

The regular Board meeting of the Town of Fredenberg, Minnesota, St. Louis County was held in the Fredenberg Town Hall on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at 7:00 PM.

- 1. Board members present:** Chair Tim Wagner, Vice Chair Deb Pawlowicz, Supervisor Jeff Blix, Supervisor Clay Cich, 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:** 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 stated the skating rink lights are being left on.
- 7. Approval of the Minutes**
 - Regular meeting of December 4, 2024: There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to approve the December 4, 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
- 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 Cich. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. The December 31, 2024, ending balance in the checking account was \$392,827.36 and the outstanding checks total were \$1,568.48.
- 9. Clerks Report – Ellen Hanson**
 - Clerk Hanson stated she is balanced with the bank and presented the claims list report.
 - The Board reviewed the claims list. There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to accept claims 10933 for \$210 and 10934-10948 for \$85,984.07 which is a total of \$86,194.07 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 7 emails during the month.
- 11. Reports for December 2024**
 - a. Fredenberg Law Enforcement statistics
 - Deputy Sheriff Sergeant Nick Voltzke presented the incident report for December. There were 17 incidents with no arrests in the township.
 - b. Roads/Bridges report
 - Supervisor Blix reported there is no snow but the county needed to pick treat some roads due to the ice.
 - When there isn't a "No Access" sign on a road and there are no complaints then no sign is required.
 - c. Fire Department report
 - Chief Bergstrand reported during December the fire department responded to 7 calls, including four medical, one fire, one automatic alarm, and one carbon monoxide alarm.
 - Annual required radio training was held and the air test was conducted on the air compressor for the SCBAs.
 - Members assisted with flooding the ice rink.
 - d. Cemetery report
 - Supervisor Rapp reported the cemetery has been quiet.
 - e. Parks and Recreation and Pavilion
 - Supervisor Cich reported the skating rink is open. The portable toilet has been set up at the sledding hill.
 - f. Community Center report

- Deputy Clerk Wagner reported there were no rentals in December.
- Supervisor Cich talked to the janitor about cleaning the downstairs carpet.
- Supervisor Cich discovered older flags being stored downstairs. He will dispose of them. It was suggested he bring them to Fleet Farm.
- Breakfast with Santa went well and there were many in attendance. The Board thanked all the volunteers for helping to make this a successful event.

g. Recycling report

- Supervisor Pawlowicz reported the Recycling Center is operating well.

12. Other Monthly meetings

- No other meetings in December.

13. Old Business

- **Reservoir Riders Donation:** The Board discussed possible options for a donation and they were adding bleachers for the ball field, upgrades to the ball field, and purchasing mats for the skating rink. The Board will continue their discussion at later meetings.
- **Fire Service Contract:** Clerk Hanson presented a Fire Service contract the town attorney generated. The Board had a brief discussion about the contract and concluded they need more information. Issues discussed, in part, were workers compensation insurance and reporting financials to the Board. There was a motion by Supervisor Pawlowicz to table discussion until the next meeting and seconded by Supervisor Cich. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.

14. New Business

- **Set annual audit meeting; Set annual budget/levy meeting; Set reorganization meeting:** There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to set the annual audit, budget/levy, and the reorganization meetings for February 5th after the regular Board meeting and seconded by Supervisor Cich. 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 cancelling the 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 7:34 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