

The regular Board meeting of the Town of Fredenberg, Minnesota, St. Louis County was held in the Fredenberg Town Hall on Wednesday, June 7th, 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. Treasurer Pam Blekestad was absent.
- 2. Others in Attendance:** There were 12 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 Cich. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.
- 6. Open Forum:**
  - Resident Gary Muiki spoke about supporting improvements to the skating rink and supporting the establishment of a committee to review needs. He suggested a few people who are willing to be on the committee. Interested in being involved, call Andy Olson.
  - Jeff Blix asked the committee to have at least one board member and a mix of other residents that are pro and con on improvements/repairs.
- 7. Approval of the Minutes**
  - Regular meeting of May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023: There was a motion by Supervisor Rapp to approve the May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, Board of Supervisors meeting minutes as amended and seconded Supervisor Blix. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. Amendment under #7 first sentence change Walter to Wagner.
- 8. Financial Report – Clerk Hanson**
  - Clerk Hanson reported she was balanced with the bank.
  - Hanson discussed the negative balance of the fire department fund. She will look in to the reasons for the negative balance.
  - There was a motion by Chair Wagner to accept the clerks cash control 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 Chair Wagner to accept claims 10670-10684 for \$41,221.02 and seconded by Supervisor Blix. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.
  - She reported the town will not be reimbursed for the sandbags. The town would need \$3,800 in expenses to qualify for reimbursement.
  - Minnesota State Demographer Report of 2022 Population and household estimates; Population estimate is 1,468 and household estimate is 577.
- 10. Correspondence**
  - Clerk Hanson read the correspondence. There were 12 total received: 2 mail and 10 emails.
- 11. Reports**
  - a. Roads report May 2023:
    - Road Forman Jim Ray and Supervisor Blix talked about the road issues/conditions.
    - Gravel will be placed on township roads and then applications of chloride.
    - East Cook Lake Road should have ditch work.
    - Black top and crack filling on Bear Island Road is not necessary at this time.

- 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 May 2023:
  - Chair Wagner read the Fire Department Report from the Chief.
  - There were 13 calls in May and the first week of June. The calls included 9 medical calls, one outside fire, 2 mutual aid structure fires, and 1 public service.
  - Members participated in wildland training and a live fire burn. They also participated in the annual Rescue Scramble.
- c. Cemetery report for May 2023:
  - Supervisor Rapp stated the cemetery is open.
- d. Parks and Recreation for May 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 May 2023:
  - Clerk Hanson stated there were 3 rentals for June and only one in July to date.
  - Town hall main entrance door: It was suggested written instructions on how to lock and unlock the doors be placed on the doors. Weather stripping the doors will help with heat loss.
  - Roof repairs: One quote was withdrawn. Supervisor Cich will get a second quote to review along with the Vessel quote for the next meeting.
  - It was suggested the front concrete step be repaired.
  - It was suggested all buildings be supplied with lock boxes.
  - The Board had a discussion on security systems for town buildings. The Fire Chief will look into systems that might work out.
- e. Recycling report for May 2023:
  - Supervisor Pawlowicz reported the Recycling Center is operating well.
  - Hazardous Waste Day: It was a very successful day. There were 87 persons that participated.

**12. Other Meetings for May 2023:**

- Clerk Hanson attended the DAT meeting on May 19.

**13. Old Business:**

- There was no old business.

**14. New Business:**

- Resolution 2023-2: Donations from Reservoir Riders. Hanson presented this resolution for Board approval. The town had received a \$1,000 donation for new pickleball nets. There was a motion by Supervisor Cich to accept the resolution 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 June 21, 2023. There was a motion by Supervisor Cich to not have a second meeting and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.
- Neighbor Night Out: This year it will be held on August 1<sup>st</sup>. Supervisor Pawlowicz requested volunteers to contact her.

**15. Adjourn**

- There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 PM and seconded by Supervisor Cich. 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

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