

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

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

Others in Attendance: There were 16 others in attendance and 2 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. Chair Ray requested suspension of the agenda to allow Gunnar Johnson, town attorney, address the Board on the Reservoir Riders management agreement. It was Board consensus to suspend the agenda.
- 4.** Chair Ray gave a background of the progress to date to obtain an agreement. Gunnar Johnson continued to inform the Board of the importance to take immediate action to complete the agreement. He recommended the Board approve the Reservoir Riders new land management agreement to conclude this business. Chair Ray made a motion to approve the new Reservoir Riders management agreement and seconded by Supervisor Cich. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously.
- 5. Open Forum**

Melissa Bell stated the Santa Breakfast was a success, serving 77 kids. She suggested if someone feels they are being harassed in the township to contact the County sheriff. She shared her notes on the gravel pit inspections.
- 6. Approval of the Minutes**
 - Regular meeting of November 2, 2022: There was a motion by Chair Ray to accept the November 2, 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. Amended under Road repair and replacement fund, add \$17,000 transfer approved from last year; and add under attendance; Supervisor Pawlowicz was on Zoom until the connection was lost.
 - Board of Canvas Meeting of November 16, 2022: There was a motion by Chair Ray to accept the Board of Canvass meeting minutes of November 16th, 2022 and seconded by Supervisor Rapp. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously.
- 7. Treasurers Report – Pam Blekestad**
 - Blekestad was absent. Clerk Hanson reported the Clerk balances with the bank. 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.
 - The Road and Bridge fund balance is \$53,000.
 - Clerk Hanson reported for Treasurer Blekestad that the Certificates of Deposit (CD) have been transferred to a higher interest rate CD.
- 8. Clerks Report – Ellen Hanson**
 - Clerk Hanson presented the Cash control statement for Board review.
 - The Board reviewed the claims list. There was a motion by Supervisor Cich to pay claims 10556-10565 for a total of \$14,459.74 and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously.
 - Resolution to approve the town hall as the polling place for 2023: Clerk Hanson explained this is a mandatory resolution required by election law. There was a motion by Supervisor Cich to approve

this resolution and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously.

- Hanson asked the Board if there was an interest in sponsoring a movie night for children at the town hall. It will be attempted in January.
- Hanson asked the office hours to be reduced for the winter. The Board agreed to reduce the office from Noon-5:30 PM to Noon-4:00 PM.

7. Correspondence

- Chair Ray read the correspondence. There were 13 total received: 1 mail and 12 emails.

8. Reports

- a. Roads report November 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. Hanson reported she has not received instructions from the Treasurer to make the adjustments of transfers.
- b. Fire Department report for November 2022:
 - Supervisor Wagner read the Fire Department Report from the Chief.
 - There were 12 calls in November for fire & medical.
 - Training for November included 3 members participating in CPR training.
- c. Cemetery report for November 2022:
 - Supervisor Rapp stated the cemetery has been closed for the winter.
- d. Parks and Recreation report for November 2022:
 - Tarps will be disposed/repurposed to make room for the new sweeper.
 - A new hose and shovels were purchased for the rink.
 - Flooding has started at the rink.
 - A port-a-potty was placed at the sledding hill.
- e. Community Center & Pavilion report for November 2022:
 - Hanson reported there are a few rentals for December.
 - Chair Ray talked about the back flow preventer leaking. It should be checked often. He suggested the countertop in the kitchen be replaced and purchase a smaller griddle. trim on lower outside boards from weed cutter.
- f. Recycling report for November 2022:
 - Recycling Center is operating well.
 - Clam shell containers are not recyclable. Better signage is needed.
- g. Other Meetings for November 2022: Chair Ray and Supervisor Rapp attended the County Board meeting on November 15th.

9. Old Business:

- a. Chief Bergstrand discussed the possibility of dispersing funds to the department in January and July instead of July and December/January. It was Board consensus to pay out in January and July.

10. New Business

- a. Reservoir Riders Club Grant Contract agreement. An approved resolution is needed for this pass-through grant. There was a motion by Chair Ray to accepted Resolution 20221102-07 and seconded by Supervisor Cich. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously.
- b. The Board agreed to pursue the purchase of a new mailing list from Barcode Plus.

11. Adjourn

- a. There was a motion by Chair Ray to adjourn meeting at 8:30 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
Kim Wagner
Deputy Clerk

James Ray
Board Chair

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