

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

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
September 16, 2020**

**TIME & PLACE: 6:00 pm
TOWN HALL PAVILION**

The monthly meeting was CALLED TO ORDER at 6 pm by Chair Clay Cich. Also, present were: Deb Pawlowicz, Walter Rapp, Jim Ray, Tim Wagner. Mary Skafte & Diane Palmstein/clerks present, Pam Blekestad, Treasurer was absent. 21 individuals stood with the Board to recite the Pledge of the Allegiance.

1. OPEN FORUM: Bruce Anderson, felt the survey wasn't accurate because all property owners in the township weren't included and supported extending the moratorium on gravel pits. Deb Roach read a letter from Concerned Fredenberg Residents: which supported wrongful issuance of CUP for 6464 Fredenberg Lake Road, felt St. Louis County didn't have the best interests of the township in making decisions, asked to reverse CUP at 6464 Fredenberg Lake Road and in favor of extending moratorium on gravel pits in township. Melissa Bell: St. Louis County did not follow their own ordinances in approving CUP on Fredenberg Lake Road, noise, health, and safety concerns with the pit and supports extending the moratorium. Patty Wheeler: results of the recent survey were not accurate because all properties did not get it and in favor of extending the moratorium.
2. OLD BUSINESS:
 - A. Township Moratorium on Gravel Pits & ARDC Study: Justin Otsea/Planner ARDC presented the Public Input Summary/Public Hearing on Zoom and Final Report. 541 of 1061 residents completed recent survey, 52% in favor of some township zoning and 48% leaving zoning with St. Louis County. ARDC presented recommendations: Option 1: no change Option 2: township adopts ordinance regulating borrow pits Option 3: prohibit borrow pits in the township. The Town Board would need to decide how to proceed, all supervisors wanted to review information and discuss at Oct. 7, 2020 meeting. ARDC would need additional time work on Option 2 & 3, ARDC has ideas on "model ordinances", Justin Otsea informed the Board that they cannot make an ordinance retroactive but would obtain a legal opinion and recommended extending the Moratorium on Township gravel pits to March 31, 2021. Deb Pawlowicz made a motion to extend the Township Moratorium on Gravel Pits to March 31, 2021, Jim Ray seconded. **3 YEAS 2 NAYS MOTION PASSED.**
 - B. Outside Attorney for Moratorium: Graven & Kennedy has already been approved by the Board, Jim Ray discussed having all Board Supervisors have access to contact them and clerks requested that when a supervisor contacts them that they email or submit date and length of consultation so billing can be tracked. Deb Pawlowicz made a motion to have Graven & Kennedy write up an extension for the Township Moratorium on Gravel Pits with ARDC, Clay Cich seconded. **3 YEAS 2 NAYS MOTION PASSED.**
3. NEW BUSINESS:
 - A. Request from Exercise Group to use Town Hall: This item was deleted at the request of Sandy Rock.
 - B. CARES Funding: Clerks have been forwarding CARE funding information to supervisors, but it wasn't felt there were COVID related expenses. Email received from St. Louis County and State of MN regarding amount allocated to Fredenberg (\$33,425.00), but certification form had to be signed by Sept. 15, 2020, if the township did not complete form, monies would stay with the State but if completed, what wasn't used would remain with St. Louis County. Clerks spoke with Clay Cich and completed form, he signed and submitted in time. Expenses allowed include computer camera, sanitation of building, dehumidifier, air exchanger, hand sanitizers, election expenses, thermometers, doors to limit access in building, locks on doors to allow enter/exit from different areas. Clay Cich and clerks will contact MAT/St. Louis County about needing several quotes or the ability to set up installations without, information will be presented to the Board at the next meeting.
4. OTHER MEETINGS: none
5. ADJOURNMENT: Deb Pawlowicz made a motion to adjourn meeting, Walter Rapp seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Clerk


Board Chair/Co-Chair