

The regular Board meeting of the Town of Fredenberg, Minnesota, St. Louis County was held in the Fredenberg Town Hall on Wednesday, January 5, 2022, at 7:00 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 and 1 via Zoom.

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

1. **Call to order the Regular meeting at 7:00 PM:** The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Wagner at 7:00 PM.
2. **Pledge of allegiance:** All present stood and cited the pledge of allegiance.
3. **Approval of the Agenda**
 - Motion by Rapp to approve the agenda as presented and seconded by Cich. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmative. This motion carried unanimously.
4. **Approval of the Minutes**
 - Regular meeting of December 1, 2021: There was a motion by Supervisor Rapp to accept the December 1, 2021, Board of Supervisors meeting minutes as amended and seconded by Supervisor Cich. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmative. This motion carried unanimously. The amendments were: Under open forum, Patty Wheeler: second sentence revised to read: She asked the Board members who commented on nuisance and environmental concerns why they did not comment on the health and safety concerns with the lights at the launches. New Business, b. first sentence revised to read: Chair Ray proposed \$3,500 per mile for 5.2 mile equals \$16,500 that will fit into the budget that will be added to the \$50,000 already in the reserve fund that will help with maintaining and upkeep with paved roads; third sentence revised to read: There was a motion by Chair Ray designating \$17,000 for future paved roads, repair, replacement, and maintenance fund to be transferred out of the Road fund and seconded by Supervisor Cich.
5. **Treasurers Report – Pam Blekestad**
 - Blekestad reported the bank statement ends as of 12/15/2021. She reported the checking account is reconciled. Checking account balance is \$490,652.74. Total funds are \$691,525.31, which includes 4 Certificates of deposit (CDs) totaling \$204,828.99. The Treasurer received a packet of information from National Bank of Commerce (NBC) with their proposal to bank with them. She will review further and report back to the Board at the next meeting. There was a motion by Supervisor Cich to approve the treasurers report and seconded by Supervisor Rapp. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmative. This motion carried unanimously.
 - Clerks report: Hanson reported on the work being done with the accounting system by the staff. There was \$1.9 million in both receipts and checks not cleared out. There is now under \$200,000 to be cleared out. This work should be completed by the next Board meeting. Investments and the fire bond are also being updated in the system.
 - The Board reviewed the claims list. There was motion by Vice Chair Wagner to pay claims 10587-10621 for a total of \$122,903.29 and seconded by Supervisor Cich. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmative. This motion carried unanimously.
6. **Correspondence**
 - The correspondence was read by Vice Chair Wagner. There were 20 total received: 3 mail and 17 e-mails.
7. **Reports**
 - a. Roads report for December 2021:
 - Chair Ray reported that after a snow fall, he receives phone calls from residents. The plowing priority for the County is a first pass on the paved roads and then the gravel roads

get plowed.

- b. Fire Department report for December 2021:
 - There were 11 calls in December. The department had a total of 90 calls in 2021.
- c. Cemetery report for December 2021:
 - There was nothing new to report.
- d. Parks and Recreation report for December 2021:
 - Chair Ray reported the rink is fully operational.
 - Supervisor Cich reported the playground equipment was delivered. A special thank you goes out to the Bell family for their assistance with unloading and securing the equipment.
 - Supervisor Cich reported he had researched the cost of a marquee for the town, and it would be between \$25,000-30,000. There was no action taken.
 - Chair Ray reported the light fixtures were replaced in the upstairs washrooms.
- e. Community Center & Pavilion report for December 2021:
 - Supervisor Cich asked about the total number of hall rentals in 2021. Palmstein responded the total for the year is in the single digits.
 - Chair Ray reported an electrician will have to upgrade the kitchen electrical unit before the gridles are used again.
- f. Recycling report for December 2021:
 - Supervisor Pawlowicz reported the center is operating fine.
 - Supervisor Pawlowicz attended the WLSSD meeting for the grant.
- g. Other Meetings for December 2021:
 - Recycling meeting in December was attended by Supervisor Pawlowicz.
- h. Preparedness Plan Update for December 2021:
 - There was nothing new to report.

8. Open Forum

- Supervisor Cich spoke about the snowmobile club and the condition of the trails. He suggested the trails be groomed more often. It has a financial impact on the township by having poorly groomed trails. He would be willing to talk the snowmobile club representative about this issue.

9. Old Business:

- a. Dam Lighting: Supervisor Pawlowicz continues to research this issue.
- b. Welcome Signs into Fredenberg Road entrance: Supervisor Cich continues to work on this project with the County. He spoke with the County representative and the estimate is for: 7 signs installed for \$2100 including artwork. It was Board consensus to move forward with obtaining the signs.

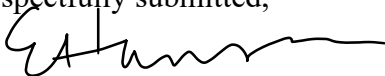
10. New Business

- a. Schedule Budget/Salary meeting: There was a motion by Supervisor Pawlowicz to schedule the Budget/Salary meeting for February 2, 2022, after the regular Board meeting and seconded by Supervisor Cich. 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 7:58 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