

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

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
December 16, 2020**

**TIME & PLACE: 7:00 pm
VIA ZOOM MEETING**

The Annual Budget & Salary meeting was CALLED TO ORDER at 7:05pm by Chair Clay Cich, also present were Deb Pawlowicz, Walter Rapp, Jim Ray & Tim Wagner. Mary Skafte & Diane Palmstein/clerks and Pam Blekestad/treasurer present. The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance, and 3 residents were present via zoom.

1. REVIEW OF INCOME/EXPENSE for 2020: Pam Blekestad/treasurer presented Cash Basis Report from CTA's as of 12/31/2020, the board reviewed.

2. 2022 BUDGET PLAN:

FUND	PROPOSED LEVY FY 2022	PROPOSED BUDGET FY 2022
General Fund	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 70,000.00
Township Buildings	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Fire Department	\$ 99,000.00	\$ 99,000.00
Cemetery	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00
Parks & Rec	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Road & Bridge	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00
Bond Repayment	<u>\$ 60,700.00</u>	<u>\$ 60,700.00</u>
	\$391,100.00	\$411,100.00

Recycle Center costs are through a grant with the WLLSD.

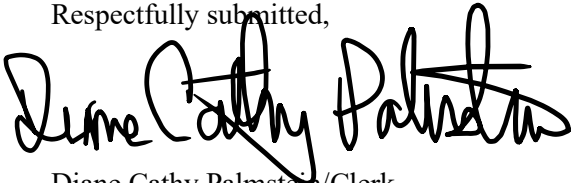
Pam Blekestad/treasurer summarized for the Board: Funds decreased from FY2021: General fund by \$13,000.00, bond repayment \$1,300.00, township buildings \$15,000.00, Fire Dept increased by \$21,000.00, parks & rec. increased by \$2,000, all other funds remain unchanged resulting in a proposed levy of about 1 percent reduction for FY2022 (as compared to FY2021). Parks & Rec increased in hopes of applying and receiving a grant through the DNR for playground equipment & disc golf. She will also be working with Ehlers on rebonding of the Fire Hall Bond before the February 2021 deadline and verify when principal can be paid down for the bond. Linda Bergstrand, Fire Chief explained that the department needed an increase over the next three years to replace and purchase new SBCAs because of a new OSHA requirement for expiration dates on them. They have 14 and replacing 9: 3 each year for the next 3 years. Jim Ray/road foreman stated although major projects from the 5-year plan are nearly completed, the township has adopted more roads this past year, which increases expenses. Paved roads cost less to maintain but he would like to budget for asphalt repair/replacement in the future. He suggests a dedicated fund for asphalt repair/work/replacement. After discussion by the board, Jim stated he would make a motion at a regular town board meeting to dedicate a fund, which would be done through our township internal auditing program and then he would present to the township at the Annual meeting in March. Clay Cich made a motion to accept the proposed levy and budget for FY2022 to be presented at the March Annual Township meeting, Jim Ray seconded. **5 YEAS.**

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. SALARY & WAGE REVIEW: Board reviewed current wages and salary sheet, Mary Skafte/clerk informed them that there have been 20 total board meetings this year, which results in the actual salary for board members more than \$1,100(supervisor)/\$1,200(chair). Board discussion followed; it was decided to add a line item: "Extra Board Meetings" at \$73.33(supervisor)/80.00(chair) to account for these costs. Jim Ray felt that paying the rink attendant \$15/hour was too high, especially since the recycle attendants & custodian are paid less. Clay Cich made a motion to set the rink attendant hourly rate at \$14/hour, Walter Rapp seconded. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Jim Ray also informed the board that the previous rink attendant is available and resuming his position, he will not be billing the township for his time.

4. OPEN FORUM: Diane Palmstein/clerk wanted clarification if the January 6, 2021 Town Board meeting was in person or via zoom. Deb Pawlowicz made a motion to make the Fredenberg Town Board January 6, 2021 regular board meeting and reorganization meeting a zoom meeting at 7:00 pm, Clay Cich seconded. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
5. ADJOURNMENT: Clay Cich made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Tim Wagner seconded. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Meeting adjourned at 8:13pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Diane Cathy Palmstein/Clerk



Clay Cich/Board Chair

APPROVED