

The regular Board meeting of the Town of Fredenberg, Minnesota, St. Louis County was held in the Fredenberg Town Hall on Wednesday, July 6, 2022, at 7:00 PM.

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

**Others in Attendance:** There were 12 others in attendance and 1 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 as amended and seconded by Supervisor Wagner. Add under New Business: Neighborhood Night Out and take Dam lighting off agenda. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously.

Guest Speaker: Matthew Johnson, Director of Planning and Community Development, St. Louis County (SLC). Mr. Johnson is present at the request of the Board to discuss gravel pit inspections. He stated 14 pits were site inspected in the past. The SLC ordinance allows for a conditional use permit (CUP) for gravel pits. There have been amendments to the ordinance over time. Today's standards are not the same for SLC nor are they what Fredenberg used in the past. Inspections are made when the pit operator request it and when there are complaints. Johnson asked "What does Fredenberg want from him? Is the goal to look at all 14 pits?" Chair Ray responded that the inspections occur with the active pits and conformity with the CUP; and the inactive pits that are reclaimed. Supervisor Pawlowicz agreed with Chair Ray's comment. Johnson presented map references to the 14 pits and the Board reviewed them. The Board gave directions to Johnson to inspect active, inactive, and if they were inactive then were they reclaimed pits. Johnson was asked if Supervisors could accompany him during inspection. He responded negative. Johnson will send a monthly email reporting on his inspections. There have not been official inspections done on any pits. The reason is that the County is being sued and he could not respond to back to the Board. He will try to finish the inspections by the end of this year.

**4. Approval of the Minutes**

- Regular meeting of June 1, 2022: There was a motion by Chair Ray to accept the June 1, 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 Public Forum: change Snowbird Willy to Snowbird Willies and under cemetery second bullet 142 change to 141.

**5. Treasurers Report – Pam Blekestad**

- Blekestad reported the Clerk and Treasurer balance with the bank. She presented the Schedule 1, Cash control statement. There was a motion by Supervisor Rapp to approve the bank statement, cash control and Schedule 1 and seconded by Supervisor Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously.

**6. Clerks Report – Ellen Hanson**

- The Board reviewed the claims list. There was motion by Chair Ray to pay claims 10430-10439, 10452-10460 for a total of \$100,412.17 withhold check for Vessel until the work is completed and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously.
- Hanson stated that part of the recycling grant is the expectation the Town contributes to the Recycling Center as they see fit. Currently, the recycling fund has a deficit of \$2,379.81. She recommended the Board authorize the transfer of this amount out of the general fund to the recycling fund. There was a motion by Supervisor Pawlowicz authorizing the transfer of \$2,379.81 from General fund to Recycling fund and seconded by Chair Ray. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously.

- Request to approve the election judges for the 2022 Primary and General elections. There was a motion by Chair Ray to approve the list of election judges and seconded by Supervisor Rapp. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously.
- Filing for candidacy will begin August 2 and continue through August 16 at 5:00PM.
- Hanson reported incoming monies for July: second disbursement of ARPA funds is \$73,328.38; first half property taxes, \$215,145.23; and first half property taxes correction, \$1,046.04.

**7. Correspondence**

- The correspondence was read by Chair Ray. There were 16 total received: 6 mail and 10 emails. Plus, one received today from Duluth Area Townships (DAT); notice of annual BBQ on August 11, 2022, to be held at Rice Lake Town Hall, beginning at 6:00 PM followed by the meeting.

**8. Reports**

- a. Roads report June 2022:
  - Chair Ray reported this is a busy time of year.
  - Calcium Chloride, for dust control was delivered and spread on a few roads. The second shipment will be forthcoming.
- b. Fire Department report for June 2022:
  - Supervisor Wagner reported in June, there were 4 calls medical, one grass fire, one mutual aid.
  - Annual pump testing was completed.
- c. Cemetery report for June 2022:
  - Supervisor Rapp stated he had 4 people contact him to purchase lots.
- d. Parks and Recreation report for June 2022:
  - Chair Ray talked about the landscaping for the new playground. Volunteers are needed to help with this project. Work may begin on July 13.
  - Installation of playground equipment may happen on July 11-12.
- e. Community Center & Pavilion report for June 2022:
  - Chair Ray reported the new Zoom equipment was installed.
  - Chair Ray reported on the window repair project. There are missing parts and painting that hasn't been completed. He requested the check be held until final completion of the project. There was consensus of the Board to hold the check.
- f. Recycling report for June 2022:
  - Supervisor Pawlowicz reported the Center is operating very well.
  - There is an issue with the bins and locks. WLSSD has been contacted to resolve the issue.
  - Supervisor Pawlowicz thanked Supervisor Rapp for repairing the door trim on the recycling building.
  - The garden is good looking. There was a question about how one would join the club?
- g. Other Meetings for June 2022: Chair Ray and Supervisor Cich attended the County Commissioners meeting.
- h. Preparedness Plan Update for May 2022:
  - Chair Ray reported there was nothing new to report.

**9. Open Forum**

- Pam Blekestad had a letter from a resident regarding mowing of the baseball field. Chair Ray has taken care of this issue.
- Guest speaker: Andrea Zupanich, is a State Senate District 3 candidate. She is the current Babbitt Mayor and realtor, and co-owner of Zups grocery store.

**10. Old Business:**

- a. Boat launch Lighting/Dam Lighting: Supervisor Pawlowicz requested this item be taken off the agenda. Approved.

- b. Discussion on no wake zone for lakes. Wagner talked to the DNR they are not responsible rather the sheriff's office is responsible. It is a difficult situation to monitor. It was suggested that Mr. Lukovsky, Undersheriff, be contacted as he is a Fredenberg resident.

**11. New Business**

- a. Notice for Township Roadside/Ditch mowing: There was a motion by Chair Ray to approve the notice being published and seconded by Supervisor Rapp. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously.
- b. Neighborhood Night Out: Supervisor Pawlowicz talked about Neighborhood Night Out on August 2, 2022. Supervisor Pawlowicz recommended that the Board approve the purchases to spend on NNO. It was Board consensus to allow Supervisor Pawlowicz to purchase up to \$2,000 for food & drinks, matchbox cars, rent a bouncy house, rent a popcorn machine, and purchase bags, but no big prizes.
- c. Second monthly Board meeting for July 20, 2022: It was Board consensus not to have the second monthly meeting.

**12. Adjourn**

- a. There was a motion by Rapp to adjourn meeting at 8:55 PM and seconded by Supervisor Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ellen Hanson  
Clerk

*Jim Ray*

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Board Chair