

**BOARD MEETING
Town of Fredenberg
ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MN**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
April 7, 2021**

**TIME & PLACE: 7:00 pm
HELD VIA ZOOM IN COMPLIANCE WITH
MN GOVERNOR WALZ EXECUTIVE ORDERS**

The monthly meeting was CALLED TO ORDER at 7:04 pm by Chair Jim Ray. Also, present were: Deb Pawlowicz, Walter Rapp, Clay Cich, & Tim Wagner. Pam Blekestad/Treasurer also present. 22 individuals were present via zoom, the Board recited the Pledge of the Allegiance.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 3, 2021 meeting minutes reviewed, Jim made a motion to accept without correction, Walter seconded. **5 YEAS MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** March 17, 2021 meeting minutes reviewed. Corrections: d. remove discussion, Jamie Monette, add under Open Forum, Jamie Monette and possibly others, correction web sight to web site, add read “their own”. Walter made motion to accept minutes with corrections, Tim seconded. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**
2. TREASURER’S REPORT: as of 03/10/21, reconciled checking account balance is \$306,456.52. Total funds are \$487,531.12, which includes 4 CDs totaling \$202,917.51. Walter made a motion to accept treasury report, Tim seconded. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Pam requested Board to change key executives at Wells Fargo Accounts. Clay made a motion to remove Jeff Blix and Bill O’Brien as key executives and add Pam Blekestad/treasurer as key executive. Jim seconded. (WF requires formal names for key executive action. Add addendum to Minutes with formal names.) **5 YEAS MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Mary Pat Skafte, Diane Palmstein & Clay Cich will be removed as signers and Jim Ray & Tim Wagner will be added as signers. Pam read letter from St. Louis County for early distribution of funds notice, more information requested from supervisors, decision tabled until next meeting and Pam will contact St. Louis County.
3. CORRESPONDENCE: 39 total: 5 mail and 34 e-mails were received and reviewed by the Board. 3/17 email from Deb Pawlowicz was inadvertently not copied to supervisors but was put in their mailboxes during the meeting.
4. REVIEW OF BILLS: Board discussion regarding \$54 charge from Overom, which Jim will contact him for more information and printing costs for study committee. Clay made motion to accept checks #10322 to 10343, totaling \$6,383.90 (check 10326 will be voided and issued for \$470.25), Deb seconded. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
5. REPORTS:
 - Clerk** – Updated letter from J. Bourbonais, St. Louis County on pit closings, repeal of Ordinance 2020-01 published in News Tribune, sent to county, posted on our boards, and will appear in April newsletter. Monica Bruning, new clerk starting mid-April.
 - Road Report** – may do some grading after recent rains.
 - Fire Department**- responded to 2 mutual aid calls. Participated in several training events: pipelines & hazardous material/gas emergencies, mental health for responders (PTSD/PTSI). 5-year Insurance Services Office review done, determines insurance rating for community, in 2016 was a 5 (1-10 scale), which is excellent for rural dept. In February welcomed Lily Sunnarborg as a new junior member of dept. (junior members are between 16-18, able to participate in trainings, meeting and learn about being a volunteer fire fighter. Link for burning permits and info: <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/forestry/fire/questions.html>. Information on Wildfires Safety and Outside Fire Safety will appear in April newsletter.
 - Cemetery** – opened today, artificial flowers left on graves all blew away into woods.
 - Parks & Rec** – Jim will get key for pickle ball equipment at Minnow-ette
 - Community Center**- opening June 1, 2021, Clay working on pickle ball courts and new playground equipment. Jim stated griddles not wired because electrician must verify that circuits are adequate.
 - Recycle Center** – change in pick up days from WLSSD to Thursday am. Hazardous Waste Day is on June 5, 2021 and will be newsletter for April and May. New attendant working out well.
 - Preparedness Plan Update**- completed last month.
 - Other Meetings** - None

6. OPEN FORUM: Bonnie Anderson asking that supervisors use video on zoom meetings if they can.
7. OLD BUSINESS:
- a. Grant for Township Road Improvement for East Cook Lake, West Island & Wood Duck Drive: there is a delay in approving because of the high number of applications. SEH informed DOT that the township could do this project this year.
 - b. Minutes of Meetings in Newsletter: Jim made a motion to place only approved monthly meeting minutes in the township newsletter, Clay seconded. Discussion. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
8. NEW BUSINESS:
- a. Resolution 2022-007: Jim made a motion to accept Resolution 2021-007 Confirming the Town of Fredenberg as the Local Unit of Government for Reservoir Riders Snowmobile Club, Clay seconded. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
 - b. Quotes for Township Mowing for 2021: 3 quotes received, reviewed, and discussed by board. Deb made a motion to accept quote from Don Olson (per spec sheet), Walter seconded. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
 - c. Quotes for Township Road Work for 2021: 1 quote received (Jim informed board he answered several calls from companies about ad, many thinking it was a large road project, not maintenance), reviewed and discussed by board. Jim made a motion to accept quote from Lakehead Trucking (per spec sheet). **3 YEAS (Rapp, Ray, Wagner) 2 NAYS (Cich, Pawlowicz). MOTION PASSED.**
 - d. Deb made a motion to use multiple forms of media to place hiring notices and quotes for services in the future, Clay seconded. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
 - e. Liquor License Approval for St. Louis County: Clay motion to approve Eagles Nest Resort, Tim seconded. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Clay motion to approve Blue Max, Walter seconded. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Clay motion to approve Minnow-ette, Tim seconded. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Clay motion to approve Hi-Banks Resort, Deb seconded. **4 YEAS 1 ABSTAIN. MOTION PASSED.**
 - f. Local Board of Appeal & Equalization meeting for May 19, 2021: County will be on via zoom, but it will be held at the Fredenberg Town Hall, Boardroom from 1-2pm, Deb, Walter and Jim certified, and Jim and Walter will be attending the meeting.
10. OTHER MEETINGS: Jim made a motion to cancel the April 21, 2021 Township Board meeting at 7pm, ? seconded. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Clay made a motion to have the May 5, 2021 Township Board meeting via zoom, Deb seconded. **4 YEAS (Cich, Pawlowicz, Ray, Wagner) 1 NAY (Rapp). MOTION PASSED.**
11. ADJOURNMENT: Clay made a motion to adjourn meeting, Walter seconded. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Blekestad/Treasurer

Jim Ray/Board Chair