

The Reorganization Board meeting of the Town of Fredenberg, Minnesota, St. Louis County was held in the Fredenberg Town Hall on Wednesday, February 7, 2024, at 8:10 PM.

**Board members present:** Chair Tim Wagner, Vice Chair Deb Pawlowicz Supervisors Clay Cich, Jeff Blix, and Walter Rapp. Also, Clerk Ellen Hanson, Deputy Clerk Kim Wagner, and Treasurer Chelsey Mahr.

**Others in Attendance:** There were 4 others in attendance.

- 1. Call to order the Reorganization meeting:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Wagner at 8:10 PM.
- 2. Nominations and Election of Town Chair and Vice Chair**
  - Clerk Hanson asked for nominations for the Town Chair. Tim Wagner was nominated, and he accepted. Hanson asked two more times for nominations. There were no other nominations. Tim Wagner was declared the Town Chair for 2024.
  - Chair Wagner asked for nominations for the Vice-Chair. Deb Pawlowicz was nominated, and she accepted. Chair Wagner asked two more times for nominations. There were no other nominations. Deb Pawlowicz was declared Vice-Chair.
  - There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to accept Tim Wagner as Board Chair and Deb Pawlowicz as Vice-Chair of the Board and seconded by Supervisor Rapp. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmative. This motion was carried unanimously.
- 3. Adopt a Schedule of Meetings**
  - The Board adopted a monthly schedule of meetings to be held on the first Wednesday of each month had been approved at the regular board meeting. After more discussion the Board agreed to add the second monthly meeting to the schedule. There was a motion by Supervisor Pawlowicz to amend the monthly schedule to include the second meeting on the third Wednesday of the month and seconded by Chair Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmative. This motion was carried unanimously.
- 4. Designate an official newspaper and posting places**
  - The official town newspaper is the Duluth News Tribune (DNT). There was a motion by Supervisor Cich designating the DNT as the official newspaper and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmative. This motion was carried unanimously.
  - The official town posting places are the Community Center, Recycling Center, and Township website. There was a motion by Supervisor Cich designating the posting places as the Community Center, Recycling Center, and Township website and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmative. This motion was carried unanimously.
- 5. Designate a town bank**
  - Wells Fargo is the town bank for the checking account.
  - Members Cooperative Credit Union (MCCU) holds one Certificate of Deposit (CD) and a savings account for the town. There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to keep Wells Fargo for the checking account and the CD/savings at MCCU and seconded by Supervisor Cich. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmative. This motion was carried unanimously.
- 6. Price of Cemetery lots**

- The price of the cemetery lots are: \$225 for 10-foot plot; \$275 for 12-foot plot; and a ten percent discount for residents. There was a motion by Supervisor Pawlowicz to keep the price of the cemetery plots the same as last year; \$225 for 10-foot plot; \$275 for 12-foot plot; and a ten percent discount for residents and seconded by Supervisor Rapp. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmative. This motion was carried unanimously.

**7. Newsletter printer**

- ProPrint is the current newsletter printer. There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to keep ProPrint as the newsletter printer and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmative. This motion was carried unanimously.

**8. Areas of Responsibility**

- Roads: Supervisor Jeff Blix
- Fire Department: Supervisor Tim Wagner
- Cemetery: Supervisor Walter Rapp
- Parks/Recreation: Supervisor Jeff Blix
- Community Center: Supervisor Clay Cich
- Recycling Center: Supervisor Deb Pawlowicz
- It was suggested that Parks/Recreation be a shared responsibility between Supervisor Rapp and Supervisor Cich for 2024.
- There was a motion by Supervisor Cich to keep all areas of responsibility the same as last year (listed above) except to split Parks/Recreation and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmative. This motion was carried unanimously.

**9. Township Attorney**

- Current attorneys are Steve Overom/Gunnar Johnson of Overom Law and Kennedy/Graven. There was a motion by Supervisor Pawlowicz to keep the same attorneys as last year, Steve Overom/Gunnar Johnson and Kennedy/Graven and seconded by Supervisor Blix. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmative. This motion was carried unanimously.

**10. Facility rental fees (town hall and old fire hall)**

- The Board had a discussion on rental fees.
- There was motion by Supervisor Blix to keep the facility rental fees the same as last year and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmative. This motion was carried unanimously.

**11. Adjourn**

- a. There was a motion by Chair Wagner to adjourn the meeting and seconded Supervisor Blix. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmative. This motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Hanson  
Clerk  
Kim Wagner  
Deputy Clerk

Tim Wagner  
Board Chair