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TOWN BOARD ACTIONS

The July meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Chairman Jeff Blix - 27 individuals joined the board in the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes were approved with the addition of two words to make the meaning more clear. The correspondence was reviewed and bills paid in the amount of \$64,322.69. Reports were made by the various department heads.

The clerk reported calls about rentals are coming in, and still people ask about renting out just the tables and chairs. She made arrangements with the custodians for cleaning the upstairs hall carpet, but Mort had thrown out his back. There were requests for documents and the clerk presented a form that the board had talked about creating earlier for these requests.

The treasurer presented his monthly reconciliation. Total funds available as of 10 June are \$408,568.95, which included the \$80,000 in CD. the township holds.

The Road Foreman reported that the swamp area along Fredenberg Lake Rd was built up and a culvert replaced in that area. He spoke with land owners along W. Hunter Lake Rd, which is the next target area, about tree removal. They didn't have a problem with that as long as the red pine wasn't touched. After the severe storm that moved through the township on Tuesday night, Jim went out to assess the damage and was out until 3am working to clear downed trees from the roadway. The

board thanked him for his tremendous efforts.

Fire Department - the department responded to 3 medical calls, 1 public assist water emergency, a tree on a power line and an illegal burn. Several members helped staff a medical aid station for Grandma's Marathon, treating 114 people with an additional 75 needing minor assistance. The hosted a functional drill sponsored by Minnesota Power about the Emergency Action Plan for the Island Lake Dam. The department also received their ISO rating which changed from a 7/10 to a 5/10. This means that if your insurance company was using the ISO rating system you should see a decrease in your rates. The department is not aware of any other community with this low of a rating. The members are proud of the rating and thank the community for the overwhelming support to help make out township safer. They also asked if the board would consider some extra gravel or grade on their driveway.

Law Enforcement—they are placing a sign in the park prohibiting commercial use and listing the consequences if caught.

Cemetery - 106 markers are now down to facilitate finding the rows. After the project was complete, it was found that the cemetery is now 6ft wider on one side.

Parks & Rec - the ball field has been revamped and is in use. A quote was received for stripping the tennis/basketball court for

pickleball, which the board felt was too high. The will seek a price on seal coating the court and laying down the lines for pickleball and not worry about the basketball lines as it usually is used just for hoops. Plans for National Night Out are going forward - with the board participation and the volunteers already willing we think we will have enough as the fire department will also be on hand.

Community Center - the sign out front will be worked on in the next week. They are slated to be done with the roof on the old fire hall be tomorrow. The flag pole is fixed with Steve Happy donating the time and equipment. The flag removed was found on the ground.

Recycling Center - the grant for 2016 has been awarded, so the clerk will contact Lake Country about going ahead with the installation of the security light. The snow fence stored in the shed was scraps rolled up and not an entire roll and was recycled.

Other Meetings - the clerk attended Short Course and brought back the gravel maintenance road book and a flag she won for being the first and correct contestant in the quiz portion of the even.

Under Old Business: - Fredenberg Lake Road - after much discussion and views heard from many as well as both lawyers present, The township lawyer stated that 4/5 majority vote could decide the project even if all affected voted no. With 2 of the members abstaining that meant the remaining 3 could still legally vote. Liz Blix moved we hire an independent contractor and do the paperwork and contacting portion over, Walter Rapp seconded; Rapp, both Blixs voted to go ahead with that plan, Mark Toms abstained and Clay Cich voted no.

Website - the clerk ran out of month.

Under New Business: Cooperative Maintenance Agreement.- the county has a new agreement for the snowplowing season. Although the clerk only changed the name on the

Agreement sent by the county they are sending a new form as that is apparently not allowed. Walter asked if we had no snow would we own then nothing, answer was the county probably would not see it that way, but as the likelihood of no snow at all here is remote, we will never know. The board moved to accept the agreement and signatures will be put on it when it is received.

Election - Although the election is not until November, the filing period will be From August 2 - 16. We will have 4 open positions on the board, two each 4-year and 2-year positions. If you are planning on filing you must declare which seat you are going for A, C, D, E with the later 2 letters being 2-year terms. We do not do ranked voting, so it isn't the 2 individuals with the most votes win the seats. The clerk also mentioned that they are looking at a Presidential Primary Election where there would be separate ballots for each major political party and you would need to declare your party prior to getting the ballot and voting. No idea why and as at this time we only have Democrats and Republicans those would be your choices. More will be coming on that in the future.

The board discussed the township purchasing a chainsaw for the road foreman's use. Having just purchased a new one, he is happy to use that and the township will just reimburse him for the gas used.

With no further business, we adjourned at 8:20pm.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

1. From St. Louis County, Planning and Community Development Dept. - Public Hearing for CUP for James Durfee, 6309 Beaver River Rd.
2. From St. Louis County, Planning and Community Development Dept. - Proposed revisions to St. Louis County sub d. Ordinance 60 and St. Louis County Zoning Ordinance 62.
3. From WLSSD - Newsletter
4. From NNO - Update on this year's events
5. From WLSSD - Approval of and grant agreement for 2016
6. Dougherty Molenda et al - Letter about petition for Fredenberg Lake Rd filed on behalf of individual bidding the board to not be hasty in their decision (also sent as an email)

EMAIL

1. From Susan Williams - Request for documents on Fredenberg Lake Rd issue
2. From Clay Cich - Protest over post-card handling and results
3. From Matt Cich - Protest over response to email sent by the Chair to Bill Roach
4. (Sent to our attorney) - Hanft, Fride - Regarding potential assessment of Fredenberg Lake Rd filed on behalf of people on the road wishing to move forward now
5. (Sent to our attorney) - Hanft, Fride - Further letter on Fredenberg Lake Rd response to letter from Dougherty, Molenda et al.
6. Request from Clay Cich for 4 years worth of documents
7. From Daryl Harper - Response from email from Hanft, Fride.

Martha Washington is the only woman whose portrait has appeared on a U.S. currency note. It appeared on the face of the \$1 Silver Certificate of 1886 and 1891, and the back of the \$1 Silver Certificate of 1896.

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FILING NOTICE - TOWN OF FREDENBERG

Notice is hereby given to qualified voters of Fredenberg Township, St. Louis County, State of Minnesota, that filing for Town Office will be held for a 2-week period beginning August 2, 2016.

Qualified voters are those eligible to vote in MN; have not filed for the same or any other office in the upcoming election; are at least 21 years of age, or will be by the time they assume office; and have maintained a residence in the township for at least 30 days before the election.

Affidavits of Candidacy shall be filed with the Town Clerk at the Fredenberg Town Hall, 5104 Fish Lake Rd, Duluth, MN 55803. To file please contact the Clerk at 721-3991 and leave a message to set up an appointment or stop by the office on Saturdays from 9am - noon.

Filing will close on August 16, 2016 at 5pm. The clerk will be in the office that day from 1pm - 5pm. Filing fee is \$2.00

Offices on the ballot for the November election are :

Two (2) 4-year supervisor positions. A, C

Two (2) 2-year supervisor position D, E

For further information contact the clerk at the above time and/or number.

Sherri A Armstrong, Clerk
Town of Fredenberg.

The Town of Fredenberg is looking for quotes from contractors for the mowing of approximately 13.9 miles of township roads. Also for brushing the same roads to the tree line.

You will be working with the road foreman on this project. All interested parties should have their own equipment and be prepared to present a Certificate of Insurance prior to acceptance of any contract.

Quotes should be sent to the clerk at 5104 Fish Lake Rd. Duluth, MN 55803 **no later than July 31 2016.**

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Jeff Blix, supervisor, at 721-3194.

Burning Permits Check Before You Burn

The online burning permit system allows the public to hear the current status and restrictions for any county that is in the system. Follow the steps below to get up-to-date information regarding restrictions:

1. Call 866-533-2876
2. Choose option 7 followed by the # sign.
3. Choose the county number you are interested in followed by the #sign. St, Louis County is 69#.

If you have any questions, you can always contact the DNR @ 218-878-5642.

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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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Pilates 8:05 - 9:05 am

Thursday

Cardio /Toning 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Saturday

Cardio/Toning 8:00 - 9:00 am

Instructor: Sandy Rock
for all the above classes

Wednesdays

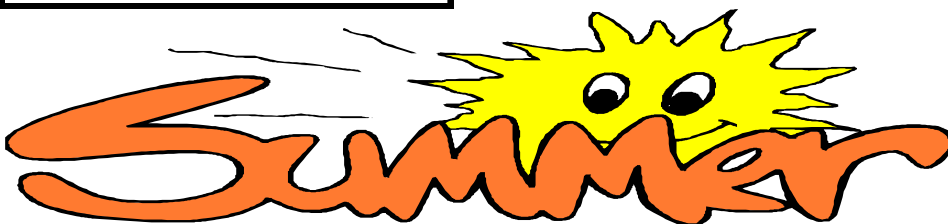
Yoga 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Come work out with other motivated community members—men and women.

Suggested class donation is \$3, but is not required.

Have an idea or suggestions for a different type of exercise or time? Call Anita Anderson and let her know.

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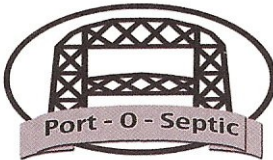
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