

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

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
June 5, 2019**

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

The monthly meeting was CALLED TO ORDER at 7:01 pm by Chair Jim Ray. Also, present were: Deb Pawlowicz, Walter Rapp, Clay Cich, Tim Wagner was absent. Bill O'Brien, treasurer, Diane Palmstein and Mary Skafte, clerks present. 14 individuals stood with the Board to recite the Pledge of the Allegiance.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 1, 2019 meeting minutes reviewed by the Board, Jim Ray made motion to accept Walter Rapp seconded, May 1, 2019 minutes without correction. Yeas: 4 Absent: 1 **MOTION PASSED.**
2. TREASURER'S REPORT: Presented monthly reconciliation, funds available as of \$403,481.51, which includes \$100,000.00 in CDs. Checkbook is not reconciled. CD for \$50,000.00 was not renewed on 5/22/19, Bill researched interest rates, which are currently very low, National Bank of Commerce is offering a 30-month (2.4%) and 7-month (2.1%) CD. He reminded the Board that there is a 1-year interest penalty if CD cashed out early. Presently \$50,000.00 from CD is in General Fund. Board advised Bill to put full amount in a 7-month CD to see if current rates go up.
3. CORRESPONDENCE: 12 total: 4 mail and 8 e-mails were received and reviewed by the Board.
4. REVIEW OF BILLS: No corrections. Jim Ray made motion to accept check # 9707 - 9722, totaling \$22,102.84, Deb Pawlowicz seconded. Yeas: 4 Absent: 1 **MOTION PASSED.**
5. REPORTS:
 - Clerk** – Township received a new flag from Pat & Lewis Smith and once the replacement flag rope was received it was put up, we received a significant number of phone calls regarding the flag hanging off pole the week the rope broke. Eagles Nest Resort contacted office about charitable donation from gambling, the Township is not a 501 C and cannot accept according to Rachel at Eagles Nest. Office hours are 2 pm to 5:30 pm every Tuesday, clerks have caught up with all organizational/filing and other projects.
 - Road Report** – grading & chloride application being done on roads. St. Louis County contacted Township about beginning stripping for Bear Island Road now, Jim Ray attempted to contact because he wants to wait until crack sealing completed first. Road Review done in May. A resident on East Cook Lake Road expressed concerns about ditching done in front of his property and non-notification, Jim Ray will work on contacting residents in the future.
 - Fire Department**- responded to 11 calls: 5 medical, 4 reports of lines down, 2 structure, including 1 mutual aid. Fire Dept. want to thank community for supporting the Pancake Feed, 257 people were served. A big thank you to all the volunteers. Department participated in St. Louis County Rescue Scramble with other departments at Pike Lake. Training included: rescue and medical skills for canoe capsized, ATV accident, car crash, search for injured person & hazardous rescue situation (bomb threat). St. Louis County uses an emergency notification system to alert public about emergencies and other important community news. Anyone can subscribe to NorthlandAlert and receive messages by phone, text or email. To receive notice, you have to subscribe to NorthlandAlert. Register at: <https://member.everbridge.net/index/453003085616005#/login>. Clerks will contact St. Louis County about using their contact person as resource to get help getting this app for residents and place in newsletter.
 - Cemetery** – tree trimming done to allow for better mowing
 - Parks & Rec** – rink liner rolled up and stored. Storage shed had issues with frost shifting and will need to be leveled.
 - Community Center**- our flagpole rope broke and Steve Happy was kind enough to come and take it down, new rope ordered and new flag up. Rentals are very busy. Exercise room has a lock on door now.
 - Recycle Center** – Shredding Day held, over 40 persons came, and 4,400 lbs. of paper shredded. Hazardous Waste Day is this Saturday, from 11:30 to 2:30. Deb Pawlowicz had to order a roll off dumpster for the event as required by WLLSD. Electric outlets have been repaired.
 - Other Meetings**- Duluth Area Township Meeting on May 16, 2019 attended by Mary Skafte, Jim Ray and Diane Palmstein. St. Louis County Mitigation Meeting on May 30, 2019 attended by Jim Ray & Clay Cich.
6. OPEN FORUM: no one
7. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Broadband Update: Hanco working on repairs from pedestals and laying fiber. Unsure what the timeline is for Township Road repairs from laying fiber.
 - B. Township Road Request for Amundson/Sunset Ridge: Association was determining who actually owned the right of way for the road, MN Power is the actual owner and is preparing paperwork to provide information regarding

this.

- C. East Cook Lake Road Paving Request: Peter Emerson updated the Board on the petition started in March for paving. Clarified wording on petition and summarized votes: 58 Fire numbers, 32 yes. All seasonal residents contacted, and their votes were no. Yes, votes per road: West Island = 14, Dike = 10, Cook Lake = 5, South end of Cook Lake = 2, Morgan Lake = 1. Residents had question about intent of petition signing, Mr. Emerson clarified that the petition was to investigate paving. Residents spoke for and against paving. Jim Ray stated since cost is a determining factor, he will research current bituminous costs with contracting companies, cost to lay it and other alternatives to paving and costs associated with that.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. There will be no second meeting of the Board on June 19, 2019 at 7pm. Jim Ray made motion, Clay Cich seconded. Yeas: 4 Absent: 1. **MOTION PASSED.**
- B. Advertising for Annual Township Roadside mowing, clerks requested to advertise for yearly roadside mowing in August, Jim Ray made a motion to advertise, Clay Cich seconded. Yeas: 4 Absent: 1. **MOTION PASSED.**
- C. Neighborhood Night Out 2019: on August 6, 2019 from 5 to 7 pm at Town Hall. Deb Pawlowicz requested same budget as last year, \$2,000.00 for event. Clay Cich made a motion to give Neighborhood Night Out a \$2,000.00 budget, Jim Ray seconded. Yeas: 4 Absent: 1. **MOTION PASSED.**

OTHER MEETINGS: Hazardous Waste Day, Saturday, June 8, 2019 from 11:30 to 2:30pm at the Town Hall Parking Lot. MN Association of Townships Summer Training on Thurs. June 27, 2019 at DECC.

9. ADJOURNMENT: Jim Ray made a motion to adjourn meeting, Walter Rapp seconded. Yeas: 4 Absent: 1. **MOTION PASSED.** Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm

Respectfully submitted,

Clerk

Board Chair/Co-Chair