

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

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
October 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: Deb Pawlowicz, Walter Rapp, Clay Cich, Tim Wagner was absent. Mary Skafte & Diane Palmstein/clerks present, Bill O'Brien, treasurer was absent. 11 individuals stood with the Board to recite the Pledge of the Allegiance.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September 4, 2019 meeting minutes reviewed by the Board, Clay Cich made motion to accept without corrections, Jim Ray seconded. **Yea: 4 Absent: 1 MOTION PASSED.**
2. TREASURER'S REPORT: Bill O'Brien wanted Board to know that he reinvested CD's at National Bank of Commerce for 7 months at 2% interest: 2 for \$50,000.00 and 1 for 51,000.00 approximately.
3. CORRESPONDENCE: 10 total: 6 mail and 4 e-mails were received and reviewed by the Board.
4. REVIEW OF BILLS: No corrections. Mary Skafte/clerk explained that credits from Century Link were not on this bill and TAG claim was for August & Sept. Walter Rapp made motion to accept check #9801 to 9811, totaling \$7,430.63, Clay Cich seconded. **Yea: 4 Absent: 1. MOTION PASSED.**

5. REPORTS:

**Clerk** – completed inventory of kitchen supplies, there is a need for another highchair, salt/pepper shakers, sugar/creamer holders, coffee urns, 2-3 more tables to be used as serving tables. Charles Rogers from MN Historical Society came and took records to be archived.

**Road Report** – on Wood Duck Lane, trees removed, working on causeway and repair of culvert when water recedes. Kathy Pearson, resident inquired about the putting up of snow fences on Chesney Road and Beaver River Road, she voiced concerns about medical emergencies and safety if fences are not put up. Jim Ray spoke again with St. Louis County Public Works Dept. and informed that they don't use snow fences except on Rice Lake Road by Marshall School where they are permanent. County stated that they can be notified and will come out and do extra plowing when necessary. Walter Rapp suggested to give snow fence to property owners on those roads so they could decide if they wanted to put the fence up or not on their property. The Board requested clerks contact MAT attorney for clarify if this can be done without Township liability. Walter made a motion to give snow fence to residents on Chesney and Beaver River Roads if okayed by MAT attorney, Clay Cich seconded. **Yeas: 4 Absent: 1 MOTION PASSED.**

**Fire Department**- no report

**Cemetery** – nothing, open until Nov. 1, 2019 if weather holds out.

**Parks & Rec** – Jim Ray contacted Steve Happy, directed him to A&T Company to recommend a motor, which he did, and he is waiting for cost estimate. The piping is adequate for flooding rink. Shed will be painted, weather permitting by Jim Ray and Walter Rapp.

**Community Center**- Sue Zeliznikar, resident & member of Fredenberg Garden Club presented receipts for supplies totaling \$361.03, updated Board on work completed this year, members have put in a lot of hours and manual labor to improve the gardens and now will work on area around flagpole. Will have another plant sale in Spring. Clay & Annie Cich pressured washed the marquee and front entry way. Clay Cich requested Board approval to look at a used industrial dehumidifier (to cover 2400 square feet of basement) that can drain into sewer and purchase is not more than \$600.00. Deb Pawlowicz made a motion to purchase dehumidifier for no more than \$600.00, Jim Ray seconded. **Yea: 4 Absent: 1. MOTION PASSED.**

**Recycle Center** – new dumpsters in place, residents have been very compliant with separating/cleaning items.

**Other Meetings**- Jim Ray and Clay Cich attended Bear Island 8<sup>th</sup> Ave Road Association Meeting at their request.

6. OPEN FORUM: no one

7. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Township Road Request for Amundson/Sunset Ridge: Clerks provided Chris Vold with guideline for Road Establishment from Township Attorney and explained costs.
- B. East Cook Lake Road Paving Request: Pete Emerson, resident, provided an updated petition with more accurate numbers for yes and no votes, for both Fredenberg residents and Unincorporated portion. He clarified that all residents were contacted by personal mail or email. He requested an INFORMATIONAL ONLY meeting regarding paving of the road, Jim Ray asked that first Keith Nelson, our County Commissioner, be contacted for him to review petition and discuss St. Louis County Board involvement with the Unincorporated Section, Clay Cich will set up a

meeting. Jim Ray also explained that an engineering firm was contacted to provide a preliminary feasibility study to get a general idea of costs with all 59 properties and only 44 Fredenberg properties, they have not provided information yet. Jim Ray requested & Board agreed, that the Informational Meeting not be scheduled until this information is received so residents impacted will have more information also. The Informational Meeting could be advertised on Marque, in Newsletter, by signs on road and by Road Association via mail/email once the Board addresses at their next meeting. The Board and clerks explained to audience the timeline process for using MN Statute 429.02.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

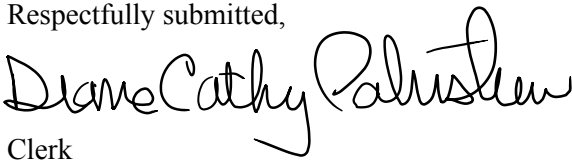
A. Snow Plowing Quotes for 2019/2020: Board opened and reviewed 2 quotes received: Mark Toms Plowing: Townhall \$100/time, Recycle Center \$55/time. Top Notch: Townhall \$90/time Recycle Center \$50/time. Jim Ray made a motion to accept lowest quote from Top Notch, Clay Cich seconded. **Yeas: 4 Absent: 1. MOTION PASSED.**

B. Second Monthly Meeting on Oct. 16, 2019, Walter Rapp made a motion to cancel second meeting of Board on Oct. 16, 2019, Clay Cich seconded. **Yeas: 4 Absent: 1. MOTION PASSED.**

9. OTHER MEETINGS: Duluth Area Township Meeting on Thursday, Oct. 17, 2019 at 6:30pm at Rice Lake Town Hall on Beyer Road.

10. ADJOURNMENT: Jim Ray made a motion to adjourn meeting, Deb Pawlowicz seconded. **MOTION PASSED.** Meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Clerk

  
Board Chair/Co-Chair

APPROVED