

The regular Board meeting of the Town of Fredenberg, Minnesota, St. Louis County was held in the Fredenberg Town Hall on Wednesday, January 3, 2024, at 7:00 PM.

- 1. Board members present:** Chair Tim Wagner, Vice Chair Deb Pawlowicz, Supervisor Jeff Blix, Supervisor Clay Cich, Clerk Ellen Hanson, and Deputy Clerk Kim Wagner.
- 2. Others in Attendance:** There were 6 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 Cich. 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 December 6th, 2023: There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to approve the December 6th, 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.
- 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 Chair Wagner to approve the treasurers 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 under the Treasurers report. She is balanced with the bank.
 - The Board reviewed the claims list. There was a motion by Supervisor Pawlowicz to accept claims 10769-10786 for a total of \$151,754.90 and seconded by Supervisor Blix. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.
- 10. Correspondence**
 - Clerk Hanson read the correspondence. There were 13 total received: 1 mail and 12 emails.
- 11. Reports**
 - a. Roads report Dec. 2023:
 - Supervisor Blix reported there was a lot of road work due to the amount of rainfall the area had before Christmas. There were potholes to fill, and a need for extra sanding, added gravel, and grading on a few roads.
 - b. Fire Department report for Dec. 2023:
 - Chief Bergstrand reported there were 84 calls for the year.
 - The Department is recruiting new members.
 - c. Cemetery report for Dec. 2023:
 - Supervisor Rapp was not present and therefore no report was given.
 - d. Parks and Recreation and Pavilion for Dec. 2023:
 - Supervisor Blix stated they are flooding the ice rink.
 - The new skating rink boards arrived, and they are in the recycling center.
 - d. Community Center report for Dec. 2023:
 - Clerk Hanson stated there were 2 rentals in December.
 - e. The final Vesel Construction invoices for the hall roof repairs and inside the janitor closet were discussed. There were discrepancies between the first and last contracts/invoices. The amount

charged increased plus the work contracted to do was not completed. **There were board members that felt there may be insurance fraud involved and others that did not.** After a detailed examination of the contracts/invoice, it was determined the final payment should be \$664.95 for the completed work by Vesel. There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to make the final payment of \$664.95 to Vesel for the roof repairs and janitor closet and seconded by Supervisor Cich

f. Recycling report for Dec. 2023:

- Supervisor Pawlowicz reported the Recycling Center is operating well.

12. Other Meetings for December 2023:

- There were no other meetings in December.

13. Old Business:

- Treasurer vacancy: Supervisor Cich reported there were two candidates for the position. After the first interview one candidate rescinded their application. The candidate recommended to the Board is Chelsey Mahr. The hiring committee added additional duties to the Treasurer's job description, and they are updating the newsletter, updating the website, and grant research and writing. There was a motion by Supervisor Cich to appoint Chelsey Mahr to the treasurer position at current hourly wage and seconded by Jeff Blix. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.
- Hanson presented Resolution 20240103 Supporting the Rice Lake Corridor. There was a motion by Supervisor Cich to accept Resolution 20240103 Supporting the Rice Lake Corridor and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.

14. New Business

- Set the Reorganization meeting, the budget/compensation meeting, and the Board of Audit meeting: The Board set these meetings after the regular board meeting on February 7th, 2024.
- The second monthly Board meeting is January 17, 2024: 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.

15. Adjourn

- There was a motion by Chair Wagner to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM and seconded by Supervisor Blix. 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