

The regular Board meeting of the Town of Fredenberg, Minnesota, St. Louis County was held in the Fredenberg Town Hall on Wednesday, August 3, 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 9 others in attendance and 0 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 Old Business: County Pit inspections. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of the Minutes

- Regular meeting of July 6, 2022: There was a motion by Chair Rapp to accept the July 6, 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 Guest Speaker: change sentence beginning with The Board gave directions to; The Board gave directions to Johnson “to inspect active, inactive, and if they were inactive then are they reclaimed”. Add sentences “Johnson was asked if Supervisors could accompany him during inspections. He responded negative.”

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 Chair Ray to approve the bank statement, cash control and Schedule 1 and seconded by Supervisor Rapp. 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 Supervisor Rapp to pay claims 10461-10471, for a total of \$19,945.75 and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. Void the Doucette claim of \$570.03, Supervisor Pawlowicz paid directly, and add claim for Lakehead trucking. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously.
- Hanson stated there was a special event liquor license from Eagle’s Nest Resort for August 24 or August 25, in case of rain, for a car show. There was a motion by Supervisor Cich and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. 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.

7. Correspondence

- The correspondence was read by Chair Ray. There were 16 total received: 6 mail and 10 emails.

8. Reports

a. Roads report July 2022:

- Chair Ray reported road work continues and most roads are holding up well. There was a wash out.
- Chair Ray has been working on brushing and a few trees have been removed.
- Culvert on West Island Lake Road was installed.
- There was a couch and chair that was dumped on a road. Supervisor Cich will dispose of the items.

b. Fire Department report for July 2022:

- Supervisor Wagner reported there was not report from the Chief. He thanked the Department for being at Neighborhood Night Out (NNO).
- c. Cemetery report for July 2022:
 - Supervisor Rapp stated he had 4 people contact him to purchase lots.
 - Request from Sandra & Timothy Rock for lot 99. There was a motion by Supervisor Rapp and seconded by Supervisor Cich. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously.
 - Request form Marsh Jones for her brother, William Smith, for lot 121. There was a motion by Supervisor Rapp and seconded by Chair Ray. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously.
- d. Parks and Recreation report for July 2022:
 - Chair Ray talked about the landscaping for the new playground. Supervisor Rapp assisted Chair Ray with the work and a few volunteers.
 - 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 exercise club will volunteer with the distribution of sand for the new playground equipment.
 - Installation of playground equipment may happen on August 4-5. After installation, the sand will then be added.
- e. Community Center & Pavilion report for July 2022:
 - Supervisor Cich reported the new Zoom equipment was installed.
 - Supervisor Cich reported on the window repair project. They cannot get the hardware at this time. He will meet with the business owner to discuss the parts that were not installed and the painting that hasn't been completed.
 - NNO: Supervisor Pawlowicz reported the event was successful. They served a record number of hot dogs. There were left over cookies that will be donated to the election judges.
 - Building keys: There is a concern about buildings keys being held at the Minno-ette. Hanson will develop the policy. Supervisor Cich will look into a locked box.
 - Old marquee signs: Chair Ray reported there has not been any queries to purchase the old sign and letters. M. Bell will check with the church. It was suggested if there is no interest then lower the price.
- f. Recycling report for July 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. WLSSD will talk to the driver. Chair Ray stated the drivers should unlock the pad locks and they haven't been doing it.
 - Supervisor Pawlowicz thanked Supervisor Rapp for repairing the door trim on the recycling building.
 - The garden is looking good. There was a question about how one would join the club?
- g. Other Meetings for July 2022: Supervisor Cich attended the County Commissioners meeting regarding gravel pit inspections. He had talked with Johnson about not attending the Board meeting. Supervisor Pawlowicz asked about Supervisors accompanying County staff during the inspections. It could happen if they had a certified person with them. She read a letter that she will be sending to the County Commissioners and asked the Board to support her letter. The Board discussed the contents of the letter. There was agreement to support the inspection section of the letter, but not the sections talking about Supervisors attending the inspections.
- h. Preparedness Plan Update for July 2022:
 - Chair Ray reported there was nothing new to report. There was a motion by Supervisor

Pawlowicz to remove this item from the agenda and seconded by Supervisor Cich. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously.

9. Open Forum

- Bruce Anderson: He complimented the successful NNO. He suggested for next year the town hall history booklet be available. 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.
- Anderson asked about township powers and what will the Board do about it?

10. Old Business:

- a. County Gravel Pit inspections: Chair Ray read, in part, the email from Matthew Johnson regarding progress on the gravel pit inspections. According to a phone call from Johnson, Chair Ray said Johnson had spoken with the County Attorney about how much information he can divulge due to the litigation. Since the litigation has settled, he is able to give more data.

11. New Business

- a. Notice for Township Roadside/Ditch mowing: There was a motion by Chair Ray to approve the quote from Rodda for roadside mowing and seconded by Supervisor Cich. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously.
- b. Request Snow Plowing Quotes: There was a motion by Supervisor Cich to move forward with requesting quotes and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously.
- c. Second monthly Board meeting for July 20, 2022: There was a motion by Chair Ray not to have a second meeting and seconded by Supervisor Cich. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously.

12. 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,

Ellen Hanson
Clerk

James Ray
Board Chair