

The regular Board meeting of the Town of Fredenberg, Minnesota, St. Louis County was held in the Fredenberg Town Hall on Wednesday, November 1st, 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, and Deputy Clerk Kim Wagner.
- 2. Others in Attendance:** There were 8 others in attendance.
- 3. Call to order the Regular meeting:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Wagner at 7:00 PM.
- 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**
 - There were no speakers.
- 7. Approval of the Minutes**
 - Regular meeting of October 4th, 2023: There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to approve the October 4th, 2023, Board of Supervisors meeting minutes as presented and seconded by Supervisor Rapp. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.
- 8. Financial Reports**
 - Clerk Hanson stated she is balanced with the bank and presented the cash control report and the Schedule 1 report which has the investment totals.
 - There was a motion by Supervisor Pawlowicz to approve the treasurers 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 under the Treasurers report. She is balanced with the bank.
 - The Board reviewed the claims list. There was a motion by Supervisor Rapp to accept claims 10738-10748 for a total of \$39,661.69 and claim 10737 for \$12,973 to Becker Arena Products; claim 10749 payable to Vesel Construction will be voided until clarification of the completion of the work is obtained 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 20 total received: 1 mail and 19 emails.
- 11. Reports**
 - a. Roads report Oct. 2023:
 - Supervisor Blix reported the roads are in great shape and there was nothing new to report.
 - b. Fire Department report for Oct. 2023:
 - Fire Chief Bergstrand reported there 8 calls.
 - The Department sponsored Halloween Trick or Trunk. There were about 75 kids in attendance.
 - They had training with the Air Rescue team.
 - 2 members attended the Minnesota Fire Chief's Annual Meeting.
 - The can recycling trailer was reconstructed for better collection.
 - c. Cemetery report for Oct. 2023:

- Supervisor Rapp stated the cemetery is closed for the year.
- d. Parks and Recreation and Pavilion for Oct. 2023:
 - Supervisor Blix reported there was nothing new to report.
 - A port-a- potty will be placed at the sliding hill by December 1st.
- d. Community Center report for Oct. 2023:
 - Clerk Hanson stated there were 2 rentals in October.
 - The Breakfast with Santa event will be held on Saturday, December 2.
- e. Recycling report for Oct. 2023:
 - Supervisor Pawlowicz reported the Recycling Center is operating well.

12. Other Meetings for Oct. 2023:

- Supervisors Blix and Rapp attended the public meeting regarding the Fish Lake Road reconstruction.

13. Old Business:

- Update on roof repairs: Supervisor Cich reported the outside roof repairs are complete.
- Jeff Monsaas reported on the Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) application. He suggested the Town Board approve a resolution in support of an application for the LRIP to be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners. The completed application is due on December 8.
- There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to approve a resolution supporting the LRIP application and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.
- Update on ice skating rink boards: Clerk Hanson stated the deposit check had been sent to Becker Arena Products. Supervisor Cich stated the boards will be delivered in the spring, no earlier than May.
- Discuss old fire hall gutters replacement: A quote from A-1 Seamless Gutters was received for \$868.00 for the replacement of the old fire hall gutters. There was a motion by Chair Wagner to approve the A-1 Seamless Gutters quote of \$868.00 to replace the old fire hall gutters and seconded by Supervisor Blix. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.
- Supervisor Jeff Blix volunteered to be the new Road Foreman. There was a motion by Chair Wagner to appoint Jeff Blix as the road foreman and pay him at the current hourly rate of \$18.04 and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.
- Treasurer's position: There are no applicants at this time. Another option is combining the clerk and treasurer positions into one position. She will contact Minnesota Association of Townships (MAT) attorney for the state statute information.

14. New Business

- Review rental rates: The Board had a discussion on rental rates. There was an adjustment made last year with the exception of the old fire hall rent. The current rent for the old fire hall is \$400 per month. There was a motion by Supervisor Rapp to increase the old fire hall rent to \$500 per month beginning January 2024 and seconded by Supervisor Blix. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.
- Activities and craft class: Brittany Wagner presented a plan for her Craft with Kids Program. It will be held twice a month in one of the classrooms and it will be for children ages 5-10. There will be a maximum of 12 per class. There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to approve classroom usage for the Craft with Kids program and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.

- Public Recreational Snowmobile Trail easement agreement (Pontoon Bay): Supervisor Rapp stated he has been in contact with the representative from Allete, Inc. and they are requesting the town approve and sign the easement agreement they provided. Allete, Inc., d/b/a Minnesota Power (MP) desires to convey in favor of the public and the Town, and the Town desires to accept, an easement over and across the MP Property for purposes of utilizing improving and maintaining a snowmobile trail across Pontoon Bay. There was a motion by Supervisor Pawlowicz to approve the snowmobile easement agreement across Pontoon Bay and seconded by Supervisor Blix. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.
- The second monthly Board meeting is November 15th, 2023. There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to not have a second meeting and seconded by Chair Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.
- Discussion about the town's newsletter: The Board would like to seek input from the community about continuing or discontinuing the print version. Notice will be printed in the newsletter that will solicit comments.

15. Adjourn

- There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 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