

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

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
March 4, 2019**

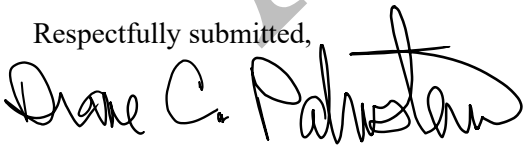
**TIME & PLACE: 7:00 pm
TOWN HALL/COMMUNITY CENTER**

The monthly meeting was CALLED TO ORDER at 7 pm by Chair Clay Cich. Also, present were: Deb Pawlowicz, Jim Ray, Tim Wagner, Walter Rapp was absent Mary Skafte & Diane Palmstein/clerks present, Bill O'Brien, treasurer was present. 32 individuals stood with the Board to recite the Pledge of the Allegiance.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Feb. 5, 2020 meeting minutes reviewed by the Board, Jim Ray made motion to accept without corrections, Clay Cich seconded. **4 YEAS 1 ABSENT. MOTION PASSED.**
2. TREASURER'S REPORT: checkbook has been reconciled for 2020 now that CTA's for 2019 was sent to the MN State Auditor. Current checkbook as of 2/12/2020 is \$346,820.21. Funds available is \$538,284.67, which includes CD's totaling \$201,164.70.
3. CORRESPONDENCE: 15 total: 5 mail and 10 e-mails were received and reviewed by the Board.
4. REVIEW OF BILLS: There remains a credit on Century Link account of \$266.00. No corrections. Deb Pawlowicz made motion to accept check #9921 to 9933, totaling \$31,768.74, Tim Wagner seconded. **4 YEAS 1 ABSENT. MOTION PASSED.**
5. REPORTS:
 - Clerk** – Patty Monson-Geertz/resident had requested supervisors pick possible dates in May for Informational Meeting on Base 1 coating with sales rep., clerks will follow up after supervisors review their May calendars. Clerks requested to advertise for 2020/2021 Township Road Work Quotes, Clay Cich made a motion to advertise for Road Work quotes, Deb Pawlowicz seconded, **4 YEAS 1 ABSENT. MOTION PASSED.** Clerks requested to advertise for 2020 Township Mowing Quotes, Clay Cich made a motion to advertise for Mowing Quotes, Tim Wagner seconded. **4 YEAS 1 ABSENT. MOTION PASSED.** MN Power Foundation notified the township that we received a \$1,400 grant to purchase an AED for Town Hall, unit to be purchased through MN American Red Cross. New computer purchased for office, including keyboard and backup unit (just over \$600.00). Had a possible breach of security the day after the computer was installed and it was brought back into Best Buy to be serviced. Election held on 3/3/2020, judges handled everything very smoothly, 241 residents voted. Kathy Pearson/Head Election Judge informed the meeting that in Fredenberg Township: Joe Biden was the winner in the Democratic race and Donald Trump was the winner in the Republican race. Clerks will be publicizing soon for additional judges for coming primary & general elections coming up this year. Township Annual Meeting is next Tuesday, March 10 at 7 pm in the Town Hall.
 - Road Report** - it was a quiet snow month, some slippery conditions on township gravel roads.
 - Fire Department**- responded to 6 calls during February, 4 medical calls (including 1 mutual aid), 1 mutual aid structure fire & 1 snowmobile accident. In February, members trained on Patient Assessment skills, completed their EMT refresher, & completed all the vehicle maintenance for the month. Please check your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms to be sure the batteries are working. Replace those that are not working. Watch for a Smoke Alarm Installation Day coming up in April. Fire department members will be working the American Red Cross to install smoke alarms for community members.
 - Cemetery** – now closed
 - Parks & Rec** – skating rink is still holding ice, another bulb burnt out, because the bulbs are difficult to change will look into using LED's in the spring.
 - Community Center**- the tables and chairs were looked over for sharp edges and none were found that could be the cause for snags in carpet. Clay Cich has been researching purchase of a stainless-steel island and rolling grill with cart for the kitchen, he spoke with Linda Bergstrand from the Fire Dept. as they borrow grills from MN Power for their pancake feed and have difficulty hauling them to the Community Center and organizers of the Santa Breakfast have the same issue, he has found these items at an estimated cost of \$2,500 to \$3,000. Clay Cich made a motion to purchase a stainless-steel island and stainless-steel grill with rolling cart for Community Center, Jim Ray seconded. **4 YEAS 1 ABSENT. MOTION PASSED.**
 - Recycle Center** – doing great. Deb Pawlowicz checked into Township Road Clean Up Day and has found 1 area hauler who will pick up for free if the other area hauler will do it for free also.
 - Other Meetings**- none

6. OPEN FORUM: per Mary Skafte from Connie & Mort Moriarity/custodians the locks on the front door of the town hall are slipping and locking inadvertently. This happened during elections. They request that all doors/locks in Community Center be looked at for replacement.
7. OLD BUSINESS
- A. East Cook Lake Road Paving Request: no update
 - B. Recycle Center Operations, Policies and Resolutions: Draft copies of Recycle Center Operations Policy and Inclement Weather Policy were presented, read aloud by Deb Pawlowicz & reviewed by the Board. Deb Pawlowicz made a motion to accept Resolution 2020-003 accepting the Recycle Center Operations Policy, Recycle Guidelines and Inclement Weather Policy, Jim Ray seconded. **4 YEAS 1 ABSENT. MOTION PASSED.**
8. NEW BUSINESS
- A. Resolution 2020-004, donation request from Excellence in Education Banquet for Proctor/Hermantown Schools: request for donation presented, there are 3 students from Fredenberg listed, Deb Pawlowicz made a motion to donate \$100.00 to the Excellence in Education Banquet, Tim Wagner seconded. **4 YEAS 1 ABSENT. MOTION PASSED.**
 - B. Conditional Use Permit for 6464 Fredenberg Lake Road, Resolution 2020-005: At request of Mark and Brenda Toms, Mary Skafte/clerk read aloud their letter to the Town Board (letter available at the Town Hall Office for public information). The Board also reviewed letters received from six residents regarding this permit. Residents addressing the Board to oppose the permit were: Ken Johnson (as a rep. for the Fredenberg Lake Road Association), Kathy Stingl, Sara Williams, Deb Roach, Stephanie Love, Mike Anderson, Frank Bartsh, Bruce Anderson, Patty Wheeler & Ole Olson. Kathy Pearson wanted to know how the County notified the Township (in correspondence read at Feb. 4, 2020 Board Meeting) and how the Board got together to do a draft resolution, Jim Ray explained that he and Clay Cich met with clerks last Saturday am and Deb Pawlowicz and Tim Wagner were informed by clerks that there was a draft resolution to review at the office. Ben Pearson questioned how the Board processes Board vacancies, addresses votes from the annual meeting. He also supported the permit request. Jeff Blix informed the Board that at one time his township road was given up by the township for a gravel pit and returned to the township in better shape once the pit closed. Draft Resolution 2020-005 was read aloud by clerk. Board Supervisors discussed their stance: Clay Cich opposed the permit because of the use of township roads and adverse effects to local properties, Jim Ray opposed the permit because of the use of township roads, Deb Pawlowicz opposed the permit because of the adverse effects to local properties and traffic. Tim Wagner felt he didn't have enough information and would not vote in favor of the resolution. Clay Cich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-005 Objecting to Conditional Use Permit for LTI Holdings LLC's request for Borrow Pit as an Extractive Use-Class II at 6464 Fredenberg Lake Road, Duluth, MN, Jim Ray seconded. **3 YEAS 1 NAY 1 ABSENT. MOTION PASSED.**
 - C. Second Meeting in March, on March 18, 2020 at 7:00 pm was not cancelled.
9. OTHER MEETINGS: Fredenberg Township Annual Meeting on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 7pm in the Fredenberg Town Hall. St. Louis County Planning & Community Development Conditional Use Permit on March 12, 2020 at 9:45 am in Virginia, MN. Duluth Area Township Meeting on March 19, 2020 at 6:30pm at the Rice Lake Town Hall.
10. ADJOURNMENT: Clay Cich made a motion to adjourn meeting, Tim Wagner seconded. **4 YEA 1 ABSENT. MOTION PASSED.** Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Clerk



Board Chair/Co-Chair