

The regular Board meeting of the Town of Fredenberg, Minnesota, St. Louis County was held in the Fredenberg Town Hall on Wednesday, April 5, 2023, at 7:00 PM.

- 1. 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.
- 2. Others in Attendance:** There were 19 others in attendance.
- 3. Call to order the Regular meeting:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Wagner at 7:00PM.
- 4. Pledge of allegiance:** All present stood and cited the pledge of allegiance.
- 5. Approval of the Agenda:** There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to approve the agenda and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.
- 6. Open Forum:**
 - Shawn Reinarz: Updated the Board on the outdoor skating rink. There had been volunteers assisting with tasks to remove snow and with flooding. There was a request to update/replace the rink boards and he presented several quoted options to do that. He felt the best option was for \$56,000 to update/replace the boards. The Board had a discussion on how to pay for new boards. No decision was made.
 - Supervisor Pawlowicz suggested the town submit a written request to Reservoir Riders for a donation to purchase outdoor equipment.
 - Melissa Bell thanked the volunteers for assisting with the skating rink.
 - Steve Krasaway: Updated the Board and residents on the new road construction happening in 2024 in Fredenberg township. He handed out his power point presentation for all to review.
- 7. Approval of the Minutes**
 - Regular meeting of March 1st, 2023: There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to accept the March 1st, 2023, Board of Supervisors meeting minutes as presented and seconded by Chair Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.
 - Board of Audit meeting minutes: There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to approve the BOA minutes and seconded by Supervisor Rapp. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.
- 8. Financial Report – Pam Blekestad**
 - Blekestad reported the Clerk balances with the bank, and she does not. She has been working on getting township credit cards with the National Bank of Commerce.
 - She has completed the disclosure report.
- 9. 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 10644-10652 for \$3,430.88 and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.
 - Township insurance through MATIT sent a report to review the town's insurance coverages and deductibles. After the discussion the Board agreed to keep amounts the same as last year. There was a motion by Supervisor Cich to keep the coverages and deductibles as reported by MATIT and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.

10. Correspondence

- Clerk Hanson read the correspondence. There were 33 total received: 6 mail and 27 emails.

11. Reports

- a. Roads report March 2023:
 - Jim Ray and Supervisor Blix talked about the road issues/conditions. They are in good condition overall.
 - They are checking on crack repair for roads to see what will work best.
- b. Fire Department report for March 2023:
 - Supervisor Wagner read the Fire Department Report from the Chief.
 - There were 2 calls in March. 1 medical and 1 rescue call.
 - Members were trained on mental health resilience and truck driving.
 - The new inductor motor was installed in the gas boiler at fire hall. It was under warranty.
 - Grant for wildfire areas: The department is looking into grants to assist with wildfires.
- c. Cemetery report for March 2023:
 - Supervisor Rapp stated the cemetery remains closed.
- d. Parks and Recreation report for March 2023:
 - Supervisor Blix reported the skating rink looks great. The rink is closed down for season.
- e. Community Center & Pavilion report for March 2023:
 - Clerk Hanson stated there were no rentals for March and only one in April.
 - There was a discussion about replacing the town hall front door/s. Supervisor Cich will contact Minnesota Locksmith about options.
 - Supervisor Rapp reported he had cleared the roof of ice. He discovered a section of the roof (pump house) had been damaged by the weight of the snow. The Board instructed the Clerk to contact the insurance company to report the damage.
 - Supervisor Rapp replaced the water filters at town hall.
- f. Recycling report for March 2023:
 - Supervisor Pawlowicz reported the Recycling Center is operating well.

12. Other Meetings for March 2023:

- There were no other meetings in March.

13. Old Business:

- 8th Ave & West Island Lake Road Resolution 202301: The documents and resolution were received from the town attorney. There was a motion by Supervisor Pawlowicz to accept Resolution 202301 for 8th Ave. and West Island Lake Road and seconded by Supervisor Blix. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.

14. New Business:

- Quotes for township mowing 2023 season: One quote was received from Acts 2. There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to accept the Acts 2 mowing quote and seconded by Chair Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.
- Quotes for 2023 township road work: There was one quote received and it was from Lakehead Trucking. There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to accept the Lakehead Trucking quote and seconded by Supervisor Rapp. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.

- Authorization to solicit quotes for propane: The Board authorized the Clerk to request quotes from four businesses for propane prices. Quotes to be reviewed next month.
- Liquor Licenses approval: Eagle's Nest resort and Hi Banks resort have liquor licenses reports from the town clerk to review.
 - Eagles Nest Resort: There was a motion by Supervisor Cich to approve the liquor license renewal request and seconded by Supervisor Blix. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.
 - Hi Banks Resort: There was a motion by Supervisor Cich to approve the Hi Banks liquor license renewal request and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and four signified affirmatives (Blix, Cich, Pawlowicz, Rapp). This motion was carried. Chair Wagner abstained from voting as he is the owner of the resort.
- CUP LTI Holdings: The CUP will allow the recycling of asphalt and a crusher will be used. There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to send a letter to the County Planning department stating the Board supports the CUP and seconded by Rapp. There was a roll call vote. Supervisor Rapp, yes; Chair Wagner, yes, Supervisor Blix, yes, and Supervisor Pawlowicz, yes. Supervisor Cich, no. This motion carried, 4-1.
- The Board discussed sending a letter to the St. Louis County Commissioners addressing Board members speaking at Commission meetings. There was a motion by Supervisor Blix requesting the Clerk send a letter to the Commissioners about Township Supervisors speaking at their meetings do not represent the township and seconded by Supervisor Rapp. There was a roll call vote. Supervisor Blix, yes; Supervisor Rapp, yes; Chair Wagner, yes. Supervisor Cich, no; Supervisor Pawlowicz, no. This motion was carried, 3-2.
- Local Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting: May 17, 2023, 1-2 PM, open book
- The second monthly Board meeting is April 19, 2023. There was a motion by Supervisor Rapp to not have a second meeting and seconded by Supervisor Blix. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.

15. Adjourn

- There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 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