

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

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
May 5, 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 pm by Chair Jim Ray. Also present were Supervisors: Deb Pawlowicz, Walter Rapp, Clay Cich, & Tim Wagner. Monica Bruning Clerk & Pam Blekestad Treasurer. 25 individuals attended via zoom, the Board recited the Pledge of the Allegiance.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Changes: Include mention of an Addendum with formal names for bank transfer of executive authority. Jim moved to approve minutes. Walter seconded with proposed changes. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
2. TREASURER'S REPORT: as of 4/12/ 2021, reconciled checking account balance is \$277,300.16. Total funds are \$474,009.83, which includes 4 CDs totaling \$271092.32. Jim made a motion to accept Treasury Report, Tim seconded. Pam inquired about penalty for early disbursement on property taxes. Make request by May 31. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED.**
3. CORRESPONDENCE: 18 total: 2 mail and 16 e-mails were received and reviewed by the Board.
4. REVIEW OF BILLS: Jim made motion to accept checks #10356 to #10373, totaling \$35,446.41. Chair Jim moved to approve. Tim seconded. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED. Township attorney Overum's charges for March were investigated. Chair Jim reported Overum was representing the Township's interest and should be reimbursed \$54 for call charges. Chair Jim moved to put Overum invoice on Claims list for June. Walt seconded. 3 Yeas and 2 Nays. Motion PASSED.**
5. REPORTS:
Clerk – Monica introduced herself and thanked Diane Palmstein and Mary Skafte for the training she is receiving. They have made the transition as smooth as possible. Principles of Civility were read for productive meetings and positive, neighborly community. Submission deadlines are as follows: Submissions for newsletter end of month. Reimbursement and payroll documents the Monday prior to the first Wednesday of the month (Board meeting). If Monday is a government observed holiday, deadline is Friday prior to the first Wednesday of the month.
Road Report – Weather conditions caused much damage across the township. Projects addressed last month: Dahlberg and all roads in the township were graded.
Fire Department- Multiple trainings – Active shooters, many scenarios rescues, use of fire fighter rehab, and more. Welcome new returning fire fighter Rex Greenwell. Gravel @ Firehall is needed. Pancake breakfast will be scheduled.
Cemetery – Walter thanked the volunteer who cleaned up the cemetery. Top soil is needed.
Parks & Rec – Proposed pickleball nets and equipment key is the Minno-ette. People are wishing to rent Pavilion at the same time they rent CC. Request supported. Trash reciprocal will be added. Notice on pavilion should be created and updated as needed.
Community Center - Expected to open in June. Room 2 can be rented. Investigate purpose. Jim reported electrical circuits in CC are adequate. Electrical circuits in CC for the griddles are inadequate.
Recycle Center – Nathan Bell has started working in the Recycling Center. Welcome Nathan!
Preparedness Plan Update - Completed in April. Governor Walz is scheduled to update executive orders on Thursday.
Other Meetings - NA
6. OPEN FORUM: Melissa Bell inquired about the playground equipment plans for funds appropriated (\$30K). Deb and Clay are investigating and invite residents' input. Deb Roach discussed Garden Club's interest in planting Native wild flower seed on township property. Ollie Olson inquired about bid process for gravel work at Fire Hall. Quotes for road work bidding process. Supervisor Deb will research. Deb requests quotes in writing.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Grant for Township Road Improvement for East Cook Lake, West Island & Wood Duck Drive – no updates.
- b. FCC -- Room 2 ready for use. Clay will explore options and secure quotes to finish work.
- c. Local Board of Appeal & Equalization meeting for May 19 at the Community Center. Register with Clerk by meeting time.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. 2021 Road Review. Awaiting response on grant submission. 2021 road budget should cover current needs. A resident voiced gravel concerns from weather erosion/plowing on Miller Lane and its effect on the wetlands. The issue will be investigated with parties affected.
- b. Proposed additional pickleball courts – Fredenberg resident pickleball group described plans to resurface and restripe courts with funds allocated. Basketball and tennis courts will not be affected. Clay made a motion to move forward with the proposed pickleball plans including contractor quotes and description total cost \$17,720. Quotes for the additional work will be presented at the June meeting. Deb seconded. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED.**
- c. Second meeting of the month May 19, 2021 is cancelled. June 2, 2021 monthly meeting (Zoom or in person) Chair Jim moved to have June meeting in person in the pavilion. Walter seconded. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED.**
- d. Testing will be done to see if both Zoom and in person can be offered.

**OTHER MEETINGS OR GATHERINGS WHICH MAY INCLUDE A QUORUM OF TOWN SUPERVISORS:
Local Board of Appeal and Equalization May 19, 2021 1-2 PM Town Hall**

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Jim made a motion to adjourn meeting, Clay seconded. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED.**
Meeting adjourned at 8:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Monica Bruning/Clerk

Jim Ray/Board Chair