

The regular Board meeting of the Town of Fredenberg, Minnesota, St. Louis County was held in the Fredenberg Town Hall on Wednesday, March 6, 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 18 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. Recess meeting to a Closed meeting:** There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to recess the meeting and move to a closed meeting and seconded by Supervisor Rapp. There was a roll call vote. There were 4 in favor and 1 against. This motion was carried.
- 6. Reconvened the meeting:** At 7:22 PM the regular meeting was reconvened. There was a motion by Supervisor Cich to pay the remaining balance on the Vesel contract and print a retraction in the next newsletter and seconded by Chair Wagner. This motion was carried unanimously. Mike Sipper made a statement about the wording in the January minutes.
- 7. Approval of the Agenda:** There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to approve the agenda and seconded by Supervisor Rapp There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.
- 8. Open Forum**
 - Jim Ray felt there was no need to increase the levy.
 - Bill O'Brien talked to the Board about the differences between the budget and levy. He also stated he does not feel there is a need to increase the levy for 2025.
- 9. Approval of the Minutes**
 - Regular meeting of February 7th, 2024: There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to approve the February 7th, 2024, Board of Supervisors meeting minutes as presented and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.
 - Reorganization meeting of February 7th, 2024: There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to approve the February 7th, 2024 Reorganization meeting minutes as presented and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.
 - Board of Audit meeting of February 7th, 2024: There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to approve the February 7th, 2024, Board of Audit meeting minutes as presented and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.
 - Budget/Compensation meeting of February 7th, 2024: There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to approve the February 7th, 2024, Budget/Compensation meeting minutes as amended and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. Amend number 3 from Levy to Budget.
- 10. 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 Supervisor Blix to approve the treasurers report and seconded by Supervisor Rapp. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.
- 11. Clerks Report – Ellen Hanson**
 - Clerk 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 10805-10813 for a total of \$14,261.11 and seconded by Supervisor Rapp. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.
- Hanson reported on the March 5 Presidential Primary election. There were 217 voters.

12. Correspondence

- Clerk Hanson read the correspondence. There were 4 mail and 9 emails during the month.
- Confirmed the Annual meeting is at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, March 12, 2024.

13. Reports

- a. Roads/Bridges report for February 2024:
 - Supervisor Blix reported the roads are in good shape.
 - He removed a tree that was on a road.
- b. Fire Department report for February 2024:
 - Chief Bergstrand reported there were 3 calls in February.
 - Members met with Minnesota Power for the annual updates to the Emergency Action Plans for Island Lake and Fish Lake Dams.
 - This spring has the potential to be a very severe fire season due to the lack of precipitation this winter.
 - The Fire Dept. will host a Community Specific Wildfire Strategic Planning session at the town hall on Tuesday, March 19th at 7:00 PM.
- c. Cemetery report for February 2024
 - Supervisor Rapp reported the cemetery is closed.
- d. Parks and Recreation and Pavilion for February 2024:
 - Supervisors Cich/Rapp reported the ice is gone from the skating rink.
- d. Community Center report for February 2024
 - Clerk Hanson stated there was 1 rental in February.
- e. Recycling report for February 2024:
 - Supervisor Pawlowicz reported the Recycling Center is operating well. Issues continue with the locks on the dumpsters. The previous recycling attendant will be an on call employee.

14. Other Meetings for February 2024:

- There were no other meetings in February.

15. Old Business:

- 2024 township mowing quotes: Quotes will be reviewed at the April meeting.
- 2024 township road work quotes: Quotes will be reviewed at the April meeting.

16. New Business:

- Earned Sick & Safe Time (ESST) policy: Attorney Gunnar Johnson reported on the required ESST policy. He had drafted the policy for the township. There was a motion by Chair Wagner approving the Earned Sick & Safe Time Policy and seconded by Supervisor Blix. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.
- Appleloosas event: Hanson reported she had a call about renting the town hall and surrounding town properties for hosting the Appaloosa event currently being hosted at the Pearson property. There was a motion by Supervisor Rapp not to allow an event of this size on the town property and hall and seconded by Chair Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.
- New liquor license: Ben and Kathy Pearson are requesting a new liquor license. There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to approve the new liquor license and seconded by Supervisor

Rapp. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.

- The second monthly Board meeting is March 20th, 2024. There was a motion by Supervisor Cich 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.

17. Adjourn

- There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 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