

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

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
January 2, 2020**

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

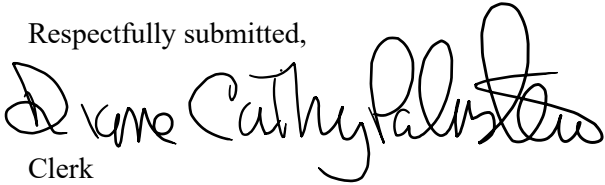
The monthly meeting was CALLED TO ORDER at 7:01pm by Jim Ray. Also, present were Tim Wagner, Walter Rapp and Clay Cich, Deb Pawlowicz was absent. Mary Skafte & Diane Palmstein/clerks present, Bill O'Brien, Treasurer was absent. 5 individuals stood with the Board to recite the Pledge of the Allegiance.


1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Dec. 4, 2019 meeting minutes reviewed by the Board, Clay Cich made motion to accept with correction: Old Business, East Cook Lake, Nancy Kienzle, Jim Ray seconded. **4 YEAS, 1 ABSENT. MOTION PASSED.** Dec. 18, 2019 Annual Budget & Salary Meeting Minutes were reviewed by the Board, Jim Ray made a motion to accept without correction, Tim Wagner seconded. **4 YEAS, 1 ABSENT. MOTION PASSED.**
2. TREASURER'S REPORT: Checkbook reconciled as of 12/11/19, funds available \$570,143,94, including 4 CD's. Board also reviewed reconciled checkbook statements from Oct., Nov. & Dec. 2019 submitted by Treasurer.
3. CORRESPONDENCE: 12 total: 2 mail and 10 e-mails were received and reviewed by the Board. At request of Sandy Rock, her letter thanking Board was read aloud.
4. REVIEW OF BILLS: No corrections. Jim Ray made motion to accept check #9873 to 9884, totaling \$83,381.60, Walter Rapp seconded. **4 YEAS 1 ABSENT. MOTION PASSED.** Mary Skafte/clerk also clarified that Century Link credit was received, \$1,051.59, and it will be credited over the course of the next months' billings.
5. REPORTS:
  - Clerk** – clerks connected with State Red Cross Association, regarding purchase of AED, informed that Red Cross no longer has grants but directed to contact MPL Foundation for grant for purchase of unit. A letter was sent today to MPL Foundation. Presidential Primary is on March 3, 2020, costs of election will be reimbursed to the township from the State. There is an article from Nancy Nilsen/County Auditor with information pertaining to the election in the January newsletter. Clerks will be working on many financial reports dues for end of year, closing out year files, upcoming election, WLLSD grant and Annual Meeting report. Amundson/Sunset Ridge Roads were recorded as Township roads on 12/31/19. Newsletter advertisers were mailed out yearly statements this week.
  - Road Report** – Jim Ray reported continued snow accumulation and storms with heavy wet snow and rain caused issues on gravel Township Roads for St. Louis County Plowing Crews. The wet snow prevented traction and snow was heavy to plow and push off roads.
  - Fire Department**- no report
  - Cemetery** – closed
  - Parks & Rec** – weather making flooding impossible and caused rink closure with recent rain, as weather gets colder, more flooding will occur. Inconsistent water supply issues at times.
  - Community Center**- nothing to report
  - Recycle Center** – meeting on Jan. 9, 2020 at 3:30 at WLLSD. Plow driver backed into garage door and it will be replaced.
  - Other Meetings**- Mary Skafte and Diane Palmstein attended mandatory Election Training on Dec. 14, 2019 with St. Louis County Election Office.
6. OPEN FORUM: no one
7. OLD BUSINESS:
  - A. East Cook Lake Road Paving Request: Pete Emerson informed the Board that Bob Smith had surveyed residents of West Island Lake Road about becoming a township road and the majority did not want the Township to take over so it will not be pursued. Presented some estimate on costs for paving with 44 township resident and possibly 4 outside township contributing, approximately a \$5,000-\$6,000/property assessment. He is anticipating another petition for road paving. The petition would be for informational purposes, proposing a price range for assessments, with residents deciding YES or NO if that were the cost,

would they be in favor or opposed to paving. This is to gauge interest in paving the road.

8. NEW BUSINESS: none
9. OTHER MEETINGS: January 15, 2020, Township Board of Audit Meeting at 7pm in Fredenberg Boardroom. Duluth Area Township Meeting at 6:30pm, Rice Lake Town Hall on Thurs. January 16, 2019.
10. ADJOURNMENT: Jim Ray made a motion to adjourn meeting, Clay Cich seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Diane Cathy Palmiste  
Clerk

  
Board Chair/Co-Chair

APPROVED