

The regular Board meeting of the Town of Fredenberg, Minnesota, St. Louis County was held in the Fredenberg Town Hall on Wednesday, July 3, 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, Deputy Clerk Kim Wagner and Treasurer Chelsey Mahr.
- 2. Others in Attendance:** There were 5 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**
 - Diane Palmstein acknowledged St. Louis Rescue Squad and the Fredenberg Fire Department for their support during the recent heavy rains. They went house to house checking on households.
 - Mark Munger, candidate for MN House seat 3B, introduced himself. He is a 40-year resident of Fredenberg.
 - Jock Finner expressed concerns about trucks working on Fish Lake Road are “jake breaking” near his property that generates a lot of noise. Since it is a County Road, the Board has little to no control over it. Even so, a phone call will be made to the County garage supervisor.
- 7. Approval of the Minutes**
 - Regular meeting of June 5, 2024: There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to approve the June 5, 2024, Board of Supervisors meeting minutes as presented and seconded by Supervisor Rapp. 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 Supervisor Pawlowicz to approve the treasurer’s report and seconded by Supervisor Cich. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. The June 30, 2024 ending balance in the checking account was \$156,487.28 and the outstanding checks total was \$574.
- 9. Clerks Report – Ellen Hanson**
 - The first half of property taxes were deposited today into the checking account. The amount is \$221,427.26.
 - Clerk Hanson presented the cash balance statement for Board review. She is balanced with the bank. The cash balance ending balance is \$156,602.28.
 - The Board reviewed the claims list. There was a motion by Supervisor Pawlowicz to accept claims 10854-10868 for a total of \$62,788.25 and claim 10869 total of \$3,375; total claims are \$66,163.25 and seconded by Supervisor Blix. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.
 - Hanson stated she and Deputy Clerk Wagner attended Clerk Election judge training on June 7 in Virginia MN and the new poll pads training on June 26.
 - Hanson had a virtual meeting with the website developer. He updated the towns site and also added the ability to link emails to new postings.
 - There was a motion by Supervisor Pawlowicz to accept the Clerk’s report 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 2 mail and 9 emails during the month.

11. Reports 2024 for July

- a. Fredenberg Law Enforcement statistics
 - Deputy Sheriff Sergeant Nick Voltzke was not present; however, he sent the June 2024 statistics. There were 29 incidents in the township and 2 arrests.
- b. Roads/Bridges report
 - Supervisor Blix reported the roads are overall in good shape.
 - East Hunter Lake Rd was under water from the recent rains. The water is receding quickly.
 - He reported the roads have been graded and gravel added to a few.
 - Calcium chloride was applied for dust control. They ran out on 8th Ave. and River Lane.
 - Supervisor Blix dealt with a complaint that there was not enough calcium chloride on a road.
- c. Fire Department report
 - Chief Bergstrand reported 4 calls in May and 5 in June.
 - The rescue truck is being repaired.
- d. Cemetery report
 - Supervisor Rapp reported the cemetery continues to be open.
- e. Parks and Recreation and Pavilion
 - Supervisor Rapp reported he sealed the cracks on the tennis court.
- f. Community Center report
 - Hanson presented the revised rental agreement and reviewed the changes. She added verbiage for public use facilities and television/audio equipment and a re-keying fee. There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to approve the changes and seconded by Supervisor Cich. This motion carried unanimously.
 - Clerk Hanson stated there was 5 rentals in June and 2 events.
- g. Recycling report
 - Supervisor Pawlowicz reported the Recycling Center is operating well. There has been an issue with people dumping dirty recyclables.
 - Neighborhood Night Out (NNO): The Fire Department, St. Louis County Rescue Squad, and Deputy Sheriff Sergeant Nick Voltzke will be in attendance. Volunteers are welcomed.

12. Other Monthly meetings

- There were no other monthly meetings.

13. Old Business

- Rental agreement: See under Community Center report.

14. New Business

- Propane quotes: Hanson reported two propane quotes were received. One from Como: \$1.259/gallon for a two-year contract and Superior Fuel: \$1.299/gallon for 1-3 years with the first fill at .999/gallon and employee pricing at \$1.499. The Board had a discussion on the quotes. There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to enter into a contract with Como for two years, ask for three years, and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.
- Credit card payments: Hanson reported on the research of companies providing the service of accepting credit cards for payment. The top two services are Merchant One offering a .29%-1.99% per transaction and Clover: you have to call for rates. There was a motion by Supervisor Rapp authorizing the Clerk to make the decision on the service and seconded by Chair Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.

- Request to solicit quotes for roadside/ditch mowing: The Board granted permission to gather quotes to present at the August meeting.
- Second monthly Board meeting is July 17, 2024: There was a motion by Supervisor Blix not to have a second meeting and seconded by Supervisor Cich. 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 7:56 PM and seconded by Superior Cich. 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