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## APPROVED MEETING MINUTES FROM April 6, 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, April 6, 2022, at 7:00 PM. **Board members present:** Chair Jim Ray, Supervisors Clay Cich (Zoom), Deb Pawlowicz, Walter Rapp, Tim Wagner (Zoom), and Treasurer Pam Blekestad and Clerk Ellen Hanson. **Others in Attendance:** There were 8 others in attendance and 4 via Zoom. This meeting was held in-person with a ZOOM connection. **Call to order the Regular meeting:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Ray at 7:00 PM. **Pledge of allegiance:** All present stood and cited the pledge of allegiance. **Approval of the Agenda:** There was a motion by Chair Ray to approve the agenda as presented and seconded by Chair Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmative. This motion carried unanimously. **Approval of the Minutes:** Regular meeting of March 2, 2022: There was a motion by Chair Ray to accept the March 2, 2022, Board of Supervisors meeting minutes as presented and seconded by Supervisor Rapp. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmative. This motion carried unanimously. **Treasurers Report – Pam Blekestad:** Blekestad reported the bank statement did not arrive until today, so the Clerk and Treasurer have not balanced. The Board discussed moving the checking account to a different bank. Concern was expressed with Wells Fargo connecting personal accounts with the town's account. **Clerks Report – Ellen Hanson:** The Board reviewed the claims list. There was motion by Chair Ray to pay claims 10260-10270, 10292-10295, 10349-10351 for a total of \$37,527.00 and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmative. This motion carried unanimously. **Eagles Nest Resort:** The Report of the Town Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners of St. Louis County MN with special reference to good moral character and repute was presented for consideration to the Town Board for approval for the resort's liquor license renewal. There was a motion by Chair Ray to approve and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmative. This motion carried unanimously. **Hi Banks Resort:** The Report of the Town Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners of St. Louis County MN with special reference to good moral character and repute was presented for consideration to the Town Board for approval for the resort's liquor license renewal. There was a motion by Chair Ray to approve and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and Cich, Ray, Pawlowicz, Rapp signified affirmative. This motion carried. Supervisor Wagner abstained due to the conflict of interest with the resort. Request from Sandy Rock to purchase a few new pieces of exercise equipment for the town hall: Ms. Rock has asked for an order of up to \$405 for new exercise equipment. There was a motion by Supervisor Wagner approving the purchase and seconded by Chair Ray. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmative. This motion carried unanimously.

Review new payroll processing with the Board: Hanson presented a new payroll processing document for the Board to review. Payroll will be processed twice per month. Timesheets are due the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month and payroll will be processed the next day. Correspondence: The correspondence was read by Chair Ray. There were 16 total received: 7 mail and 9 emails. Reports: Roads report March 2022: Chair Ray reported the roads are in good condition. Fire Department report for March 2022: Supervisor Wagner reported there were ten calls in March. They included eight medical calls, one structure fire, and one automatic fire alarm. Seven members participated in the Pipeline Safety/Hazardous Materials class. Two members participated in a Firewise class, and two members participated in a Funeral Operations class. The Annual Fishing Opener Pancake Breakfast will be held on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> from 7AM – Noon at the Community Center. Cemetery report for March 2022: Supervisor Rapp stated the cemetery will open at the end of the month. Parks and Recreation report for March 2022: Chair Ray reported he called Steve Happy to remove the portable potty from the skating rink area. Supervisor Cich reported the playground equipment will be installed the first week of June. Chair Ray and Supervisor Cich will be working on the grounds before placement. The climbing apparatus is enroute to the town hall. Community Center & Pavilion report for March 2022: Supervisor Cich reported the digital sign will be installed towards the end of April. Vessel Construction will be working on the windows beginning next week. Chair Ray is working with the electrician to get the griddles working. Zoom connections: Supervisor Cich and Chair Ray are still working on it. Recycling report for March 2022: Supervisor Pawlowicz reported the center is operating very well. Hazardous Waste Day: Supervisor Pawlowicz reported hazardous waste day will not be held this year. Supervisor Pawlowicz reported she had been contacted by the shredding company asking if the town was interested in providing this service in 2022. It was Board consensus not to provide the service this year. Other Meetings for March 2022: Chair Ray attended the March 17, 2022, DAT meeting. Preparedness Plan Update for March 2022: Chair Ray reported there was nothing new to report. Open Forum: Ms. Bell talked about the town setting up a Next Door account for the township. Old Business: Dam Lighting: Supervisor Pawlowicz spoke with the candidates running for sheriff. They were interested in working with MN Power. Welcome Signs at Fredenberg entrances: Supervisor Cich reported the signs are in place. This item will be removed from old business as it is completed. Update on Exterior digital sign: See above under Community Center report. Update on Town hall window replacements: See above under Community Center report. New Business: Quotes for 2022 season township mowing: There were two quotes received. One from Don Olson and one from Mike Letica. There was a motion by Chair Ray to accept the quote by Mike Letica for 2022 mowing and seconded by Supervisor Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmative. This motion carried unanimously. Quotes for 2022 season road work: There was one quote received. It was from Lakehead Trucking. There was a motion by Supervisor Rapp to accept the 2022 quote from Lakehead Trucking for road work and seconded by Supervisor Wagner. There was a roll call vote and Ray, Pawlowicz, Rapp, and Wagner signified affirmative. This motion carried. Supervisor Cich abstained from voting. Hazardous Waste Day: Supervisor Pawlowicz reported above under Recycling report. Township Powers and Fredenberg's future: Supervisor Pawlowicz presented handouts to the Board for discussion. She suggested a committee be formed to look at township powers. Melissa Bell talked about looking at what would be best for township zoning through township ordinances or resolutions. There are issues with Minnesota Power selling off land and the County not following through with the townships wishes. The Board took no action. Local Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting will be held on May 18, 2022, from 1-2 PM. It is an Open Book meeting with the County. Second monthly Board meeting for April 20, 2022: There was a motion by Supervisor Rapp not to have the second monthly meeting and seconded by Supervisor Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmative. This motion carried unanimously. Adjourn: There was a motion by Chair Ray to adjourn meeting at 8:45 PM and seconded Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmative. This motion carried unanimously.

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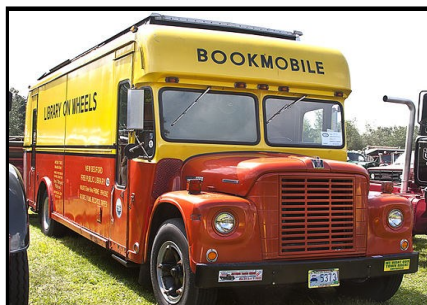
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