

The regular Board meeting of the Town of Fredenberg, Minnesota, St. Louis County was held in the Fredenberg Town Hall on Wednesday, March 1, 2023, at 7:00 PM.

Board members present: Chair Tim Wagner, Vice Chair Deb Pawlowicz, Supervisor Jeff Blix, Supervisor Clay Cich, Supervisor Walter Rapp, Clerk Ellen Hanson, Deputy Clerk Kim Wagner, and Treasurer Pam Blekestad.

Others in Attendance: There were 6 others in attendance.

1. **Call to order the Regular meeting:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Wagner 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 Supervisor Blix to approve the agenda and seconded by Chair Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously.
4. **Open Forum:**
 - Craig Stevenson spoke to the need for new pickle ball nets. He recommended the purchase of 2 nets that would cost \$901.84. He addressed other issues the with court; cracks on surface and edge trimming resulted in rocks on the court last season. He asked the Board to consider adding signage to deter bikes and skateboards on the court. During their annual tournament, he asked if a food truck could be setup. The Board was supportive of the food truck.
 - There was a motion by Supervisor Pawlowicz to approve the purchase of two pickle ball nets and seconded by Supervisor Rapp. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously.
5. **Approval of the Minutes**
 - Regular meeting of February 01, 2023: Hanson corrected the misspelling of Superintendent Whitwam. There was a motion by Supervisor Rapp to accept the February 1st, 2023 Board of Supervisors meeting minutes as presented and seconded by Supervisor Cich. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously.
6. **Financial Report – Pam Blekestad**
 - Blekestad reported the Clerk balances with the bank, and she does not. She plans to be balanced by the end of March.
 - Blekestad stated she had a meeting with NBC to add \$17,000 from the Roads fund to the current CD's and combining the existing CD's. When they expire in June or July they will be rewritten. She continues to work on getting Town credit cards from NBC.
7. **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 Blix to accept claims 10610-10617 for \$5,701.95 and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously.
8. **Correspondence**
 - Clerk Hanson read the correspondence. There were 10 total received: 3 mail and 7 emails.
9. **Reports**
 - a. Roads report February 2023:
 - Jim Ray and Jeff Blix talked about the road issues/conditions. They are in good condition overall.
 - Attorney Gunnar Johnson emailed the documents for the 8th Avenue Bear Island Lake

- Road. The resolution. is forthcoming.
- b. Fire Department report for February 2023:
- Supervisor Wagner read the Fire Department Report from the Chief. D.G. Solem & Sons was called for boiler repair. The injector pump failed; it may be under warranty.
 - Rex Greenwall, firefighter, can install a surge protector for future protection.
 - There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to install a surge protector and fix the pump and seconded by Supervisor Cich. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried was unanimously.
 - There were 9 calls in January.
- c. Cemetery report for February 2023:
- Supervisor Rapp stated the cemetery remains closed.
- d. Parks and Recreation report for February 2023:
- Supervisor Blix reported the skating rink looks great.
 - Quotes were submitted from BAP for new rink boards. The quotes ranged from \$42,690 to \$86,982 plus installation. Supervisor Rapp had a conversation with the Hermantown Schools Superintendent Wittwam discussing their arena boards. The city has not received the monetary commitments at this time for their new arena. It will be some time before they know what will happen with their old boards.
- e. Community Center & Pavilion report for February 2023:
- Clerk Hanson stated there were no rentals for January.
 - Supervisor Cich recommended the purchase of a griddle for the kitchen that plugs in to 110 electric outlets. Supervisor Pawlowicz made a motion to purchase a griddle and seconded by Supervisor Blix. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.
- f. Recycling report for February 2023:
- Supervisor Pawlowicz reported the Recycling Center is operating well.

10. Other Meetings for February 2023:

- None

11. Old Business: None

12. New Business:

- Annual meeting agenda: The draft agenda was discussed by the Board.
- Board of Audit meeting: The BOA meeting will reconvene after the March 1 board meeting.

13. Adjourn

- a. There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 PM and seconded by Chair Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Hanson, Clerk
Kim Wagner, Deputy Clerk

Tim Wagner
Board Chair