

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

- 1. Board members present:** Chair Tim Wagner, Vice Chair Deb Pawlowicz, Supervisor Jeff Blix, Supervisor Walter Rapp, Clerk Ellen Hanson, and Deputy Clerk Kim Wagner and Treasurer Chelsey Mahr. Absent: Supervisor Clay Cich.
- 2. Others in Attendance:** There were 15 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**
  - Matt McShane: Requested the use and field improvements to the baseball field for the Hermantown Baseball Youth Association. They want to reserve the field 2 days per week, May through July. Also, they are requesting financial support of up to \$5,000 to resurface the in-field. The Association will cover all the labor costs. There was a motion by Supervisor Blix approving financial support up to \$5,000 for resurfacing the in-field and seconded by Chair Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.
- 7. Approval of the Minutes**
  - Regular meeting of March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024: There was a motion by Supervisor Pawlowicz to approve the March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Board of Supervisors meeting minutes as amended and seconded by Supervisor Blix. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. Amendments: Item 6 change Snipper to Sipper and add “print a retraction in the next newsletter”; item 16 change Appaloosas to Apple Palooza.
- 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 Supervisor Blix to approve the treasurers report and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. The March 31, 2024 ending balance in the checking account was \$224,675.78 and the outstanding checks total \$1,648.16.
  - Treasurer Mahr requested the Board approve a meeting stipend for her reporting at the annual meeting. There was a motion by Supervisor Pawlowicz to approve a meeting stipend for the Treasurer reporting at the annual meeting and seconded by Chair Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.
  - Treasurer Mahr noted the CD is up for renewal. She checked with MCCU and found they had a special 13-month CD at 4.65%. There was a motion by Supervisor Pawlowicz to move the current CD to the special 13 month at 4.65% and add the savings account dollars to it and seconded by Supervisor Blix. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. The CD will be earmarked for the 210-Road pavement, repair, replacement fund.
- 9. Clerks Report – Ellen Hanson**
  - Clerk Hanson presented the Cash balance statement for Board review. She is balanced with the bank. The cash balance ending balance is \$223,027.62

- The Board reviewed the claims list. There was a motion by Supervisor Rapp to accept claims 10815-10828 for a total of \$15,712.44 and seconded by Supervisor Blix. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.
- Hanson had an inquiry about hosting a Shred-it day this year. The cost of this event is prohibited for the township to host. It was hosted a few years ago when the town had a copious number of documents to shred.

**10. Correspondence**

- Clerk Hanson read the correspondence. There were 3 mail and 14 emails during the month.

**11. Reports**

- a. Roads/Bridges report for March 2024:
  - Supervisor Blix reported the roads are in good shape.
  - Trees were removed from roads after the recent high winds.
  - Supervisor Blix and Mr. Kaneski completed the annual road review.
  - St. Louis County Road maintenance will remove the stop signs at Bear Island and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue roads.
- b. Fire Department report for March 2024:
  - Chief Bergstrand reported there were 6 calls in March, 2 medical, 2 grass/wildland fires, 1 gas leak, and 1 rescue squad assist.
  - Members attended the 9-1-1 user board meeting, hosted a wildland training with the DNR, hosted Wildfire Community strategic planning session and participate in a CPR instructor renewal class.
  - The brush truck is in service.
- c. Fredenberg Law Enforcement statistics:
  - Deputy Sheriff Sergeant Nick Voltzke presented the March 2024 statistics. There were 32 incidents in the township.
- d. Cemetery report for March 2024
  - Supervisor Rapp reported the cemetery remains closed.
- d. Parks and Recreation and Pavilion for March 2024:
  - Supervisor Rapp reported the gate at the sliding hill is closed.
- e. Community Center report for March 2024
  - Clerk Hanson stated there was 1 rental in March and 4 events.
  - Supervisor Rapp presented an estimate from Bingaman Electrical Specialties for \$1,983 to repair the light fixtures in the board room, install thermostat in women's washroom, and clean up wiring for zone valve for the outdoor rink. There was a motion by Chair Wagner to accept the Bingaman estimate and send a check for the 60% (\$1,189.80) as soon as possible and seconded by Superior Blix. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.
- f. Recycling report for March 2024:
  - Supervisor Pawlowicz reported the Recycling Center is operating well and she was successful in securing the new locks for the bins.
  - Supervisor Pawlowicz will inquire about a hazardous waste disposal event at Fredenberg.

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

- Clerk
- Hanson attended the DAT meeting on March 21.

**13. Old Business:**

- 2024 township mowing quotes: Five lawn mowing quotes were received. The Board reviewed all the quotes. There was a motion by Supervisor Rapp to accept the Peter

Emerson (White Pine Lawn Care) quote for Townhall/Baseball field at \$97.50; Recycling Center \$97.50; Firehall \$97.50; Cemetery \$55 total of \$347.50 and seconded by Supervisor Blix. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.

- 2024 township road work quotes: One road work quote was received and it was from Lakehead Trucking. There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to accept the Lakehead Trucking quote and seconded by Chair Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.

**14. New Business:**

- Resolution 2024-0403: Joint Powers Agreement & Court Data Services: Hanson presented the resolution to the Board for review. It was created by the town attorney and it is necessary for the fee sharing agreement. There was a motion by Chair Wagner to accept Resolution 2024-0403 and seconded by Supervisor Blix. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.
- Walking Trail on town property: There has been a request to develop/construct a walking trail around the edge of the town property. Brittany Wagner spoke to the proposal. There was a motion by Supervisor Jeff Blix to research the concept of a walking trail on town property and seconded by Chair Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.
- The second monthly Board meeting is April 17<sup>th</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 8:03 PM and seconded by Supervisor Rapp. 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