

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

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
April 3, 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, Tim Wagner. Walter Rapp was absent. Bill O'Brien, treasurer, Diane Palmstein and Mary Skafta, clerks present. 14 individuals stood with the Board to recite the Pledge of the Allegiance.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 6, 2019 meeting minutes reviewed by the Board. Deb Pawlowicz made motion to accept March 6, 2019 minutes without correction, Jim Ray seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
2. TREASURER'S REPORT: Presented monthly reconciliation, funds available as of 2/12/19, \$450,673.35 which includes \$150,000.00 in CDs, this was unavailable for last meeting. Bill O'Brien presented 3/12/19 reconciliation of \$439,604.64. Our CTA's bookkeeping was audited by MN State Auditor and \$0.14 correction was made.
3. CORRESPONDENCE: 13 total: 3mail and 10 e-mails were received and reviewed by the Board.
4. REVIEW OF BILLS: No corrections, Mary Skafta/clerk informed Board of Como Oil price difference on billing, which was a reduction, property tax for Twp. Property for waste management fee and Northland Constructors was for "change of orders" which was billed separately. Jim Ray made motion to accept check #9654 - 9669, totaling \$16,828.33, Clay Cich seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
5. REPORTS:
 - Clerk** – Resolution 19-006 presented and reviewed, Concerning the Moral Character of Local Owners of Businesses with Liquor/Beer License, Deb Pawlowicz made a motion to accept Resolution 19-006, Jim Ray seconded. 3 YAYS 0 NAY 1 ABSTAIN 1 ABSENT. **MOTION PASSED.** Board presented with request from Ehlers for new policy & procedures for compliance at a cost of \$200, spoke with reps from Ehlers and it is not required, and they continue to comply with all SEC rules/regulations. Treasurer also reviewed. Clay Cich made a motion not to purchase updated policy, Jim Ray seconded. 4 YEA 1 ABSENT. **MOTION PASSED.** Record Retention complete and MN Historical Society will pick up archived boxes.
 - Road Report** – Bear Island Road crack sealing bid from St. Louis County presented by Jim Ray, he did check with another company regarding costs and County amount in line with theirs, County Contract for \$32,581.20, Clay Cich made motion to accept, Deb Pawlowicz seconded. 4 YEA 1 ABSENT. **MOTION PASSED.** Jim Ray provided information on longevity of roads. Jim Ray requested permission to have road striped if County sends bid before next Board Meeting. Fredenberg Lake Road cracks will be sealed as soon as possible. He is doing inspection of township roads. Annual Road Review on Tuesday, May 7, 2018 at 6 pm.
 - Fire Department** – responded to 8 calls during March 1 for public assist, 2 mutual aid calls, 1 structure fire (out on arrival) and 4 medical calls. Officers attended State Fire Officer training weekend. Purchased a 2017 Honda Pioneer side by side to replace Yamaha which was received under loan program from RJ Sport & Cycle which is no longer available. Spring is dangerous for pets around water. Do not risk yourself to go out and rescue your pet. You can become a victim, call 911. Spring is also grass fire season, April 1, burning permits are required to burn small amount of dry leaves, plant clippings, brush and clean wood if weather permits from 5pm to 8am. Permits can be obtained at: <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/forestry/fire/questions.html>. Annual Pancake Feed on Sat. May 11 at the community center, please email at Fire dept. at fredenbergfd@aol.com if you can help cook or serve.
 - Cemetery** – closed
 - Parks & Rec** – rink thawed & liner will be picked up and stored.
 - Community Center**- Clay Cich will contact Tony Hess to consult about the roofing issues he saw when he shoveled off the roof when it leaked in Feb. He also contacted Lee Older regarding signage for next winter on Fire Dept. Property and will talk with Reservoir Riders.
 - Recycle Center** – Draft Cold Weather Policy presented and reviewed, Deb Pawlowicz asked that it be tabled until more information on temperature and wind chills can be researched. Shredding Day for township tentative set for Saturday, May 18, 2019 from 9-12 noon at the Town Hall parking lot, cost is \$875.00 plus \$50.00 drive/mileage. Jim Ray made a motion to schedule Shredding Day for Fredenberg, Clay Cich seconded. 4 YEAS 1 ABSENT. **MOTION PASSED.** She is requesting volunteer help to direct things that day and traffic cones which a local resident (Mr. Like) stated he could obtain.
 - Other Meetings**- DAT meeting held March 21, 2019, Mary Skafta, Clay Cich and Jim Ray attended, Keith Nelson, St. Louis County Commissioner spoke.

6. OPEN FORUM: Patty Monson Geerts present & read her letter regarding East Cook Lake Paving, Jim Ray explained that the request via petition by residents was to make the Board aware of their request and verify names on petition to comply with MN Statute to begin to explore the possibility. The Township complies with MN Statute 429 for this process. There has been no public information meeting requested. Mr. Geerts had concerns about the wording of the petition and attached letter that was presented to the Board, the letter presented was only signed by 4 residents at the bottom, not all on petition. Jeff Blix had concerns about Walter Rapp/supervisor being absent since January, he wanted to know why the Board had not replaced him. Jim Ray informed him the he had expected Walter Rapp back April 1, 2019. Walter Rapp was at January 2, 2019 meeting but missed January 16, 2019, February 6, March 6 and tonight. It is unclear when a 90 day absence starts but clerks will clarify with MAT and get information on vacancies for Town Board and report to the Board.
7. OLD BUSINESS:
- A. Broadband Update: Public Information Meeting on Monday, April 15, 2019 in the town hall at 6:30pm with Century Link
 - B. Township Road Request for Amundson/Sunset Ridge: no one present
 - C. East Cook Lake Road Paving Request: clerks have verified petition name/addresses/tax payer, there were 32 signatures not 33 as two persons at the same resident signed and only 1 is tax payer. Currently the Board is not taking any further action.
8. NEW BUSINESS:
- A. There will be no second meeting of the Board on April 17, 2019 at 7pm. Deb Pawlowicz made motion, Tim Wagner seconded. 4 YEAS 1 ABSENT. **MOTION PASSED**
 - B. Township Lawn Mowing Quotes presented, four were submitted, the Board reviewed and compared to 2018 costs. Jim Ray made a motion to accept TAG Handyman quote, Clay Cich seconded. 4 YEAS 1 ABSENT. **MOTION PASSED.** Township Road Work Quotes presented, 1 was submitted, the Board reviewed. Jim Ray made a motion to accept Lakehead Trucking Quote, Deb Pawlowicz seconded. 4 YEA 1 ABSENT. **MOTION PASSED.** Clerks will inform all parties via mail.
9. OTHER MEETINGS:
- MAT Spring Courses April 5, 2019 at Amsoil 9-3pm. Broadband Public Meeting Monday, April 15, 2019 at 6:30pm in Town Hall. Local Board of Equalization & Appeal, Wed. May 1, 2019 from 1-2pm in Fredenberg Town Hall Board Room.
 - C. ADJOURNMENT: Jim Ray made a motion to adjourn meeting, Deb Pawlowicz seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm

Respectfully submitted,

Clerk

Board Chair/Co-Chair

ADDENDUM: Accepted quote from TAG Handyman Services: Community Center & Recycle Center \$120/time, Fire Hall & Cemetery every other week or twice a month at \$130/time or will do all every other week or twice a month for \$500/time.