawlowicz checked into Hazardous Waste Day for Fredenberg and will sign up in January, also possible medicine disposal day for Township and Shred and Go offering a discount and Township will try and set up a day.
Other Meetings- Jim Ray and Clay Cich attended MAT conference in November and appeared on the cover of the magazine. Clerks will check into DAT meeting schedule but all meetings at Rice Lake Town Hall.
6. OPEN FORUM: Mark Toms requested clarification on his plowing contract for Township, he asked for some discretion regarding 2 inches before plowing, if snow is matted on blacktop it is difficult to clear and causes issues.

Board clarified their concerns which were mainly from higher bill in Nov. when there seemed to be less snow. Mark also requested that recycle center have corners tapered by community garden and may need Lakehead to push large building snow piles back. Board agreed that Mark did not need to call to check if he should plow and use his discretion.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Birch Acres Roads and Fredenberg Lake Road projects: Resolution 19-001 present, authorizing the issuance of a General Obligation Certificate of Indebtedness and Levying a Tax for Payment, Board reviewed, Jim Ray made a motion to accept Resolution 19-001, which authorizes the 2019 Certificate of Indebtedness of \$147,309.00, Deb Pawlowicz seconded. **YEA - 4 NAY - 0 ABSTAIN -1. MOTION PASSED.**

B. Broadband: no current update, Clay Cich will call our contact

C. Township Road request from Sunset Ridge & Amundson Roads: no representative present, no new information

8. NEW BUSINESS:

Jim Ray recognized Jeff Blix for his many years of service on the Fredenberg Town Board, Jeff Blix present and acknowledged.

9. ADJOURNMENT: Jim Ray made a motion to adjourn meeting, Clay Cich seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Meeting adjourned at 7:59pm

Respectfully submitted,

Clerk

Board Chair/Co-Chair