

The regular Board meeting of the Town of Fredenberg, Minnesota, St. Louis County was held in the Fredenberg Town Hall on Wednesday, November 2, 2022, at 7:00 PM.

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

Others in Attendance: There were 24 others in attendance and 4 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 Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously.
4. **Open Forum**
 - Diane Palmstein thanked Jim Ray for his many years of service to the township.
 - Kathy Pearson asked the Board about the County's request for Board approval that the township road she lives on will sustained use for the wedding venue. Chair Ray had recently been on the road and stated it was in good shape and will sustain usage for this venue.
 - Chris Older requested more information on the gravel pit issue.
5. **Approval of the Minutes**
 - Regular meeting of October 5, 2022: There was a motion by Chair Ray to accept the October 5, 2022, Board of Supervisors meeting minutes as presented and seconded by Supervisor Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously.
6. **Treasurers Report – Pam Blekestad**
 - Blekestad reported the Clerk and Treasurer balance with the bank. There was a motion by Chair Ray to approve the Treasurer's report and seconded by Supervisor Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously.
 - Blekestad has been working with an NBC bank representative to renew the CDs at highest interest rate. Chair Ray made a motion to renew all 3 CDs at the higher rate for seven months and seconded by Supervisor Rapp. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously.
7. **Clerks Report – Ellen Hanson**
 - Hanson presented the Cash control statement for Board review.
 - The Board reviewed the claims list. There was a motion by Chair Ray to pay claims 10556-10565 for a total of \$14,459.74 and seconded by Supervisor Rapp. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously.
 - Hanson stated she had attended more election training for write-in votes.
 - Hanson reported she could not find a nearby township with a digital sign policy. She would be willing to draft a policy.
7. **Correspondence**
 - The correspondence was read by Clerk Hanson. There were 13 total received: 1 mail and 12 emails. Hanson recommended the email correspondence not be printed, instead email when requested. The Board approved.
8. **Reports**
 - a. Roads report October 2022:
 - Chair Ray reported the roads are good condition. There was a discussion about the cash control report regarding the road pavement/repair/replacement fund and the corresponding CD.

- Road pavement/repair/replacement fund: Chair Ray stated \$115,000 was spent on roads this year. The cash control report shows a higher amount of \$118,392. He recommended the remaining \$35,000 be transferred to this fund. There was a motion by Chair Ray to transfer the \$17,000 and the \$35,000 into the CD for Road pavement/repair/replacement fund and seconded by Supervisor Rapp. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously.
- b. Fire Department report for October 2022:
 - Supervisor Wagner read the Fire Department Report from the Chief.
 - There were 5 calls in October for fire & medical.
 - Training for October included CPR training,
 - Chief Bergstrand discussed the possibility of dispersing funds to the department once per year instead of twice a year. The Board had a discussion about this matter and decided to table discussion until next month.
- c. Cemetery report for October 2022:
 - Supervisor Rapp stated the cemetery is closed.
- d. Parks and Recreation report for October 2022:
 - Chair Ray stated Carlson-Duluth will wire the thermostat.
 - 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 granted by the Board to approve the purchase of the shovels. Chair Ray put a lock box on the shed for building and water keys.
 - Chair Ray stated Gunnar Johnson, Attorney, continues to work on the management agreement with Reservoir Riders.
- e. Community Center & Pavilion report for October 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.
- f. Recycling report for October 2022:
 - Supervisor Pawlowicz was absent therefore there was no report.
- g. Other Meetings for October 2022: Chair Ray attended the DAT meeting.

9. Old Business:

- a. County Gravel Pit inspections update: Chair Ray stated Matthew Johnson had sent a report on the pit inspections and it was in the Board packets. Chair Ray explained the inspection process and results. He went on to state the County complied with the township goals to do proper inspections of the gravel pits that were agreed upon. There was a motion by Supervisor Wagner to accept the report from St Louis County on gravel pit inspections and that they were all inspected in a timely manner and this puts the gravel pit issue to rest, and seconded by Chair Ray. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously.
- b. Demolition landfills: Chair Ray explained the process for demolition refills. This item will be removed from the agenda.
- c. Resolution 20221102 increases PERA benefits for Fire department members: The Board discussed the resolution. There was a motion by Chair Ray to accepted Resolution 20221102 and seconded by Supervisor Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously.

10. New Business

- a. Board of Canvas meeting for November 16, 2022, 7:00 PM. There was a motion by Chair Ray to have the meeting on November 16 at 7:00 PM and seconded by Supervisor Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously.

- b. Resident requested that there could be a guest password for those that rent the building. Clerk Hanson will look into the request.

11. Adjourn

- a. There was a motion by Supervisor Wagner to adjourn meeting at 8:25 PM and seconded by Chair Ray. 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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