

The regular Board meeting of the Town of Fredenberg, Minnesota, St. Louis County, was held in the Fredenberg Town Hall on Wednesday, April 16, 2025, at 7:00 PM.

- 1. Board members present:** Chair Tim Wagner, Supervisor Jeff Blix, 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:** Chair Wagner called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
- 4. Pledge of allegiance:** All present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 5. Approval of the Agenda:** Supervisor Blix motioned 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**
  - There were no speakers.
- 7. Approval of the Minutes**
  - Regular meeting of March 5, 2025: Supervisor Pawlowicz motioned to approve the March 5, 2025, Board of Supervisors meeting minutes as presented, and seconded by Supervisor Blix. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.
- 8. Financial Reports**
  - Treasurer Mahr agreed with the bank statement and presented the cash control report and the Schedule 1 report with the investment totals. Supervisor Blix motioned to approve the treasurer's report and, seconded by Supervisor Rapp. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. The March 31, 2025, ending balance in the checking account was \$186,685.20 with outstanding checks of \$1,768.06.
- 9. Clerk's Report**
  - Clerk Hanson stated she is balanced with the bank and presented the claims list report.
  - The Board reviewed the claims list. Supervisor Blix motioned to approve claims 10972 for \$66,131.18 and 10973-10985 for \$3,377.92 for a total of \$69,509.10, and seconded by Supervisor Rapp. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.
  - Rural Bystander Training and Preparedness: Mental Health, Cardiac, and Substance Abuse Emergency Agreement: The agreement was signed by Chair Wagner and Clerk Hanson.
- 10. Correspondence**
  - Clerk Hanson read the correspondence. There were 2 mail and 6 emails during the month.
- 11. Reports for March 2025**
  - a. Fredenberg Law Enforcement Statistics
    - Deputy Sheriff Sergeant Nick Voltzke was not present; however, he submitted his written incident report for March. There were 23 incidents in the township.
  - b. Roads/Bridges report
    - Supervisor Blix reported that the roads are in good condition. He is concerned that the Bear Island Road asphalt is in poor condition and the town does not have the funds to replace the asphalt, instead there may be a way to fill the cracks to improve the condition.
    - Supervisor Rapp asked Supervisor Blix for a written monthly report that includes the monthly road work.
  - c. Fire Department report
    - Chief Bergstrand reported during March that the fire department responded to 2 medical calls.
    - Training included hazardous materials, lithium-ion batteries, radio operations, and wildland firefighting techniques.
    - They are working on a mitigation plan.
    - A Firewise event will take place on June 17<sup>th</sup>.
    - The department is looking for new members.
  - d. Cemetery report

- Supervisor Rapp reported that the cemetery opened on April 16<sup>th</sup>.
- e. Parks and Recreation and Pavilion
  - Supervisor Rapp reported that the pickleball members want a fence put up to block the wind. The posts were donated by Steve Happy. The members will install the posts.
  - Andy Olson reported this past winter that the skating rink operations went well. They plan to put up a sign on the warming shed.
- f. Community Center report
  - There was nothing new to report.
- g. Recycling report
  - Supervisor Pawlowicz reported WLSSD will host a Hazard Waste Day at Fredenberg on June 7, 2025 from 11:30 AM-2:30 PM.

## 12. Other Monthly meetings

- Clerk Hanson reported on the DAT meeting she attended.

## 13. Old Business

- **Fire Service Contract:** Fire Chief Bergstrand had provided financial reports for the Board to review. The Board had a discussion and questions about the reports. Chief Bergstrand will get back to the Board with answers to their questions. She presented a 2025 annual contract for the Board to review. Chair Wagner motioned to approve the contract as written, and seconded by Supervisor Blix. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmative. This motion was carried unanimously.

## 14. New Business

- **Lawn mowing quotes:** Five quotes were received for the 2025 town lawn mowing. Clerk Hanson provided packets for the Supervisors to review and compare the prices. Supervisor Rapp motioned to approve the White Pine quote for the following: cemetery = \$60, fire hall = \$99.50, recycling = \$99.50, town hall = \$99.50, total per event is \$358.50, and seconded by Chair Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.
- **Road contractor quotes:** Two quotes were received for the 2025 town road work. The Board reviewed the quotes. Supervisor Blix motioned to approve the quote from Greg Kunst & Sons for the 2025 road work, and seconded by Chair Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.
- **New snowblower:** Supervisor Rapp stated that Reservoir Riders had donated \$1,500 for the purchase of a new snowblower. The purchase quote from Denny's is \$3,351. The town's obligation would be \$1,851. Supervisor Rapp motioned to purchase a new snowblower, and seconded by Supervisor Blix. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.
- **Second monthly meeting:** Since this was the second meeting, there was no need for a motion.

## 15. Adjourn

- Supervisor Blix motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 PM, and seconded by Chair Wagner. 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