

The regular Board meeting of the Town of Fredenberg, Minnesota, St. Louis County was held in the Fredenberg Town Hall on Wednesday, February 7, 2024, 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 and Treasurer Chelsey Mahr.
- 2. Others in Attendance:** There were 7 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 Chair Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.
- 6. Open Forum**
  - Randy Docauer requested a notice for Feb 27, 2024 caucus be put on the digital sign.
  - Matt McShane spoke to the youth baseball league ability to use the Fredenberg baseball field for practice. He will confirm if the town's field is needed.
  - Nick Voltzke (Sergeant with the Sheriff's Dept.) will be the town's contact and he will be providing crime statistics to the Board regularly. In 2023 there were 320 incidents in Fredenberg.
- 7. Approval of the Minutes**
  - Regular meeting of January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024: There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to approve the January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, 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**
  - Treasurer Mahr 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 balance 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 10788-10804 for a total of \$14,951.93 and seconded by Supervisor Rapp. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.
  - Approval of election judges: Hanson presented for Board approval the list of certified election judges who may work the Presidential Nominating Primary (PNP). There was motion by Supervisor Rapp to approve the list of elections judges and seconded by Supervisor Blix. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.
  - Annual posting of regular board meetings was presented by Clerk Hanson. There was a motion by Supervisor Clay approving the regular monthly schedule of meetings 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 2 mail and 9 emails during the month.
- 11. Reports**

- a. Roads report for January 2024:
  - Supervisor Blix reported he has been busy with road work. There have been complaints about vehicles driving fast on Usiak Road. A squad will be patrolling the road more frequently.
  - Amundson and Island Lake Roads have signs that indicate they are private roads. They are public roads and the signs have been removed.
  - There were trees down on Bear Island Road and they have been removed.
  - The roads are in general sloppy and may need more gravel.
- b. Fire Department report for January 2024:
  - Chief Bergstrand reported there were 6 calls in January.
  - The Department is recruiting new members.
- c. Cemetery report for January 2024
  - Supervisor Rapp reported the cemetery is closed.
- d. Parks and Recreation and Pavilion for January 2024:
  - Supervisor Blix stated there is no snow on the sledding hill or ice on the skating rink. Both have been closed due to the warm temperatures for the season.
- d. Community Center report for January 2024:
  - Clerk Hanson stated there were 2 rentals in January.
- e. Recycling report for January 2024:
  - Supervisor Pawlowicz reported the Recycling Center is operating well.

**12. Other Meetings for January 2024:**

- There were no other meetings in January.

**13. Old Business: None.**

**14. New Business:**

- Request to advertise for the 2024 road work: It was Board consensus to move forward with requesting quotes to review at the March meeting.
- Request to advertise for the 2024 town mowing vendor: It was Board consensus to move forward with requesting quotes to review at the March meeting.
- Clerk Hanson noted the Annual meeting of the Town will be on Tuesday, March 12 beginning at 6:00 PM.
- The second monthly Board meeting is February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024. There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to not have a second meeting and seconded by Supervisor Rapp. 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 8:05 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