

The regular Board meeting of the Town of Fredenberg, Minnesota, St. Louis County was held in the Fredenberg Town Hall on Wednesday, May 3, 2023, at 7:00 PM.

- 1. Board members present:** Chair Tim Wagner, Vice Chair Deb Pawlowicz, Supervisor Jeff Blix, Supervisor Walter Rapp, Clerk Ellen Hanson, Deputy Clerk Kim Wagner, and Treasurer Pam Blekestad. Supervisor Cich was absent.
- 2. Others in Attendance:** There were 15 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 Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.
- 6. Open Forum:**
 - Resident Bell spoke in support of new skating rink boards. She asked if a Board member had asked Commissioner Nelson to read the Board's letter out loud at their meeting. No response from the Board.
 - Resident O'Brien spoke about the June Neighborhood community garage sale & flea market. There is a conflict with the dates due to the Hazardous Waste Day at Fredenberg.
 - Resident Olson spoke about replacing the skating rink boards. He asked about a plan for replacements. Supervisor Blix suggested a committee be formed to develop a plan.
 - Resident Ray spoke about replacing the rink boards and the history of replacements. He suggested the volunteers provide the Board with the number of people using the rink and that the Board wait to put money into the boards until there is a definite increase in usage.
- 7. Approval of the Minutes**
 - Regular meeting of April 5th, 2023: There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to accept the April 5th, 2023, Board of Supervisors meeting minutes as amended and seconded by Chair Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. Amendment under LTI CUP change Pawlowicz vote to no on sending a support letter and change total votes to 3-2. Also, under SLC Commissioners change Pawlowicz vote to no on sending a letter concerning public speakers and change total votes to 3-2.
- 8. Financial Report – Pam Blekestad**
 - Blekestad reported she balanced with the bank with Hanson's assistance.
 - She reported the NBC credit cards are in processes for the Treasurer and Clerk.
 - Blekestad reported NBC is offering a CD for 5 months at 5 %. Hanson stated Members Cooperative Credit Union (MCCU) is offering a CD for 11 months at 5% and will pay early withdrawal fees. There was a motion by Supervisor Pawlowicz to move the current CD's to MCCU with the additional \$17,000 from the Road payment fund providing the fees are paid and seconded by Supervisor Blix. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.
 - There was a motion by Chair Wagner to accept the treasurer's report and seconded by Supervisor Blix. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.
- 9. Clerks Report – Ellen Hanson**
 - 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 10653-10669 for \$16,312.93 and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.

- She reported the annual ARPA reporting that was due on April 30 was completed.
- Hanson will be on vacation from June 13th - 28th. She will miss one payroll which Deputy Wagner will process.
- Hanson reported the town received from Reservoir Riders a \$1,000.00 check for two new pickleball nets.

10. Correspondence

- Clerk Hanson read the correspondence. There were 17 total received: 1 mail and 16 emails.

11. Reports

- a. Roads report April 2023:
 - Road Forman Jim Ray and Supervisor Blix talked about the road issues/conditions. Grading was completed on a few roads. Ray's recommendations for the roads were adding gravel to roads, East Cook Lake Road needs attention, and overlay East Cook Lake Rd. Crack filling and sealing on roads, end of East Hunter Lake Rd flooded over, build up that road estimated cost \$15,000 to build up two low spots. There are four houses on the road.
 - There was a motion by Supervisor Rapp to fix East Hunter Lake Rd to prevent flooding and it allows for emergency vehicles to get to those houses and seconded by Supervisor Blix. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.
 - Overall, the town roads are in good condition.
 - Research is being done on the best sources and products for crack repair.
- b. Fire Department report for April 2023:
 - Supervisor Wagner read the Fire Department Report from the Chief.
 - There were 6 calls in April. The calls included medicals and carbon monoxide alarm activation.
 - Members had training in Fire Officer 1, mentoring volunteer firefighters, accountability on the emergency scene and vehicle fire operations.
 - The annual fishing opener pancake feed will be on Saturday May 13 at the town hall from 7 AM to noon.
 - A federally declared flood disaster was declared may allow the town to be reimbursed for the cost of sandbags.
 - Firewise information forthcoming.
- c. Cemetery report for April 2023:
 - Supervisor Rapp stated the cemetery is open.
 - There was a discussion about the plot rates. There was a motion by Supervisor Rapp to allow husband and wife residents to qualify for the purchase of two plots at the discounted rate and update the by-laws and seconded by Supervisor Blix. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. The cemetery by-laws will be updated.
- d. Parks and Recreation for April 2023:
 - Supervisor Blix explained he had a request to reserve the pickleball courts for Tuesday evenings. Everyone would be welcome, and it will be round robin play. Request was granted.
 - Supervisor Rapp will build a sign for the pickleball courts stating the dates of usage.
- d. Community Center & Pavilion report for April 2023:
 - Clerk Hanson stated there were no rentals for March and only one in April.
 - 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.
- e. Recycling report for April 2023:
 - Supervisor Pawlowicz reported the Recycling Center is operating well.
 - Hazardous Waste Day and open house 11:30 -2:30: Supervisor Pawlowicz reported on June 3 the hazardous waste day will be held in the town hall parking lot and the WLSSD will host an open house the same day at the recycling center.
 - Electronics will be accepted for a charge.
 - WLSSD requested the town's mailing list be sent to them for a notice of these events. Hanson will send the list to them.
 - The events will be placed in newsletter and on digital sign.
 - Hartals garbage bins dumped once a month or on call.

12. Other Meetings for April 2023:

- There was an emergency meeting for the purpose of discussing emergency flooding. Supervisors Rapp, Cich, and Blix attended.

13. Old Business:

- There was no old business.

14. New Business:

- Quotes for propane 2023 season: There were three quotes received. They were from Superior Fuel (\$2.099/gallon), Como Oil & Propane (\$1.559/gallon), and Curtis Oil (\$1.599/gallon). The Board reviewed the quotes. There was a motion by Supervisor Rapp to accept the Como Oil and Propane quote for 5/1/23-4/30/24 and seconded by Supervisor Blix. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.
- Liquor License approval: Minno-ette: There was a motion by Chair Wagner to approve the Minno-ette liquor license renewal request and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.
- Liquor License approval: Blue Max: There was a motion by Chair Wagner to approve the Blue Max liquor license renewal request and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.
- The second monthly Board meeting is May 17, 2023. There was a motion by Supervisor Blix not to have a second meeting and seconded by Chair Wagner. 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