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## FREDENBERG TOWNSHIP NEWS

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Editor Sherri Armstrong

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James Ray, Road Foreman	721-5201
Sherri Armstrong, Clerk	721-3991

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## DEPARTMENTS

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Assessor, County	726-2304
Town Hall	721-3991
FAX	721-3991
email	Fredenbergtp@aol.com

(email is slow and NOT recommended)

## TOWN BOARD ACTIONS

The April meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by Chairman Jeff Blix - 5 individuals joined the board in the Pledge of Allegiance. Two items were added to the agenda, Fredenberg Lake Rd under Old Business and 5 year road plan under New Business. Minutes were approved as written. The correspondence was reviewed and bills paid in the amount of \$22,293.68. Reports were made by the various department heads.

The clerk reported a busy month working with the treasurer to set up the accounts in the new version of CTAS. While all the codes are now in place, she needs to re-input the first three months of the year before issuing a current Schedule 1 for the board.

The treasurer was not present but had submitted his monthly reconciliation. Total funds available as of 10 March are \$486,385.93, which included the \$80,000 in CD. the township holds.

The Road Foreman reported he had spoke with the Minnesota Power rep about eh road limit posting along Bear Island Road and was updated on their spillway project. The crazy weather, both last fall and now is making road work patchy. Frost is a big issue with the roads this year. Jeff Blix reported on the road training they received at Short Course the previous week. Road restrictions are currently in place.

Fire Department - no report  
Nothing from Law Enforcement or

the Cemetery

Parks & Rec - Tom Pawlowcz had placed a camera on the trails per board request and reported an incident during the positing. A letter received the day of the meeting indicated that Minnesota Revenue will not be looking into any issues regarding the tract of land currently known as Fredenberg Park until 2018. Both county attorney and Sheriff's offices have said they aren't obligated to enforce our ordinance. Issues of public safety are at the middle of our concerns.

Old Fire Hall - we are getting estimates for the replacement of the roof.

Recycling Center - things are going well.

**Other Meetings** - Jeff Blix, Mark Toms and Sherri Armstrong all attended Short Course and the clerk attended the SLATCO meeting.

**Under Old Business:** - Fredenberg Lake Road—the board had a copy of the feasibility study done on this project from SEH. The board, with Mark Toms abstaining, voted to contract with the company to do the design, engineering and inspection phases of this project with the cost being included in the overall project cost to the residents. We are not looking to bond this project out, but to issue a Certificate of Indebtedness through a bank and Clay Cich has been in discussions with them about the best offer. We are looking at a total cost of \$250,000 and would

be using the CD's as collateral. A Public Hearing date was set for April 26th from 7-8:30 pm in the basement.

**Under New Business: Letter of Support for WLSSD Grant -** WLSSD is looking to procure a grant that would enable the community sheds to start accepting plastic bags and organic food wastes for recycling. The board expressed some concerns over attracting pests if we were to take on food scraps, but at this time the grant is only in the application phase, so the board signed a letter of support.

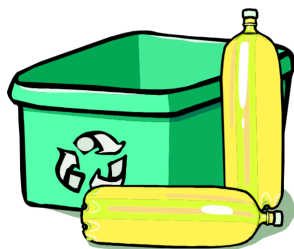
**5-year Road Plan -** Noel Pearman has received a copy of the plan and asked questions about how it came to fruition. The plan was discussed with Lakehead Trucking, who was the contractor at the time, after having done a road review. The plan includes ditching, widening of some areas and gravel applications starting with some of the poorest roads. The intent is to bring all the roads up to a level where blacktopping of them would be possible. Safety issues of all roads will be a priority and work will be complied with as weather permits.

With no further business, we adjourned at 8:15pm.

### RECYCLING REMINDERS:

**Please remember to rinse your recyclables prior to bringing them in. We are moving into warmer weather and the wasps love to hang out at the recycling shed - especially in the adult beverage bottles..**

**Thanks!**



## CORRESPONDENCE

The following items were received and reviewed at the April meeting. Anyone wishing to read this correspondence, or seeking more information, may do so by calling the clerk at 721-3991.

1. From Town of Canosia – Winter newsletter
2. From SLATCO – Minutes from Feb 24<sup>th</sup> meeting and resolution from Colvin township, bus for Township Day at the Capitol.
3. From MDH – Newsletter
4. From State Auditor – Statement of Position Letter on FDIC rules for government deposits.

### EMAIL –

From WLSSD – looking for a letter of support for the grant they are writing.

## NNO EVENT

National Night Out has been celebrated since 1984 and is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch in the United States and Canada. National Night Out was created to increase awareness of police programs in the community. Programs like drug prevention, Town Watch, Neighborhood Watch and more. It is a time to get to know who your neighbors are so you can help each other out by being vigilant to strangers or strange happenings in your community.

Events around the country are normally organized by block watches, not-for-profit organizations, companies and police departments. These events can be as simple as backyard barbecues or as large as full-blown festivals.

This year's celebration will be August 2nd, but we are trying to get a committee or group to start planning it now. It will start with just one and that person can contact Liz Blix at 721-3194 to help us get started.

Funds are set aside for the event, but we need the manpower to put it all in motion. Thanks for stepping up!

**UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED  
CLASSES HELD AT THE  
FREDENBERG COMMUNITY  
CENTER**

**CHECK OUR FACEBOOK PAGE**  
Exercise classes - wear comfortable clothes and bring a mat. Pay per class or purchase a punch card. The card will be kept at the Community Center.

**For more info call Anita at  
729-0450 more info.**

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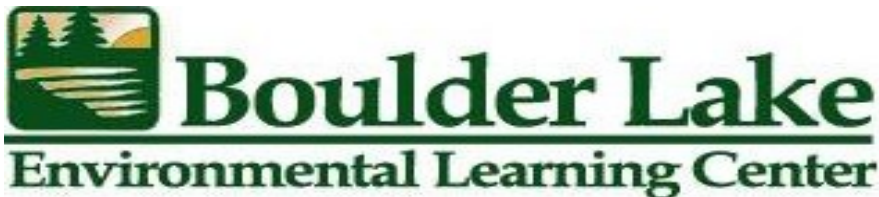
## **PUBLIC HEARING ON FREDENBERG LAKE RD.**

To Whom It May Concern:

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors of the Town of Fredenberg will meet in the basement of the Community Center on April 26, 2016 from 7-8:30 pm to consider the proposed improvement to the Fredenberg Lake Road, including bituminous surfacing, (Project) pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 429.

The area proposed to be assessed for such improvement is each and every parcel benefitted by the Project, whether abutting on Fredenberg Lake Road or not. The estimated cost of the improvement is Two Hundred Sixty-seven Thousand, Four Hundred Two and 90/100 dollars. (\$267,402.90). A reasonable estimate of the impact of the assessment will be available at the hearing. Such persons as desire to be heard with reference to the proposed improvement will be heard at this meeting.

Sherri A Armstrong  
Town Clerk



### **Boulder Birding Big Day**

Saturday May 14 2016

6:45-11:00 a.m. (6:30 a.m. Sign-in, breakfast treats)

Co-sponsored by Duluth Audubon Society

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For more info or to register, email [jdgeiss@d.umn.edu](mailto:jdgeiss@d.umn.edu) or call 721-3731; They are located at 7328 Boulder Dam Rd, Duluth, MN

The Town of Fredenberg is looking for quotes from contractors for the 2016 season for road work and mowing. All interested parties should have their own equipment and be prepared to present a Certificate of Insurance prior to acceptance of any contract.

Road work includes 13.9 miles of township roads and will be under the direction of the township's Road Foreman.

Mowing will include the cemetery, community center and the area around the front of the fire hall every two weeks or as needed. At a minimum the cemetery would be expected to be mowed prior to the Memorial Holiday even if all other property areas needed to wait.

Please call 721-3991 and leave a message with contact info if there are any questions .

Quotes must be submitted to the clerk at 5104 Fish Lake Rd. Duluth, MN 55803 or [fredenbergtwp@aol.com](mailto:fredenbergtwp@aol.com) **no later than 30 April 2016 to be eligible for submission.**

Quotes submitted after this date will not be considered.





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#### Worship Schedule

**Sundays – 10:30 am**

Praise worship with Holy Communion  
Coffee Fellowship following the service

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Feburary 10<sup>th</sup> – Ash Wednesday Service – 5:30 pm  
Weekly Wednesday Lenten Services – 5:30 pm  
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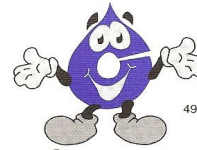
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**7am—noon Sat May 7th**

The next board  
meeting will be

Wednesday

May 4



7pm