

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

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

Others in Attendance: There were 13 others in attendance and 2 via Zoom.

This was a hybrid meeting which was held in-person with a Zoom connection.

- 1. Call to order the Regular meeting:** 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 Chair Ray to approve the agenda and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously
- 4. Open Forum**
 - Chair Ray talked about maintaining the skating rink. He suggested there be a volunteer pool of residents to assist with the rink. There is a need to replace all the boards with either wood, other material, or a berm. Plans should be made to turn the area over for recreational use. The Board had a discussion on volunteers maintaining the rink/ice. It was recommended to purchase a power sweeper combined with a snowblower for smooth quality ice. There was a motion by Supervisor Cich to purchase a 36-inch power sweeper, preferable an Ariens, from \$3,000-\$4,000 and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously. Shawn Reinarz and Andy Olson, volunteers were present and spoke to the board about recruiting volunteers to assist with the skating rink.
- 5. Approval of the Minutes**
 - Regular meeting of August 3, 2022: There was a motion by Supervisor Rapp to accept the August 3, 2022, Board of Supervisors meeting minutes as amended and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously. Amended under reports: from July to August. Amendment under public comment, second sentence should read as follows: Anderson asked why Matthew Johnson was at the Board meeting and why he did not stay very long to field questions. Chair Ray responded Mr. Johnson has been cautious about communication while the past litigation was in process.
- 6. Treasurers Report – Pam Blekestad**
 - Blekestad reported the Clerk and Treasurer balance with the bank. She has been trying to contact the bank regarding fees. There was a motion by Chair Ray to approve the Treasurer's report and seconded by Supervisor Cich. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously.
- 7. Clerks Report – Ellen Hanson**
 - Hanson presented the Schedule 1 and Cash control statement for Board review.
 - The Board reviewed the claims list. There was motion by Chair Ray to pay claims 10474, 10492-10503, 10517, 10519-10526, for a total of \$32,714.99 and seconded by Supervisor Cich. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously.
 - Hanson stated she had appointed Kim Wagner as Deputy Clerk. The Board had a discussion on the appointment of the deputy clerk. There was a motion by Chair Ray to set the hourly rate of pay at \$21 for the deputy clerk and seconded by Supervisor Rapp. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives with Supervisor Wagner recusing himself. This motion carried. Wagner recused himself due to the conflict of interest.
- 7. Correspondence**
 - The correspondence was read by Clerk Hanson. There were 15 total received: 5 mail and 10

emails.

8. Reports

- a. Roads report August 2022:
 - Chair Ray reported there were a few culverts installed.
 - The last calcium chloride application was applied on Usiak and East Cook Lake Roads.
- b. Fire Department report for August 2022:
 - Supervisor Wagner gave the Fire Department report from the Chief.
 - There were 11 calls in the past month.
 - The electrical issues with the well were fixed.
- c. Cemetery report for August 2022:
 - Supervisor Rapp stated the grass is growing from the seeding earlier in the summer.
- d. Parks and Recreation report for August 2022:
 - Chair Ray talked about the playground.
 - Chair Ray stated Gunner Johnson, Attorney, continues to work on the agreement/contract with Reservoir Riders.
 - The work on the berm at the sliding hill continues. He recommended another sign be installed to help prevent 4-wheel riders from riding on the hill.
 - The Board discussed the property taxes owed on the property occupied by Reservoir Riders. There was a motion by Supervisor Cich to pay all the property taxes due on the property occupied by Reservoir Riders and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously. Clerk Hanson will verify the amount of taxes owed and send out the check.
- e. Community Center & Pavilion report for August 2022:
 - Supervisor Cich reported on the window repair project. The contractor could not get the hardware to complete the project. He will meet with the business owner to discuss the parts that were not installed and the painting that hasn't been completed.
 - The custodian cleaned all the carpets.
 - Security mailbox: Clerk Hanson will send the link to Supervisor Cich to review for purchase. She will also contact the Post Office in regard to relocation of the town's box.
 - The electrician put up motion detector lighting.
- f. Recycling report for August 2022:
 - Supervisor Pawlowicz reported the Center is operating very well.
- g. Other Meetings for August 2022: DAT meeting was attended by Chair Ray and Clerk Hanson. Vic Lund gave a presentation on road signs. Supervisor Cich attended the County Commissioners meeting regarding gravel pit inspections.

9. Old Business:

- a. County Gravel Pit inspections: Chair Ray stated Matthew Johnson had sent a report on the inspections and it was in Board packets.
- b. Key Policy: Hanson present the key policy. There was a motion by Chair Ray to approve the key policy and seconded by Supervisor Cich. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously.
- c. Rental Agreement: Hanson presented a revised rental agreement for the Board to review. There was a motion by Supervisor Cich and seconded by Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously.
- d. Township Snow removal for 2022-2023 season: Hanson reported there was one quote received from Top Notch Home Furnishing. There was a motion by Supervisor Rapp to accept the Top Notch Home Furnishing quote for the town's 2022-2023 snow removal and seconded by Supervisor Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously.

10. New Business

- a. Resolution to accept Neighborhood Night Out donations: The Board discussed if there was a need to have a resolution as neighbors and businesses donated to the event directly. Clerk Hanson will seek advice from the MAT attorneys and report back next month.
- b. Second monthly Board meeting for September 21, 2022: There was a motion by Chair Ray not to have a second meeting and seconded by Supervisor Rapp. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously.

11. Adjourn

- a. There was a motion by Chair Ray to adjourn meeting at 8:39 PM and seconded by Supervisor Cich. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Hanson

Ellen Hanson
Clerk

Jim Ray

James Ray
Board Chair