

The regular Board meeting of the Town of Fredenberg, Minnesota, St. Louis County was held in the Fredenberg Town Hall on Wednesday, September 4, 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 10 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 Cich to approve the agenda and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.
- 6. Open Forum**
 - Melissa Bell spoke about challenges with the recycling center and customers dumping garbage in bins. The recycling attendants are educating the public on correct recycling materials. There are items marked recyclable, however, the Fredenberg recycling center follows the rules imposed by WLSSD and they do not take all recyclable items. A reminder to the public, Hartel's will take most of marked recycled items. She thanked the Board for their continued support of recycling. Chair Wagner acknowledged Mrs. Bell and her family for their contributions to Fredenberg's recycling center.
 - Grace Chesney thanked Supervisor Blix for his efforts to help eradicate the invasive knotweed on her property. She also thanked Supervisor Pawlowicz for her efforts in making Neighborhood Night Out successful again this year and thanked the Fire/EMS department for their assistance.
- 7. Approval of the Minutes**
 - Regular meeting of August 7, 2024: There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to approve the August 7, 2024, Board of Supervisors meeting minutes as amended and seconded by Chair Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. The amendment was to add "compostable and" to the second sentence under the Parks/Recreation report.
- 8. Financial Reports**
 - Treasurer Mahr stated she agrees with the bank statement and presented the cash control report and the Schedule 1 report which has the investment totals. There was a motion by Chair Wagner to approve the treasurer's report and seconded by Supervisor Blix. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. The August 31, 2024, ending balance in the checking account was \$255,656.98 and the outstanding checks total was \$3,891.57.
- 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 \$257,884.37.
 - The Board reviewed the claims list. There was a motion by Supervisor Cich to accept claims 10886-10893 for a total of \$10,082.89 and seconded by Chair Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.
 - Supervisor Pawlowicz requested the receipts and expenses from Neighbor Night Out (NNO) that are currently in the General fund be transferred to a new NNO fund for tracking purposes. There was a motion made by Supervisor Cich to create a new fund and transfer the receipts and expenses from the General fund and seconded by Chair Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.
 - Clerk Hanson reported on the successful Primary election where 214 residents voted. The new poll pads were well received by the public and election judges.
 - She stated there are two town board seats up for election on November 5 and the filing period has ended. Supervisor A seat had one person file, and it was Walter Rapp. Supervisor B seat had two people filing and they were Deb Pawlowicz and Joshua Scheall.

- Diane Palmstein asked the Board to consider the purchase of a third election poll pad. There was a motion made by Supervisor Pawlowicz to check for availability and if available to purchase a third election poll pad 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 11 emails during the month.

11. Reports for August 2024

- a. Fredenberg Law Enforcement statistics
 - Deputy Sheriff Sergeant Nick Voltzke reported on the August 2024 statistics. There were 49 incidents in the township.
- b. Roads/Bridges report
 - Supervisor Blix reported the roads are in good condition.
 - He worked with the road contractor on Beaver River Road to take trees down and clear brush.
 - Supervisor Blix expressed his gratitude for the assistance of Carol Andrews, St. Louis County, with the knotweed removal in Fredenberg locations.
 - Chair Wagner stated the main entrance to the Hall/Community Center building will be closed for a few weeks due to the County's new curbing construction. He also reported the County will be repaving Lavaque Road from the hall to the bridge.
 - Supervisor Blix praised Rodda's work on mowing the township roads.
- c. Fire Department report
 - Chief Bergstrand reported the Fire department members responded to 4 calls during August, this included 1 lightning strike, 1 controlled recreational fire with a permit and 2 medical calls.
 - The fire hall has damage near the front door and the siding boards close to the slab all around the building. Supervisor Cich will evaluate the damage.
- 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 has not begun except for preparing the outside rink area by removing the stink weeds.
- f. Community Center report
 - Deputy Clerk Wagner reported there were 5 rentals in August.
- g. Recycling report
 - Supervisor Pawlowicz reported the Recycling Center is operating well.

12. Other Monthly meetings

- Clerk Hanson attended the DAT meeting.

13. Old Business

- No old business to discuss.

14. New Business

- Supervisor Rapp thanked Gary Vezina, Reservoir Riders, for using his equipment to knock down stink weed by the skating rink making space for snow to be pushed in that area and Jerry Chesney donated a tire rim for the fire hall recycling trailer, and Jim Finn for donating the tire.
- **Second monthly meeting:** There was a motion by Supervisor Blix not to have a second meeting and seconded by Chair Wagner. 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 8:04 PM and seconded by Supervisor 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