

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

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
February 5, 2020**

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

The monthly meeting was CALLED TO ORDER at 7 pm by Chair Clay Cich. Also, present were: Deb Pawlowicz & Tim Wagner. Walter Rapp & Jim Ray were absent. Diane Palmstein/clerks present, Mary Skafte/clerk & Bill O'Brien/treasurer were absent. 10 individuals stood with the Board to recite the Pledge of the Allegiance.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 2, 2020 meeting minutes reviewed by the Board, Clay Cich made motion to accept without corrections, Tim Wagner seconded. **3 YEAS 2 ABSENT. MOTION PASSED.** January 2, 2020 Reorganizational Meeting minutes were reviewed by the Board, clerk made correction, under assignments, Jim Ray – Roads added, Clay Cich made motion to accept with correction, Tim Wagner seconded. **3 YEAS 2 ABSENT. MOTION PASSED.** January 15, 2020 Board of Audit minutes reviewed, Deb Pawlowicz made motion to accept without corrections, Tim Wagner seconded. **3 YEAS 2 ABSENT. MOTION PASSED.**
2. TREASURER'S REPORT: Clerk presented from Treasurer: Check balance as of 1/13/2020, totals: \$508,170.94, which includes \$201,164.70 invested in CD's. The CTA's version of the funds was not available as the year end in CTA's has not been processed yet. Bill O'Brien asked that the Board be informed that he would like to phase out of the Treasurer position, he wanted the Board to know that he is willing to do this over this course of several months in order to have the new appointment trained completely. The clerk was asked to place a notice of the vacancy in the newsletter to start with.
3. CORRESPONDENCE: 16 total: 6 mail and 10 e-mails were received and reviewed by the Board.
4. REVIEW OF BILLS: No corrections. Clay Cich made motion to accept check #9896 to 9909, totaling \$6,180.26, Deb Pawlowicz seconded. **3 YEAS 2 ABSENT. MOTION PASSED.**
5. REPORTS:
Clerk – clerks have contacted Steve Overom and St. Louis County Sheriff's Department regarding fine sharing with the Dept., it will cost approximately \$1,500.00 to set up but according to Canosia and Midway, they recouped costs quickly, the Board decided to table this until April or May. The office PC is running on Windows 7, we need to upgrade to Windows 10 in order to receive from County and State, in addition Windows 7 is going to expire and not be supported soon (Township needs Windows 10 to get payments/banking), clerks are comparing costs of upgrade with Best Buy (we have contract with Geek Squad), up to \$200 to upgrade and \$300 - \$600 for a new computer, we are unsure how old this one is, no records. Clay Cich made a motion for clerks to purchase a new PC for the office, not to exceed \$600.00, Tim Wagner seconded. **3 YEAS 2 ABSENT. MOTION PASSED.** Training for election judges for upcoming Presidential Primary is Thurs. Feb. 6, 2020 or online through the county, Gloria Pothast has agreed to be one of our new Chief Election Judges as Mary Larson is no longer in the area. Annual Township Meeting is on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 7pm in our town hall. MN Red Cross no longer has AED grants available, they recommended we contact MN Power Foundation about grant for AED for Town Hall, a grant application has been completed with MN Power Foundation for an AED on Jan. 31, 2020. All taxes done, W2's in each supervisor mailbox.
Road Report – recent warm and now cold temperatures caused icy conditions on East and West Cook Lake roads, the County was contacted and working on sanding.
Fire Department- responded to 7 calls in January. 2 mutual aid (auto accident and one structure fire), five medical which included 1 dogsled accident. Department replacing 2-man doors in hall (warped and decaying). The gas boiler is no longer working and needs replacement. We have been working on it for about a year and a half to keep it working, many parts have been replaced and adjustments made to no avail. Members attended Arrowhead EMS conference at DECC, the conference provides continuing education for our EMT's. Reminder to please keep your address signs visible so the department and emergency responders can see them in the event of an emergency. The Department wants to thank the "snow angels" who have been keeping the hydrant at Fish Lake open and helping with the snow removal at the fire hall. It is so appreciated. We know of at least five or six people who have been helping out. The 2020 Fredenberg Township/Fredenberg Volunteer Fire Department contract was presented and reviewed by the Board. Clay Cich made a motion to approve and sign 2020 contract, Deb Pawlowicz seconded. **3 YEAS 2 ABSENT. MOTION PASSED.** Tim Wagner spoke with Linda Bergstrand tonight, the Fire Hall is without heat and using electrical sources, they called several heating contractors for quotes and only 1 returned call and gave a quote. Quote was reviewed, the Board decided that this was an emergency situation and needed to be addressed

immediately. Clay Cich made a motion to accept quote from Solem for a total of \$9,693.00 for boiler/installation/water lines to washing bays, Deb Pawlowicz seconded. **3 YEAS 2 ABSENT. MOTION PASSED.** Tim Wagner will contact Fire Department tonight to inform them to go ahead with project.

Cemetery – now closed

Parks & Rec - skating rink and sliding hill have been well used so far this winter.

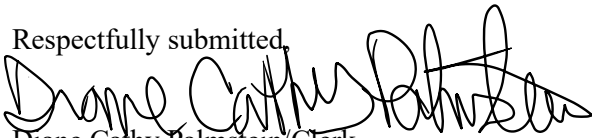
Community Center- Clay Cich will be checking tables/chairs to check if they are causing snags in carpet in Town Hall.

Recycle Center – 2020 WLLSD grant application was signed tonight and will be submitted. Hazardous Waste Day for Township on June 6, 2020 will be adding sharps recycling also. Deb Pawlowicz presented information on Cold Weather Policy for township. At the annual WLSSD meeting, a policy need was brought up by her but currently the WLSSD doesn't have a blanket policy and suggested each township do it. She found guidelines for local school districts and cities, a wind chill of -40, actual temperature -25 was found to be norm, clerks will draft a policy for Board review next meeting. It was suggested that township web site and next door Fredenberg be used to notify residents about closing as well as sign by center. Also, attendants will first call Deb Pawlowicz before closing.

Other Meetings- DAT January 16, 2020 meeting attended by Clay Cich, biggest concern for area townships was how to get Broadband in their townships

6. **OPEN FORUM:** Patty Monson Geertz informed the Board that Mark Harmon from Team Lab will be able to do a presentation in March, she requested dates that supervisors could attend. Clerk asked her to send optional dates for presenter and supervisors will be emailed those dates to pick from. Kathy Pearson gave a report on Beaver River Road: the constant drifting, high banks, ice rocks, the length of the field has been only one lane wide and dangerous on the hill. Jim Ray was contacted. Ben Pearson widened the road on his own. She informed the Board of a near accident with a family member and mailman because of the narrowness and snow on the road. She asked the Board to consider contacting mail service, garbage haulers, truck/delivery drivers about the road also. She has also spoken with a St. Louis County Plow Driver, Deb Pawlowicz asked for that drivers' name to contact directly, but only first name known.
7. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. East Cook Lake Road Paving Request: Pete Emerson spoke with neighborhood captains; it was decided to do 2 petitions: 1 for Fredenberg Residents only and 1 for residents in unincorporated part of the road (non-township). He is also working with MN Power on possible options.
8. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - A. Resolution 2020-001 Donation Request for Hermantown High School All Night Grad Party. Board reviewed Resolution 2020-001, Deb Pawlowicz made a motion to donate \$100.00 for Resolution 2020-001, Tim Wagner seconded. **YEAS: 3 ABSENT: 2, MOTION PASSED.**
 - B. Resolution 2020-002 Appointment of Election Judges for March 3, 2020 Presidential Nomination Primary. Board reviewed Resolution 2020-002, Clay Cich made a motion to accept trained judges for 2020 Presidential Nomination Primary Election as stated in resolution, Tim Wagner seconded. **YEAS: 3 ABSENT: 2, MOTION PASSED.**
 - C. Cancellation of Feb. 19, 2020 second Town Board Meeting of the month: Clay Cich made a motion to cancel the Feb. 19, 2020 Town Board Meeting, Tim Wagner seconded. **YEAS: 3 ABSENT: 2, MOTION PASSED.**
9. **OTHER MEETINGS:** February 6, 2020, Presidential Nomination Primary Judges training at Rice Lake Town Hall, 10 am for clerks/election judges. Public Testing for Election machine on February 28, 2020 at 2 pm in the Fredenberg Town Hall.
10. **ADJOURNMENT:** Deb Pawlowicz made a motion to adjourn meeting, Tim Wagner seconded. **YEAS: 3 ABSENT: 2, MOTION PASSED.** Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Diane Cathy Palmstein/Clerk


Clay Cich/Board Chair