

The regular Board meeting of the Town of Fredenberg, Minnesota, St. Louis County was held in the Fredenberg Town Hall on Wednesday, February 2, 2022, at 7:00 PM.

**Board members present:** Chair Jim Ray, Supervisors Clay Cich (Zoom), 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 Chair Ray at 7:00 PM.
2. **Pledge of allegiance:** All present stood and cited the pledge of allegiance.
3. **Approval of the Agenda**
  - There was a motion by Supervisor Rapp to approve the agenda as presented and seconded by Supervisor Cich. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmative. This motion carried unanimously.
4. **Approval of the Minutes**
  - Regular meeting of January 5, 2022: There was a motion by Chair Ray to accept the January 5, 2022, Board of Supervisors meeting minutes as amended and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmative. This motion carried unanimously. Under Roads report first sentence change phone to phones. It will read: ...he receives phone calls from residents.
  - Reorganization meeting of January 5, 2022: There was a motion by Chair Ray to accept the January 5, 2022, Board of Supervisors Reorganization meeting minutes as presented and seconded by Supervisor Rapp. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmative. This motion carried unanimously.
5. **Treasurers Report – Pam Blekestad**
  - Blekestad reported the bank statement ends as of 1/18/2022. She reported the checking account is reconciled. Checking account balance is \$429,277.43. Total funds are \$691,525.31, which includes 4 Certificates of deposit (CDs). The Treasurer continues to work with banks to determine which one would be best to transfer the checking account to. There was a motion by Supervisor Rapp to approve the treasurers report and seconded by Supervisor Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmative. This motion carried unanimously.
6. **Clerks report – Ellen Hanson**
  - 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. That work has been completed and all receipts and checks from 2015 have been cleared. Work continues on the investments and the fire bond.
  - The Board reviewed the claims list. There was motion by Chair Ray to pay claims 10259, 10285-10291, 10311-10312 for a total of \$16,720.56 and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. Hanson explained that claims are out of order from the past when staff matched the claim number with the check number and when a check was voided it created the missing claim number. Over the next several months the claim numbers will be out of order. The Board had a discussion on a claim made out to Ehlers for \$750. Hanson explained she believes the charge is for the SEC disclosure filing for the fire hall bond and she can file it instead of paying Ehlers the fee. Supervisor Pawlowicz recommended Hanson look into the Ehlers disclosure with SEC.
7. **Correspondence**
  - The correspondence was read by Chair Ray. There were 9 total received: 1 mail and 8 emails.
8. **Reports**
  - a. Roads report for January 2022:

- Chair Ray reported Steve Overom connected with him regarding road plats and road dedications.
- b. Fire Department report for January 2022:
  - Supervisor Wagner reported there were 7 calls in January.
  - Training included information on electric vehicles and stress reduction
  - Members attended the 3-day Arrowhead EMS conference at the DECC.
  - The department provided retired Fire Chief Don Pelofske with a firefighter honor ceremony at his funeral.
- c. Cemetery report for January 2022:
  - Supervisor Rapp had nothing new to report.
- d. Parks and Recreation report for January 2022:
  - Chair Ray reported the rink is flooded. There is a volunteer helping with the rink.
- Supervisor Cich reported he has been in contact with the playground equipment company about placement. There was a motion by Chair Ray and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz approving Supervisor Cich and Chair Ray to make the final approval of the playground equipment placement. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmative. This motion carried unanimously.
- e. Community Center & Pavilion report for January 2022:
  - Supervisor Cich asked about the hall rentals. Hanson responded rentals have been increasing and are going well.
  - Chair Ray reported on electrical issue in the town hall building. He will talk with an electrician about the issues and possible remedies.
- f. Recycling report for January 2022:
  - Supervisor Pawlowicz reported the center is operating fine.
  - Locks in the winter freeze so she picked up deicer to use on them.
  - There has been dumping at the recycling center when it is closed. The Board decided to put a notice in the newsletter about no dumping when the center is closed. Also, with the recent dumping the resident has been identified and a letter will be sent to them about the dumping violation.
- g. Other Meetings for January 2022:
  - Chair Ray attended the DAT meeting. The guest speaker was Gordy Halverson, Highway Superintendent. Mr. Halverson talked about snowplowing and paved roads getting priority during snow falls. He also talked about their new trucks and brushing and clearing town roads.
- h. Preparedness Plan Update for January 2022:
  - There was nothing new to report.

**9. Open Forum**

- Fire Chief Bergstrand talked about the impact of COVID. Response is not as fast due to having to put on personal protective equipment.

**10. Old Business:**

- a. Dam Lighting: Supervisor Pawlowicz continues to research this issue. Supervisor Cich mentioned the ARPA funds may be used for dam lighting and pavilion lighting.
- b. Signs into Fredenberg Road entrance: Supervisor Cich continues to work on this project with the County. He recommended the purchase of 4 signs, 2 x 4 feet, for the Fredenberg entrances. The County would make and install the signs at a cost of \$1,600. He presented a picture of the signs for the Board to review. There was a motion by Supervisor Cich to purchase 4 signs for \$1,600 from the County to install and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmative. This motion carried unanimously.

**11. New Business**

- a. None

**12. Adjourn**

- a. There was a motion by Supervisor Ray to adjourn meeting at 8:10 PM and seconded Supervisor Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmative. This motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Ellen Hanson  
Clerk



James Ray  
Board Chair