

The Town of Fredenberg, Minnesota, St. Louis County, held the regular Board meeting in the Fredenberg Town Hall on Wednesday, August 5th, 2026, at 7:00 pm.

- 1. Board members present:** Chair Tim Wagner, Supervisor 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:** Four others were 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 Cich motioned to approve the agenda, and Supervisor Pawlowicz seconded the motion. The members took a roll call vote and approved the motion unanimously.
- 6. Open Forum:** There were no speakers.
- 7. Approval of the Minutes**
 - Regular meeting of July 1st, 2026: Supervisor Blix motioned to approve the July 1st, 2026, Board of Supervisors meeting minutes as presented, and Supervisor Cich seconded the motion. The members took a roll call vote and approved the motion unanimously.
- 8. Financial Reports**
 - Treasurer Mahr stated she agreed with the bank balance.
 - On July 31st, 2026, the ending balance in the checking account was \$188,788.44. The total of outstanding checks is \$849.84. The investment balance amounts to \$316,150.02.
 - Supervisor Blix motioned to approve the financial reports, and Supervisor Cich seconded the motion. The members took a roll call vote and approved the motion unanimously.
- 9. Clerk's Report**
 - Clerk Hanson balanced with the bank and provided the claims list and cash balance reports.
 - The board reviewed the claims list. Claims numbered from 11189 to 11202 totaled \$55,599.78. Supervisor Pawlowicz motioned to approve claims 11189-11202 for \$55,599.78 for payment as presented, and Supervisor Cich seconded the motion. The members took a roll call vote and approved the motion unanimously.
- 10. Correspondence**
 - The correspondence Clerk Hanson read included three pieces of mail, and four emails received during the month.
- 11. Reports for July 2026**
 - a. Fredenberg Law Enforcement Statistics:
 - Deputy Sergeant Nick Voltzke presented his report. In the township, 45 incidents occurred, resulting in no arrests.
 - b. Roads/Bridges report
 - Supervisor Blix gave an update on the road work that occurred in July. The general condition of the roads is quite good.
 - He had a complaint about the town's brush-mowing contractor.
 - Supervisor Blix dealt with a resident suggesting a chevron sign be moved on East Bear Island.
 - c. Fire Department report: Chief Bergstrand submitted her report earlier. The fire department responded to eight medical calls and one public service call. Engine 2 supported operations at the Camp Fire near Ely for five nights, and Brush 6 assisted for one night. Med Compass completed the department's required SCBA fit testing and physical exam.
 - d. Cemetery report
 - Supervisor Rapp stated the cemetery remains open.
 - e. Parks/Recreation/Pavilion
 - According to Supervisor Rapp, everything is going well with the parks and recreational areas.
 - f. Community Center report

- Deputy Clerk Wagner confirmed one rental in July.
- Heating/cooling in the building needs to be addressed; also, the men's urinal and outside water spigot need repairs.

g. Recycling report

- Supervisor Pawlowicz reported that all is going well at the center.
- Requested to hire another person for backup.
- Requested Steve's Septic to pump the portable toilet twice a week.
- Recycling grant authorization was signed and ready to send in. Thank you to Treasurer Mahr for her work on the grant submission.

12. Other monthly meetings: There were no other monthly meetings in June.

13. Unfinished Business

- Review quotes for intake valve repair. Supervisor Blix motioned to contract with Humes to repair the heating/cooling intake valves in the town hall, the men's urinal valve, and the outside spigot, and Supervisor Cich seconded the motion. The members took a roll call vote and approved the motion unanimously.
- 2026 LRIP Contract: Clerk Hanson reported that SEH's contract to complete and submit the LRIP application fee is \$2,450. Supervisor Blix motioned to enter into a contract with SEH and approved payment of the fee, and Supervisor Cich seconded the motion. The members took a roll call vote and approved the motion unanimously.
- Jeff Monsaas reported he is working with SEH and he will report back with any changes.

14. New Business

- Jen Nelson resigned from the custodian position. The new employees requested to be paid a monthly stipend of \$250.00. Supervisor Blix motioned to hire them at \$250 per month as salaried employees, and they are to work 3-4 hours per week, and Chair Wagner seconded the motion. The members took a roll call vote and approved the motion unanimously.
- Second monthly meeting: Supervisor Blix motioned to cancel the second meeting, and Supervisor Rapp seconded the motion. The members took a roll call vote and approved the motion unanimously.

15. Adjourn

- Supervisor Rapp motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 pm, and Supervisor Cich seconded the motion. The members took a roll call vote and approved the motion unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Ellen Hanson, Clerk



Tim Wagner, Board Chair