

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

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
July 7, 2021**

**TIME & PLACE: 7:00 pm
Town Hall and via Zoom**

The monthly meeting was CALLED TO ORDER at 7:02 pm by Chair Jim Ray. Also, present were Supervisors: Deb Pawlowicz, Walter Rapp, and Tim Wagner. Absent: Supervisor Clay Cich. Monica Bruning, Clerk & Pam Blekestad, Treasurer also present. 27 attended the meeting held in the Town Hall; 7 attended via Zoom. The Board recited the Pledge of the Allegiance.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Corrections: Treasurers Report: Add 0 to CTAS error amount [12,660.17]; Spelling of Skogvei Road and clarify that work is planned; Open Forum dialogue clarifications Lakehead Trucking violations were discussed. Walter's follow-up with Commissioner Nelson and SLC and correct Bruce Anderson's name; Substitute Deb for Jim and add "Auto Salvage" to Chesney Hazardous Waste Day thank you; clarify Miller Lane roadside mowing description. Walter moved to approve minutes with corrections. Deb 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 \$12,660.17. Checking account balance is \$188,533.32. Total funds are \$391,450.83, which includes 4 CDs totaling \$202,917.51. Pam provided an overview of instructions from Wells Fargo to bring Township banking documentation up-to-date. Monica will research RE authorization related to Township debit band card. Jim made a motion to accept treasury report, Tim seconded. **4 YEAS. MOTION PASSED.**
3. **CORRESPONDENCE:** 27 total: 3 mail and 24 e-mails were received and reviewed by the Board.
4. **REVIEW OF BILLS:** Jim made motion to accept checks #10413 to #10425, totaling \$50,331.05 with one change to include add'l charges for fence repair. Chair Jim moved to approve. Deb seconded. **4 YEAS and one absent. MOTION PASSED.**
5. **REPORTS:**
Clerk – PEO assessment payment was received. Starry Skies Lake Superior donated a popcorn machine to the Township! Many thanks. A microphone for Zoom broadcasts was purchased.
Road Report – Everything was done as planned on Road Review. Skogvei Road will be worked on in August. Chloride for roads has been difficult to secure; work is expected to be done next week.
Fire Department – During June fire department members responded to nine calls including five medical calls, one automatic fire alarm, one grass fire, one mutual aid structure fire and one report of a motor vehicle accident. Fredenberg and Canosia Fire departments had a joint training on Fire fighter safety -- hands on training on forcible entry, bailing out of a window, chainsaw use and roof ventilation. Some members from Canosia joined with Fredenberg when we visited two farms to learn about large animal behavior and how we can move the animals to safety or a different area if needed during an emergency. Several fire department members staffed a medical/dropout tent for Grandma's marathon. Welcome two new junior members: Kaitlyn and Maddy Johnson.
Cemetery – Walter called 5 companies for sealing the roadway/entrance – 2 quotes were received. Walter moved to accept quote from A-1 with clarification of description. Tim seconded. **4 YEAS and one absent. MOTION PASSED.**
6. **Parks & Rec** – Pickleball/tennis fences are up. Resurfacing is yet to be completed. Jim sprayed all rec areas for weeds and cleaned up the area. Quote of \$1210 for additional fence work – repairs to existing and extending outfield fence line to prevent passage of snowmobilers. Jim moved to approve. Walter seconded. **4 YEAS and one absent. MOTION PASSED.**
7. **Community Center** –Playground equipment specs and needs changed. Discussion was tabled for Clay's input and potential American Rescue Plan Act cost share. Outdoor cooking equipment is in good working order for Neighborhood Night Out. Door openers will be checked. Supervisors discussed minimum age requirement for custodian position -- 18 years and add to position description. Neighborhood Night Out is planned for August 3 from 5-7. Kids activities and food items were discussed. Investigate insurance requirements for adequate event coverage. Jim made a motion to authorize up to \$2500 for Township contribution. Deb seconded. **4 YEAS and one absent. MOTION PASSED.**
Recycle Center – George Peterson was hired as an alternate staff. Please do not dump garbage at the Recycling Center unless it is open.

Preparedness Plan Update – No updates.

Other Meetings –

OPEN FORUM: Patty Wheeler recited three questions for the Board to respond to related to SLC interest in Fredenberg Twp; Lakehead Trucking and the MPCA report regarding fines; and Board's interests in Township matters. Board members responded with the importance of continuing to work with the County on land use issues; Lakehead violations were discussed, and Walter will continue to contact Commissioner Nelson RE the compliance review plan and on-going communications including documentation and requesting SLC inspection schedule. Bruce Anderson read Exhibit 7 entitled Fredenberg Twp Gravel Pits from June 2 meeting involving the concern about SLC interest in Fredenberg Township. Melissa Bell recited data related to gravel pit interests and issues and requested respect among residents and Board members on the matter. Deb Pawlowicz spoke of her interpersonal relations with Board members and concerns about social media posts.

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 has been used
- c. American Rescue Plan Act – Group present brainstormed ideas like playground equipment; fire department; technology to upgrade; outdoor recreation pickleball; HVAC Chromebooks for Supervisors to share documents.
- d. Hazardous Waste Day was success in 2018 – 128 households participated; in 2019 – 67 households; 2021—58 households brought items. Thanks to the Chesney Auto Salvage and Supervisors Clay and Deb for the extra help.

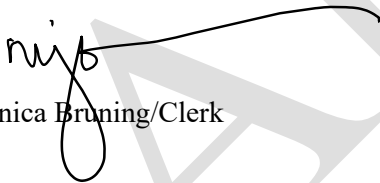
NEW BUSINESS

- a. 2021-008 Resolution was read. Discussion centered on adequate length of time timing. **4 YEAS and one absent. MOTION PASSED.**
- b. Request granted to advertise for recessed Annual Township Meeting on August 24 in DNT and website
- c. Jim corrected number of miles should be included in roadside mowing advertising. Advertise in newsletter, website and newspaper. Walter to moved to advertise. Tim second. Motion to advertise. **4 YEAS and one absent. MOTION PASSED.** Miller Lane will have restricted cutting.
- d. Deb shared a resident requests light by dam area. Partnerships were discussed (DNR, Power and Light, ARPA). More exploration is needed.
- e. Monica provided an overview of potential civility and conflict resolution training for Board and community. Discussion was tabled until next meeting.

No second meeting in July.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Jim made a motion to adjourn meeting, Walter seconded. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED.**
Meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Monica Bruning/Clerk



Jim Ray/Board Chair