

The regular Board meeting of the Town of Fredenberg, Minnesota, St. Louis County was held in the Fredenberg Town Hall on Wednesday, October 5, 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 17 others in attendance and none on 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 Cich. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously.
4. **Open Forum**
 - There were no speakers.
5. **Approval of the Minutes**
 - Regular meeting of September 7, 2022: There was a motion by Chair Ray to accept the September 7, 2022, Board of Supervisors meeting minutes as amended and seconded by Supervisor Cich. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously. Amendments to the minutes are: Add Supervisor Cich as present at the meeting; Under open forum add Shawn Reinarz and Andy Olson, volunteers, spoke to the Board about the skating rink maintenance and making ice.
6. **Treasurers Report – Pam Blekestad**
 - Blekestad reported the Clerk and Treasurer balance with the bank. There was a motion by Supervisor Cich to approve the Treasurer's report and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously.
 - Blekestad has been communicating with Wells Fargo about correcting signatures on the bank account.
 - The CD's held at NBC will renew in March 2023.
7. **Clerks Report – Ellen Hanson**
 - Hanson presented the Cash control statement for Board review.
 - The Board reviewed the claims list. There was motion by Chair Ray to pay claims 10528-10532, 10551-10555, for a total of \$1,838.96 and seconded by Supervisor Cich. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously.
 - Hanson stated she had certified the levy with the County.
 - Hanson requested a policy/procedure for the digital town sign that will outline the messages that are put on it. Clerk Hanson will check with other townships for a policy.
7. **Correspondence**
 - The correspondence was read by Clerk Hanson. There were 12 total received: 3 mail and 9 emails.
8. **Reports**
 - a. Roads report September 2022:
 - Chair Ray reported that Beaver River Road was graded.
 - b. Fire Department report for September 2022:
 - Supervisor Wagner read the Fire Department report from the Chief.
 - There were 9 calls in September for fire, medical, public assist, and mutual aid.
 - Training for September included landing zone, missing person search, planning and practicing GPS use.
 - The annually required hoses and ladders was completed.

- The department is hosting the Fire Prevention/Halloween open house on October 23 from 2-4 PM Annual Trunk and Treat. Their ad will be placed in the newsletter and a notice on the digital sign.
- c. Cemetery report for September 2022:
 - Supervisor Rapp stated the cemetery will be open 2 more weeks. The grass is green and looks beautiful.
- d. Parks and Recreation report for September 2022:
 - Chair Ray ordered the sweeper for the skating/hockey rink. Volunteers helped with the rink's boards. There is a need for push shovels. Permission by the Board to approve the purchase of the shovels. Chair Ray put a lock box on the shed for building and water keys.
 - The work on the berm at the sliding hill continues.
 - Chair Ray stated Gunnar Johnson, Attorney, continues to work on the agreement/contract with Reservoir Riders.
 - Property taxes for the building the Reservoir Riders rent: The Board discussed the past and future payments of the property taxes. The issue will be addressed in the new contract. The Board recently paid the back taxes. Supervisor Cich stated the paperwork needs to be filled out by the club in order to proceed.
- e. Community Center & Pavilion report for September 2022:
 - Security mailbox: Clerk Hanson ordered a new town security mailbox. She also contacted the Post Office in regard to relocation of the town's mailbox and has not heard back from them.
 - No rentals in September and so far in October there are two.
 - Supervisor Rapp questioned if the Vessel bill was revised with deductions for painting not completed and new hardware not added. Supervisor Cich will talk with the contractor.
- f. Recycling report for September 2022:
 - Supervisor Pawlowicz reported the Center is operating very well.
- g. Other Meetings for September 2022: Supervisor Cich attended three County Commissioners meetings regarding gravel pit inspections. Supervisor Pawlowicz stated she had attended some of the Commissioners meetings. Chair Ray had attended a Commissioners meeting in June.
- h. Dan Svercl spoke to the Board about supervisors speaking at the Commissioners meetings.
- i. Kathy Peterson spoke to the Board about supervisors speaking at the Commissioners meetings.
- j. Ann Cich spoke to the Board about supervisors speaking at the Commissions meetings.

9. Old Business:

- a. County Gravel Pit inspections update: Chair Ray stated Matthew Johnson had sent a report on the inspections and it was in Board packets. Chair Ray explained the inspection process and results.

10. New Business

- a. Update on Resolution to accept Neighborhood Night Out donations: Clerk Hanson reported there is a state statue for National Night Out. She stated there is no need for a resolution accepting the donations as they were not funneled through the town.
- b. Head/foot stone in recycling building: The stone is for Art Weller. Supervisor Rapp will check the cemetery for a grave marker for him.
- c. Demolition Landfills: Supervisor Cich suggested there be a Resolution addressing the prohibition of demolition landfills of any type in the township. Chair Ray will research and gather more information on demolition landfills and so will Supervisor Pawlowicz.
- d. Second monthly Board meeting for October 19, 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.
- E. Fire department Report by Linda Bergstrand: The fire department is requesting an increase in their PERA funding to \$1,800 per years of service. The Board had a discussion on the liability for the

town. She will send the PERA financial reports to forward to the Board for review. An approved Board resolution is required if the increase is approved. The Board will take action at the next meeting.

11. Adjourn

- a. There was a motion by Chair Ray to adjourn meeting at 8:35 PM and seconded by Supervisor Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Hanson
Clerk
Kim Wagner
Deputy Clerk

James Ray
Board Chair

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