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APPROVED MEETING MINUTES FROM January 5, 2022 TOWN BOARD MEETING

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. **Call to order the Regular meeting at 7:00 PM:** The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Wagner at 7:00 PM. **Pledge of allegiance:** All present stood and cited the pledge of allegiance. **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. **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. **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. **Correspondence:** The correspondence was read by Vice Chair Wagner.

There were 20 total received: 3 mail and 17 e-mails. **Reports:** 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. Fire Department report for December 2021: There were 11 calls in December. The department had a total of 90 calls in 2021. Cemetery report for December 2021: There was nothing new to report. 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. 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 griddles are used again. Recycling report for December 2021: Supervisor Pawlowicz reported the center is operating fine. Supervisor Pawlowicz attended the WLSSD meeting for the grant. Other Meetings for December 2021: Recycling meeting in December was attended by Supervisor Pawlowicz. Preparedness Plan Update for December 2021: There was nothing new to report. **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. **Old Business: Dam Lighting:** Supervisor Pawlowicz continues to research this issue. **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. **New Business: 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. **Adjourn:** There was a motion by Vice Chair Wagner to adjourn meeting at 7:58 PM

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. **Call to order the Reorganization meeting at 7:00 PM:** The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Wagner at 8:02 PM. **Nominations and Election of Town Chair and Vice Chair:** 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. **Adopt a Schedule of Meetings:** 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. **Designate an official newspaper and posting places:** The official newspaper is the Duluth News Tribune. 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. **Designate a town bank:** Wells Fargo is the town bank for the checking account. 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. **Price of Cemetery lots:** 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. **Newsletter printer:** 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. **Areas of Responsibility:** Roads: Supervisor Jim Ray Fire Department: Supervisor Tim Wagner Cemetery: Supervisor Walter Rapp Parks/Recreation: Supervisor Jim Ray Community Center: Supervisor Clay Cich 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. **Township Attorney:** 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 (cont. next page)

seconded by Supervisor Cich. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmative. This motion carried unanimously. **Facility rental fees (town hall and old fire hall):** 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. **Adjourn:** 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.

**FREDENBERG ANNUAL TOWNSHIP MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2022
7:00 PM
IN THE FREDENBERG TOWN HALL
5104 Fish Lake Road
Duluth, MN 55803**

Fund	Approved 2019	Approved 2020	Approved 2021	Approved 2022	PROPOSED 2023
General	\$67,900	\$59,900	\$66,000	\$55,000	\$45,233
Town Building	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$30,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
Fire Department	\$73,600	\$75,600	\$78,000	\$99,000	\$102,900
Cemetery	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,400	\$1,400	\$1,400
Parks & Recreation	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$8,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Roads & Bridges	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
Fire Hall Bond	\$59,000	\$63,000	\$62,000	\$60,700	\$60,000
Total Levy	\$401,500	\$399,500	\$395,400	\$391,100	\$384,533

FROM THE FREDENBERG VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARMENT

What is carbon monoxide?

Carbon monoxide, also known as CO, is called the "Invisible Killer" because it's a colorless, odorless, poisonous gas. More than 150 people in the Unites States die every year from accidental non fire-related CO poisoning associated with consumer products, including generators. Other products include faulty, improperly-used or incorrectly-vented fuel-burning appliances such as furnaces, stoves, water heaters and fireplaces. Source: Consumer Product Safety Commission

Know the symptoms of CO poisoning

Source: Consumer Product Safety Commission

Because CO is odorless, colorless, and otherwise undetectable to the human senses, people may not know that they are being exposed. The initial symptoms of low to moderate CO poisoning are similar to the flu (but without the fever). They include: **Headache, Fatigue, Shortness of breath, Nausea, Dizziness**

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RECYCLE CENTER NEWS UPDATE

The Fredenberg Art Weller Recycle Center is a very busy place this time of year. Here are a few reminders when using the Center. Thanks to everyone for your cooperation.

1. We can only accept rinsed/cleaned & emptied cans, bottles & containers.
2. We CANNOT accept Styrofoam in ANY FORM.
3. We DO NOT accept household garbage of any kind and it is NOT to be placed at the Recycle Center or the dumpster.
4. We do not accept any metal or plastic gas cans
5. We NO LONGER repurpose any form of electronics, these must be brought to the Rice Lake Road WLSSD Center.
6. Dumping of garbage of any kind at the Center is ILLEGAL !!!!
7. We DO NOT ACCEPT take out containers, fruit/veg. plastic containers & deli clam containers.

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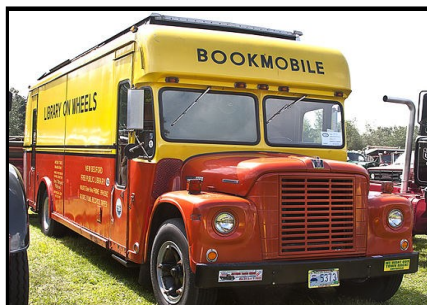


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HOURS

Wednesdays 5 pm to 8 pm
Saturdays 9 am to 1 pm

**NEXT FREDENBERG TOWN BOARD
MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, March 2, 2022
Regular Board Meeting at 7:00pm
ALL MEETINGS**

**AT 7:00 PM @ Town Hall
and via Zoom (see website for info)**

**Fredenberg Annual Township Meeting
TUESDAY, March 8, 2022
7:00 pm
In the Fredenberg Town Hall**