

The regular Board meeting of the Town of Fredenberg, Minnesota, St. Louis County was held in the Fredenberg Town Hall on Wednesday, July 5th, 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 10 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 Chair Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.
- 6. Open Forum**
  - a. No speakers at this meeting.
- 7. Approval of the Minutes**
  - Regular meeting of June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023: There was a motion by Supervisor Rapp to approve the June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Board of Supervisors meeting minutes as presented and seconded by Supervisor Blix. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.
- 8. Financial Report – Treasurer Pam Blekestad**
  - Treasurer Blekestad reported she was balanced with the bank.
  - The Clerk and Treasurer have begun using the credit cards to pay a few invoices.
  - There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to accept the Treasurer’s report and seconded by Chair Wagner. 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. She is balanced with the bank.
  - The Board reviewed the claims list. There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to accept claims 10687-10697 for \$67,155.02 and claims 10698-10699 for \$8,540.90 all claims total \$75,695.92 and seconded by Supervisor Cich. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.
  - She reported the first half of the property taxes were deposited into the checking account.
- 10. Correspondence**
  - Clerk Hanson read the correspondence. There were 12 total received: 2 mail and 10 emails.
- 11. Reports**
  - a. Roads report June 2023:
    - Road Forman Jim Ray and Supervisor Blix talked about the road issues/conditions.
    - Work on raising East Cooke Lake Road.
    - Hunter Lake reported up to 8 inches of rain with no washouts.
    - An estimate to crack seal a few roads has been requested from Asphalt of Duluth.
    - Bear Island Road: Striping is wearing off. Will wait until next year.
    - Overall, the town roads are in good condition.
  - b. Fire Department report for June 2023:
    - Fire Chief Bergstrand reported there were 14 calls in June.
  - c. Cemetery report for June 2023:
    - Supervisor Rapp stated the cemetery is open.

- d. Parks and Recreation for June 2023:
  - Resident Stevenson would like the pickleball court to be crack sealed. Approved and Clerk Hanson will order.
  - Discussion on rink boards with the town matching donations and possible use of ARPA funds.
- d. Community Center & Pavilion report for June 2023:
  - Clerk Hanson stated there were 3 rentals for June and only one in July to date.
  - Supervisor Cich asked if the garbage can near the pavilion could be cleaned.
- e. Recycling report for June 2023:
  - Supervisor Pawlowicz reported the Recycling Center is operating well.
  - She is seeking donations for Neighborhood Night Out.

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

- There were no other meetings in June.

**13. Old Business:**

- Roof repairs: The Board reviewed the Vessel quotes for roof repairs and repairs to the siding. No other quotes were received. There was a motion by Supervisor Pawlowicz to accept both quotes from Vessel and seconded by Chair Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.
- The Board had a discussion on replacing the roof on the shed attached to the town hall. There was a motion by Supervisor Rapp to replace the additional roof section and seconded by Chair Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. Supervisor Cich will talk with Vessel about the additional work.
- Fire Department invoice for July-December 2023: An invoice for \$51,450 was presented for payment. There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to pay the invoice and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.

**14. New Business:**

- The second monthly Board meeting is July 19, 2023. There was a motion by Supervisor Blix 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 contact her.

**15. Adjourn**

- There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 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