

The Reorganization Board meeting of the Town of Fredenberg, Minnesota, St. Louis County was held in the Fredenberg Town Hall on Wednesday, January 5, 2022, at 8:02 PM.

Board members present: Chair Jim Ray (Phone), Supervisors Clay Cich, Deb Pawlowicz, Walter Rapp, and Tim Wagner. Also, Treasurer Pam Blekestad and Clerk Ellen Hanson.

Others in Attendance: There were 3 others in attendance.

This meeting was held in-person with a ZOOM connection.

1. **Call to order the Reorganization meeting at 7:00 PM:** The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Wagner at 8:02 PM.
2. **Nominations and Election of Town Chair and Vice Chair**
 - a. Supervisor Ray was nominated for Chair and Supervisor Wagner was nominated for Vice Chair by Supervisor Rapp, and seconded by Wagner. There was a second call for nominations and a third call for nominations closed nominations. Roll call vote. Cich abstained. All others in favor. This motion carried.
3. **Adopt a Schedule of Meetings**
 - a. The Board adopted a monthly schedule of meetings to be held on the first Wednesday of each month and the third Wednesday of the month. There was a motion by Supervisor Pawlowicz to adopt the two-meeting schedule per month and seconded by Supervisor Cich. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmative. This motion carried unanimously.
4. **Designate an official newspaper and posting places**
 - a. The official newspaper is the Duluth News Tribune.
 - b. The official posting places are the Community Center, Recycling Center, and Township website. There was a motion by Vice Chair Wagner designating the posting places as the Community Center, Recycling Center, and Township website and seconded by Supervisor Cich. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmative. This motion carried unanimously.
5. **Designate a town bank**
 - a. Wells Fargo is the town bank for the checking account.
 - b. National Bank of Commerce (NBC) holds three Certificates of Deposit (CDs) for the town. There was a motion by Supervisor Pawlowicz to keep Wells Fargo for the checking account and one CD and NBC for three CDs and seconded by Vice Chair Wagner. The Board had a discussion on designating the banks at this time as the Treasurer is looking into the possibility of changing banks. It was recommended to keep the current banks until more information is obtained and at that point the banks could be changed. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmative. This motion carried unanimously.
6. **Price of Cemetery lots**
 - a. The price of the cemetery lots are: \$225 for 10-foot plot; \$275 for 12-foot plot; and a ten percent discount for residents. There was a motion by Supervisor Cich to keep the price of the cemetery lots the same at \$225 for 10-foot plot; \$275 for 12-foot plot; and a ten percent discount for residents and seconded by Vice Chair Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmative. This motion carried unanimously.
7. **Newsletter printer**
 - a. ProPrint is the current newsletter printer. There was a motion by Vice Chair Wagner to keep ProPrint as the newsletter printer and seconded by Supervisor Cich. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmative. This motion carried unanimously.
8. **Areas of Responsibility**
 - a. Roads: Supervisor Jim Ray
 - b. Fire Department: Supervisor Tim Wagner

- c. Cemetery: Supervisor Walter Rapp
- d. Parks/Recreation: Supervisor Jim Ray
- e. Community Center: Supervisor Clay Cich
- f. Recycling Center: Supervisor Deb Pawlowicz
 - There was a motion by Supervisor Cich to keep all areas of responsibility the same as last year (listed above) and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmative. This motion carried unanimously.

9. Township Attorney

- a. Current attorneys are Steve Overom/Overom Law and Kennedy/Graven. There was a motion by Supervisor Pawlowicz to keep the same attorneys as last year, Steve Overom and Kennedy/Graven and seconded by Supervisor Cich. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmative. This motion carried unanimously.

10. Facility rental fees (town hall and old fire hall)

- a. The facility rental fees will remain the same as last year with the exception of: 1. Memorial/funeral services for residents are gratis; 2. The cleaning deposit for all rentals will be \$100. There was motion by Supervisor Cich to make keep the facility rental fees the same with the exception of memorial/funeral service are gratis and all cleaning deposits will be \$100 and seconded by Vice Chair Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmative. This motion carried unanimously. There was a motion by Supervisor Pawlowicz to keep the old fire hall rental the same as last year at \$400 per month and seconded by Vice Chair Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmative. This motion carried unanimously.


11. Adjourn

- a. There was a motion by Vice Chair Wagner to adjourn meeting at 8:28 PM and seconded Supervisor Cich. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmative. This motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Ellen Hanson
Clerk



James Ray
Board Chair
