

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

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
June 1, 2021**

**TIME & PLACE: 7:00 pm
Town Hall Pavilion**

The monthly meeting was CALLED TO ORDER at 7:02 pm by Chair Jim Ray. Also, present were Supervisors: Deb Pawlowicz, Walter Rapp, Clay Cich, & Tim Wagner. Monica Bruning, Clerk & Pam Blekestad, Treasurer also present. 18 individuals attend our first in person meeting of 2021 in the pavilion; the Board recited the Pledge of the Allegiance.

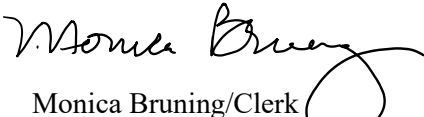
1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Walter moved to approve minutes. Jim seconded with proposed changes. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
2. TREASURER'S REPORT: as of 5/12/ 2021, checking account did not reconcile due to a CTAS Error of \$12,66.17. Checking account balance is \$233,055.92. Total funds are \$435,973.43, which includes 4 CDs totaling \$202,917.51. Jim made a motion to accept treasury report, Clay seconded. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED.**
3. CORRESPONDENCE: 18 total: 6 mail and 12 e-mails were received and reviewed by the Board.
4. REVIEW OF BILLS: Jim made motion to accept checks #10370 to #10394, totaling \$94,498.83. Chair Jim moved to approve. Clay seconded. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED.**
5. REPORTS:
 - Clerk** – The Board authorized Monica to purchase computer, printer, monitor, webcam, warranties, and technology for broadcasting (Zoom) meetings in/outdoors. Jim moved to authorize up to \$2000. Clay seconded. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED.**
 - Road Report** – Ditch work on Miller Lane, Sunset Ridge, Olson and Chesney Roads
 - Fire Department** – Check your red address signs for visibility given tree growth. Responded to 8 medical calls, 1 fire, 2 mutual aid calls (medical and fire). Thanks to Greg, Steve and Todd Kaneski of Lakehead Trucking for gravel, equipment and time leveling the parking lot low spots. Also, moving snow from hydrant on FL bridge and snow banks in the lot. Welcome Aiden Voltzke, junior member. Meetings are Thursdays at 7 -- Fire Hall. All are welcome.
 - Cemetery** – Grass is being grown. Walter will check into sealing the roadway/entrance.
 - Parks & Rec** – Pickleball nets and equipment key is at the Minno-Ette.
 - Community Center** – Clay reviewed quote for HVAC system finish work including covering duct work in room 2, into the hallways, outside (including framing and trim), and taller closet doors. Clay moved to approve \$10,936.82 Vesel quote for the work. Deb seconded. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED.** A door closure will be put on west side doors
 - Recycle Center** – The Center is running great! Hazardous Waste Day is June 5 11:30-2:30.
 - Preparedness Plan Update** – No updates.
 - Other Meetings** – Jim attended the DAT meeting. Broadband challenges exist in many townships. Gnesen Twp is concerned about Minnesota Power property buyout and how property lines were drawn up.
6. OPEN FORUM: Patty Wheeler summarized SLC supervisor emails reflecting alleged concerted efforts to protect the Fredenberg Township gravel pit industry. Emails were presented to supervisors and referenced in presentation (Exhibits 1-8). Melissa Bell commented on Gnesen Township insight on gravel pits and possibly collaborating on the issue. Melissa asked supervisor to provide rationale for votes when topics are debated. Patty Monson Geerts expressed concern RE SLC communication about gravel pits. Bruce Anderson expressed concern about gravel pits and encouraged supervisors to be informed. Deb Roach read Exhibit 7 from SLC gravel pit correspondence.
7. OLD BUSINESS:
 - a. Grant for Township Road Improvement for East Cook Lake, West Island & Wood Duck Drive – grant was not awarded. Clay will reapply.
 - b. FCC – Room 2 work approved.
 - c. Local Board of Appeal & Equalization May meeting did not have a supervisor quorum on review team. Penalty is no local input for 2021 and 2022. However, all recommendations from May 19 meeting were supported and enacted. 2022 is not a reassessment year.
 - d. Bid process – Deb researched bid process and jobs < \$25K no bid. >\$25K-\$150K need sealed bid.
 - e. Ads for newsletter – Pam, Monica, Diane/Mary will reconcile advertising receivables.
10. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Community Center is open. Keys can be checked out at the Minno-Ette.

- b. Clay reported research on Flagship playground equipment. His 11-year old granddaughter provided expertise. Popular equipment was described. Exciting and within budget. \$14,735. PO could be issued. Clay moved to buy playground equipment from Flagship, Inc and creating a PO. Deb seconded. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED.**
- c. Use of electronic communications can be sent to all supervisors with disclaimer -- do not respond.
- d. Fireworks displays and safety were discussed. Fireworks by businesses must be lawful shows. Newsletter will note safety precautions.
- e. Deb asked for help with Neighborhood Night Out in August. Clay and Jim volunteered. Folder is in the Clerk's Office.
- f. Community Center internet Hot Spot will be promoted on marquee and in newsletter.

No second meeting in June.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Jim made a motion to adjourn meeting, Clay seconded. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED.**
Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Monica Bruning/Clerk


Jim Ray/Board Chair

APPROVED