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(email is slow and NOT recommended)	

TOWN BOARD ACTIONS

The May meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Chairman Jeff Blix - 23 individuals joined the board in the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisor Cich and Treasurer O'Brien were not present. One item was added to the agenda, website under New Business. Minutes were approved with one correction, from March 15th to May 15th under road restrictions. The correspondence was reviewed and bills paid in the amount of \$5,849.94.. Reports were made by the various department heads.

The clerk reported a busy month working to add the previous months finances into the new CTAS program, she had not be able to work to make all the changes with the treasurer yet due to scheduling difficulties. She fielded lots of emails and phone calls about the Public Hearing. She asked if the board wished to act on the gardeners request for funds - they are removing the diseased blue spruce and lower shrubs and doing some other improvements

The treasurer was not present but had submitted his monthly reconciliation. Total funds available as of 12 April are \$451,663.52, which included the \$80,000 in CD. the township holds.

The Road Foreman reported aren't in bad shape. He had some calls from residents on road signs. In speaking with the county, he learned about the reflectivity requirements and was told by Public Works rep that the county puts on the bare

minimum of signs needed for safety, (stops signs for example) and urge townships to do the same. Unposted roads have a speed limit of 55 miles by statute. Signs posted such as "caution children playing" were not put up by the township, but private residents and would need to be replaced by them if so desired. The foreman will remove the dilapidated signs that are township owned. Clean up work clearing trees along the W. Hunter Lake Rd has started. The foreman is trying to get in touch with one of the property owners about removal, but we are looking at improvement work there this season.

Fire Department - no report, but the pancake breakfast will be next weekend - opening weekend. (The MN Power calendar, which was used in the last newsletter had the date wrong)

Law Enforcement—nothing
Cemetery - Gates have been unlocked and work will commence on placing markers for ease in locating graves soon.

Parks & Rec - we will post a sign-up sheet at the Minnoette to try and get National Night Out group together. The ski club volunteered to run snow cones. The tennis net has been put up.

Community Center - the sewer alarm was going off again. It stopped when the switch was put in manual mode. We will try and get someone in to look at it.

Recycling Center - you can tell spring cleaning is in full swing as

more people are showing up here.

Other Meetings - none/

Under Old Business: - Fredenberg Lake Road Public Hearing –prior to the meeting the Chair announced the board will be sending out a new post-card to property owners which will simply ask if they are in favor or not to moving forward with the paving of the road. The board will then make their decision based on those results. The board looks for 51% agreement - either way. Cards not returned will simply not be counted.

Mowing Contract - the board voted to use Nicks Lawn Care

Roadwork Contract - the board voted to go with Lakehead Trucking. With the hiring of a contractor, the board with the road foreman and a rep from the company will do the annual road review after a meal break from the LBAE meeting.

Under New Business: Insurance.– the level of insurance for the old town hall needs to be decided on. The building will be insured as a historical, but is replaced as a new building. We have until next month to get this completed. The garage put up is not the township responsibility as it was n't part of the original lease agreement.

Website - has a 1 June deadline.

Community Ed - wanted to know if they could purchase a large flat screen with DVD player and have it installed downstairs. They are looking to use it along with the internet for exercise classes. The board gave it's approval.

With no further business, we adjourned at 7:45pm.

Arrowhead Bookmobile

Stops at the Fredenberg
Community Center from
1:15 - 1:45

June 20 July 11

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or 1-800-257-1442

CORRESPONDENCE

The following items were received and reviewed at the May 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 Public Waste Dept. – Notice that county draft of ATV ordinance is ready for viewing
2. From SLATCO – Minutes from March 23rd and Annual Meeting reservation and info
3. From Lake Country Power – Notice of Annual Meeting
4. Century Link – Notice of price change
5. MDH – Results of drinking water analysis
6. From Curtis Oil – Important propane safety information flier
7. From Hermantown All Night Grad Party – Donation request
8. From Minnesota LTAP – Newsletter
9. From MAT – Insurance information
10. From Dougherty Molenda – Letter on behalf of James Tarnowski regarding Fredenberg Lake Rd Public Hearing
11. From St. Louis County Auditor – Valuation notice for 2017 property taxes for Old Fire Hall and Reservoir Riders area

EMAILS:

1. From Janet Simonen - Info request regarding Fredenberg Lake Rd
2. From Ronald Edmunds – Strong support for Fredenberg Lake Rd project
3. From Mike and Liz Edmunds – Support of Fredenberg Lake Rd project.
4. From Bonnie Anderson – Request for signed, dated list of proposed fire numbers assessed for Fredenberg Lake Rd project
5. From Susan Williams – Info request regarding Fredenberg Lake Rd project
6. From Karen Telega – Info request regarding Fredenberg Lake Rd project
7. From Sarah, Susan, Geoffrey, Roger and Joel Williams – Concerns about the Fredenberg Lake Rd.

(continued in next column)

8. From Katerine Wolterman on behalf of Robert Bauer (James Tarnowski)- Comments and concerns on the Fredenberg Lake Rd project
9. From Stephanie Love – Request for park application permit
10. From Susan Zeleznikar – Request from the Fredenberg Gardeners

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.

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729-0450 more info.**

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Waters of Life Lutheran Church ANNUAL RUMAMGE AND BAKE SALE

Friday May 20th 8am - 4pm
Saturday May 21st 8am - noon
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IT'S SPRING (at last) AND THE TOWN BOARD WOULD LIKE TO REMIND EVERYONE:

Our township is comprised of a combination of private, township and county roads. Walkers, joggers, bike riders, horse riders, ATV riders and drivers of both commercial and industrial vehicles are all sharing these roads. The roads are currently recovering from a very crazy winter. Road restrictions have been lifted, but the thaw takes a greater toll on our unpaved roads. We ask that everyone who utilizes the roads *respect and observe common sense, safety and courtesy to all users*. Throw in the deer and other wildlife population and we have to keep alert at all times while behind the wheel.

We have the fishing season upon us there will be a lot of traffic and parked vehicles along the roadway—especially along the bridge on the Lavaque Road. Residents are reminded that **35mph is the posted speed limit along that stretch of road**. With the additional cars and people fishing it is crazy, careless and unlawful to drive faster than the posted limit.

In addition we would like to point out that the township has an ordinance banning ATV's from the roadway or shoulder of township roads as well as from the properties known as the Town Hall, Clearwater Lake Recreational Area and the Noble Hill Cemetery. They may be operated in the right-of-way and are permitted to cross township roads to get from one area to another. It should be noted that the county is also in the process of drafting an ATV Ordinance.

We appreciate everyone's help in keeping our roads, residents, wildlife and visitors safe. We would also appreciate that you respect the beauty of nature and only dispense with your trash in the proper manner—not along the roadside.

Thank you!

WANTED FOR DISPLAY

At the Community Center

Old historical photos related to Fredenberg prior to WWII.

Pioneers, people, places, buildings, maps, schools, farms, roads, events - names and descriptions are helpful.

Copies will be made of selected items and all originals returned **if you attach your name and mailing address** (paperclip to submission or put on back). Digital photos/scanned images on media accepted but **not by email**. By submitting your images, you agree to public display of the images in the Community Center's upstairs display case.

This project coordinated by Mort and Connie Moriarity. Please send your photos to either:

Display Project
Town of Fredenberg
5104 Fish Lake Rd
Duluth, MN 55803

or

Display Project
Moriarity
4985 W. Pioneer Rd
Duluth, MN 55803

Please send before June 30, 2016.
Thanks for your help.

While recent rains have helped "green" us up, conditions are still placing us in the EXTREME category for wildfires. BURNING RESTRICTIONS ARE IN EFFECT.

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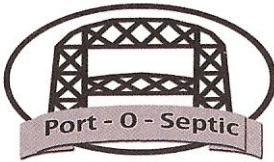
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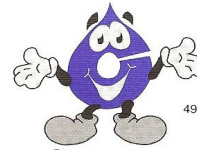
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June 1



7pm