

The regular Board meeting of the Town of Fredenberg, Minnesota, St. Louis County was held in the Fredenberg Town Hall on Wednesday, November 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, Deputy Clerk Kim Wagner, and Treasurer Chelsey Mahr.
- 2. Others in Attendance:** There were 6 others in attendance.
- 3. Call to order the Regular meeting:** Chair Wagner called the meeting to order 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 Supervisor Cich. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.
- 6. Open Forum**
 - Diane Palmstein reported on the in-person voting election results in Fredenberg. There were 851 voters out of the 1159 registered voters at 7:00 AM on November 5. She thanked the election judges for their assistance with the election.
 - Blake Cazier, Positive Energy Outdoors, (PEO): He asked the Board to discontinue the \$750 annual fee. Since the town and PEO have a current contract which requires the \$750 annual fee be paid, it cannot be waived. Also, the contract requires the PEO to provide a certificate of liability annually for the business to operate. There was a motion by Chair Wagner to continue with the annual fee and seconded by Supervisor Blix. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. Mr. Cazier submitted a \$750 check for payment and stated he will have his insurance company send the certificate of liability insurance.
 - Jeff Mansaas spoke about a St Louis County grant to assist with invasive species outreach by constructing signs at boat landings displaying instructions/directions on invasive species. He recommended the town partner with other townships to meet the minimum dollar requirements of the grant and to apply for it in 2025.
- 7. Approval of the Minutes**
 - Regular meeting of October 2, 2024: There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to approve the October 2, 2024, Board of Supervisors meeting minutes as presented and seconded by Supervisor Cich. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.
- 8. Financial Reports**
 - Treasurer Mahr stated she agrees 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 treasurer's report and seconded by Chair Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. The October 31, 2024, the ending balance in the checking account was \$227,687.65 and the outstanding checks total was \$590.48.
- 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 \$224,567.63.
 - Hanson pointed out there is a \$6,878.17 balance in the ARPA Fund. The grant requires funds to be allocated by the end of December 2024. She recommended transferring the funds to the Roads & Bridges fund and apply it to a road repair invoice. There was a motion was by Supervisor Blix to transfer the ARPA funds to Roads & Bridges and apply the funds to a repair invoice and seconded by Supervisor Cich. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.
 - The Board reviewed the claims list. There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to accept claims 10907-10920 for a total of \$23,804.45, and claim 10903 and 10906 each \$1,900 for a grand total of \$27,604.45 and seconded by Supervisor Cich. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives.

This motion was carried unanimously.

10. Correspondence

- Clerk Hanson read the correspondence. There was 1 mail and 8 emails during the month.
- The town received a request from the St Louis County Board of Commissioners to host the May 27, 2025, board meeting at the Fredenberg Town Hall/Community Center. The town will provide coffee and water. There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to host the board meeting on May 27, 2025, and seconded by Supervisor Cich. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.

11. Reports for October 2024

- a. Fredenberg Law Enforcement statistics
 - Deputy Sheriff Sergeant Nick Voltzke was not present; however, his report was sent the next day. There were 20 incidents and one arrest in the township.
- b. Roads/Bridges report
 - Supervisor Blix reported the roads are in good condition. Grading was recently completely.
- c. Fire Department report
 - Chief Bergstrand reported during October, the fire department responded to four calls, including two medical, one structure fire, and one traffic accident.
- d. Cemetery report
 - Supervisor Rapp reported the cemetery has been quiet.
- e. Parks and Recreation and Pavilion
 - Supervisor Rapp reported the skating rink boards installation is going well and it is a labor intense job. He expects it to be completed soon. A special thank you to Dave Happy and the 9 other volunteers that helped out.
- f. Community Center report
 - Furnace/boiler issues: Supervisor Rapp reported there were issues with the furnace that were fixed. The ongoing issue is that every thermostat has its own zone and with the water constantly being heated it is an inefficient way to operate. In the spring, the issue will be reviewed and resolved.
 - Deputy Clerk Wagner reported there were 3 rentals in October.
- g. Recycling report
 - Supervisor Pawlowicz reported the Recycling Center is operating well.

12. Other Monthly meetings

- Clerk Hanson attended the October 19th DAT meeting.

13. Old Business

- Update on Fire Hall repairs: Supervisor Rapp reported the repairs were completed.

14. New Business

- **Resolution 2024-04 Accepting Donations for NNO:** There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to accept Resolution 2024-04 and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.
- **Resolution 2024-05 Accepting a Donation from Hermantown Youth Baseball Association:** There was a motion by Supervisor Cich to accept Resolution 2024-05 and seconded by Supervisor Blix. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.
- **Resolution 2024-06 Delegating Cannabis Retail Registration to the County:** There was a motion by Supervisor Cich to accept Resolution 2024-06 and seconded by Supervisor Blix. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.
- **Second monthly meeting:** 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 Chair Wagner to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM and seconded by Supervisor Blix. 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

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