

# Fredenberg Township News



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### FREDENBERG TOWNSHIP NEWS

A monthly newsletter published by the Fredenberg Town Board Editor Diane Palmstein & Mary Skafte

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Town Hall Office 721-3991 **Every Tuesday** Office Hours:

2 pm to 5:30pm

### TOWN BOARD

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Assessor, County	726-2304		
Town Hall	721-3991		
Email Freden	bergtwp@gmail.com		
Website	Fredenberg.org		

Due to the recent COVID19 pandemic, the Fredenberg Community Center & Recycle Center are closed until further notice. Please use the township website: Fredenberg.org, posting boards at the Town Hall and Recycle Center, nextdoorfredenberg for information from the township at this time. Be well and safe! Diane & Mary

### **April 1, 2020 TOWN BOARD ACTIONS**

Mary Skafte/ clerk informed the Board supervisors & audience on the phone of meeting etiquette on a phone conference to allow for completion of town business. Clay Cich/Chair made a motion declaring a State of Emergency for Fredenberg Township, Deb Pawlowicz seconded. 5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

The monthly meeting was CALLED TO ORDER at 7 pm by Chair Clay Cich. Also, present were: Deb Pawlowicz, Walter Rapp, Jim Ray, Tim Wagner. Mary Skafte & Diane Palmstein/clerks present, Bill O'Brien/Treasurer present. The Board recited the Pledge of the Allegiance. 23 persons were listening via phone conference. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 4, 2020 meeting minutes reviewed by the Board, Walter Rapp made motion to accept without corrections, Jim Ray seconded. 5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED **UNANIMOUSLY.** TREASURER'S REPORT: Monthly reconciliation as of 3/11/2020 in checking is \$341,269.29. Total funds available is \$505,194.82, includes 4 CD's totaling \$201,164.70. Nothing unusual to report for the month, 3 CD's are maturing on 4/24/2020, previously Board asked him to meet with bank to check out best rates before reinvesting, because of current health crisis, this may have to be by phone conference and the Board was okay with this. CORRESPONDENCE: 49 total: 5 mail and 44 e-mails were received and reviewed by the Board. Also 7 e-mails received today were available for review. REVIEW OF BILLS: Mary Skafte/clerk informed the Board that the Excellence in Education Banquet was cancelled and requested a motion to rescind Resolution 2020-004, \$100.00 donation, Clay Cich made a motion to rescind Resolution 2020-004, Tim Wagner seconded. 5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. Also informed Board of Como Oil contract price for coming year: \$1.099/gallon propane. Board reviewed bills, no corrections. Walter Rapp made motion to accept check # 9944 to 9970, totaling \$14,432.71, Clay Cich seconded. 5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. REPORTS: Clerk – on March 25, 2020, Ryan Sauve from St. Louis and Local Board of Appeal & Equalization, contacted the office to discuss holding our Board remotely with the County and using write in appeals only (there are no provisions/laws to not conduct the Board of Appeal & Equalization in state of emergency), decision needed to be made immediately as tax notifications were being sent out on March 27,2020 and information about write in appeals could be on that notice, or else a special notice would have to be sent out to each Fredenberg parcel owner. This will not impact in person appeals in the future. Clerks contacted each supervisor individually; it was unanimous 5 YEAS to have write in appeals only.

Jim Ray made a motion to conduct the Fredenberg Local Board of Appeal & Equalization as write in appeal only for 2020 on April 29, 2020 from 1-2pm in the Fredenberg Board Room, Deb Pawlowicz seconded. 5 YEAS. MOTION **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Office has received 4 applications for Town Treasurer, each was made aware that in person interviews would not be held at this time but had many questions about work and hours, Clerks asked the Board to allow Bill O'Brien/treasurer to contact applicants to answer questions and provide information pertaining to job duties. Board agreed with plan and Bill O'Brien accepted. Mary Skafte/clerk requested supervisors come to Community Center, Board Room to sign forms but only 1 at a time tomorrow. Road Report – quiet month, will be assessing road conditions following the winter. Fire Department- Members responded to 3 medical calls including 1 mutual aid. The new boiler has been installed and working well, 2 new outside doors were replaced. The Department is focusing on preparing for the COVID19 pandemic, information has been gathered, equipment inventoried, procedures developed, and training held to help with responses during the epidemic. If you need to call 9-1-1, please be prepared to give the dispatcher the following information: Does the patient have a fever? Headache? Muscle pain? Cough? Flu symptoms? Nausea or vomiting? Diarrhea? Abdominal pain or unexplained bleeding? The dispatcher will relay that to the responders so the proper personal protective equipment precautions can be used. This is both for the patient's and the responder's protection. Only 1 or 2 responders will make contact with the patient to provide care, others will be staged outside in case they are needed. Please keep yourself safe, wash your hands, stay home, maintain the proper distances when you need to be out. We are all in this together keeping each other safe. The Fire Department will not be accepting aluminum cans for the time being. We will let you know when we will be able to resume the collection. The Annual Fishing Opener Pancake Breakfast is tentatively being held on Saturday, May 9, 2020, 7:00am to Noon at the Fredenberg Community Center. More information will be coming out as we get closer. Thank you for all your support. Cemetery – now closed but should open by May 1. Parks & Rec – closed to activities, porta-potty removed from sliding hill. Community Center- closed and posted on all posting sites, keys removed from Minnow Ette. Doors and locks will not be addressed until Stay at Home order expired. Clay Cich spoke with Linda Bergstrand from Fire Dept. and she feels 2 grills are necessary, Board approved \$2,500.00 - \$3,000.00 for grill but costs will be up to \$5,000-\$6,000 with 2 grills. Clerks stated Township has tax exempt status for purchase. Jim Ray made a motion to increase budget for grills to \$6,000.00, Clay Cich seconded. 5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. Recycle Center - WLSSD closed facilities on March 17, 2020, they left it up to individual centers to decide to close, our Center closed on March 26, 2020 until further notice. WLSSD grants to townships may be delayed. Other Meetings- Public hearing on CUP for 6464 Fredenberg Lake Road, attended by Jim Ray and Clay Cich on Thurs. March 12, 2020, at 9:45am. Telephone conference with MAT and state townships on March 26, 2020 from 6-7pm, attended by Clay Cich, Deb Pawlowicz, Tim Wagner, Mary Skafte & Diane Palmstein. OPEN FORUM: no one. OLD BUSINESS: East Cook Lake Road paving request: no update. Information Meeting with Base 1 on Monday, May 11, 2020 at 7:15pm at the Fredenberg Town Hall, remains tentatively set but depends on Stay at Home Order. Conditional Use Permit for Lakehead Trucking at 6464 Fredenberg Lake Road: clerk read email from Jennifer Bourbonais, St. Louis Planning and Zoning regarding date of original application (Jan. 21, 2020) and revision (3/18/2020) but County has not put in place a plan to hold public hearings and still exploring 60-day rule. Also read email from Kevin Gray/St. Louis County Administrator: postponement of Planning Commission and Board of Adjustment (except planned virtual/write in only Boards). The Township has not received any new or revised CUP for this property. <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>: Quotes for 2020 Township Mowing: Board reviewed 4 quotes received, lowest quote from Don Olson: per time, \$85.00 for cemetery, community center \$140.00, recycle center \$50.00, firehall \$85.00, with cemetery and firehall done 2 x month. Jim Ray made a motion to accept mowing quote from Don Olson, Deb Pawlowicz seconded. 5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. Quotes for 2020/21 Township Road Work: Board reviewed 1 quote received from Lakehead Trucking. Walter Rapp made a motion to accept quote as outlined in proposal from Lakehead Trucking, Jim Ray seconded. 5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. Ordinance for Gravel Pit Moratorium for Township & Resolution #2020-007: Board had both documents in their packet to review. Walter Rapp informed the Board that he spoke with Matt Johnson, Director of Planning & Development and he recommended letters of concern be sent to them as they do carry weight in their decision making and Walter is not in favor of the Township getting back into zoning. Jim Ray voiced concerns about ARDC contract and cost, recommendations made by ARDC and their impact on the community and that the Township had to hire a company to do the study to comply with MN statute for moratoriums. Clay Cich didn't feel the Planning Commission had the best interests of Fredenberg, the Commission didn't consider the public or townships' concerns and recommendations. Deb Pawlowicz felt the Township needed to have more ability to control gravel pits in the area, as clarified by Steve Overom/township attorney, ARDC cost is not a lump sum and can be stopped if the Board chooses, which she feels comfortable with. Jim Ray stated there were still unanswered questions and felt moving forward with a moratorium and resolution may have the answers. He did feel doing our own zoning can get ugly. Tim Wagner stated he was okay to make a decision with the information presented tonight. Steve Overom/township attorney present at this time and stated he would not give a legal opinion on this matter at this time. Residents given an opportunity to speak: Oly Olson, Patty Wheeler, Greg Flanagan, Deb Roach, Ken Johnson, Katherine Harris, Janet Olson, Bob Terry, Sally Williams, Bonnie Anderson, Patty Monson-Gertz all spoke in favor of the resolution and ordinance for a Moratorium (continued on page 6)

## CURRENTLY THE FREDENBERG COMMUNITY CENTER IS CLOSED. ALL ACTIVITIES ARE CANCELLED.

### NO BOOK CLUB IN APRIL



As a pandemic is a serious matter, we will suspend all book club meetings until further notice. I encourage you to keep a list of the books you enjoyed to share later at book club. Feel free to share via email too! Reading—what a better way to distance yourself (on many levels). Currently I'm reading "The Peasant Prince" by Alex Storozynski. I'm on page 170 (about half way through) and it is excellent. Anyone of Polish decent should read it!

Stay healthy and peaceful! Celeste Kawulok

### PROPOSED 2021 BUDGET

### PROPOSED 2021 LEVY

GENERAL FUND	\$68,000.00	GENERAL FUND	\$66,000.00
TOWNSHIP BUILDINGS	\$30,000.00	TOWNSHIP BUILDINGS	\$30,000.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$78,000.00	FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$78,000.00
CEMETERY	\$1,500.00	CEMETERY	\$1,400.00
PARKS & REC	\$8,000.00	PARKS & REC	\$8,000.00
ROAD & BRIDGE	\$150,000.00	ROAD & BRIDGE	\$150,000.00
BOND REPAYMENT	\$62,000.00	BOND REPAYMENT	\$62,000.00
TOTAL	\$397,500.00		\$395,400.00
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RECYCLE CENTER \$9,618.81

\*\*RECYCLE CENTER IS A GRANT AND NOT ADDED INTO THE BUDGET

PROPOSED BUDGET AND LEVY APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY AT THE MARCH 10, 2020 FREDENBERG ANNUAL MEETING.

### Fredenberg Local Board of Appeal & Equalization

will be held on Wednesday, April 29, 2020 from 1:00 to 2:00pm

As noted on your recent St. Louis Count Property tax valuation delivered in the mail. ALL APPEALS MUST BE MADE IN WRITING BY MAIL TO:

CLERK 5104 Fish Lake Road

Duluth, MN 55803

Or

Email to: Fredenbergtwp@gmail.com By April 29, 2020, 1:00pm

To be reviewed by the Fredenberg Board of Appeal & Equalization and St. Louis County Assessors office (virtual meeting).

In accordance with MN Dept. of Revenue and Fredenberg Town Board Approval, the format is changed this **one time** in response to the current health pandemic. Please call the Town Office at 218-721-3991 if you have questions.

### TOWN OF FREDENBERG ORDINANCE NO. 2020-01

## AN ORDINANCE DECLARING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON GRAVEL PITS, BORROW PITS AND CRUSHING OR BATCH PLANTS WITHIN FREDENBERG TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, Fredenberg Township presently does not have zoning regulations that provide specific regulations governing gravel pits, borrow pits, crushing or batch plants, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Fredenberg Township desires to have the issue of gravel pits, borrow pits, crushing or batch plants studied by Arrowhead Regional Development Commission ("ARDC") on behalf of Fredenberg Township and obtain input from Town residents and other interested parties, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has contracted with ARDC to study the issue of gravel pits, borrow pits, crushing or batch plants at the earliest possible time and provide its report and recommendation with respect to regulations that the Board of Supervisors should consider adopting with regard to gravel pits, borrow pits, crushing or batch plants, and

WHEREAS, in the meantime, the Board of Supervisors desires that there be no permits be granted for gravel pits, borrow pits, crushing or batch plants within the Town by the Town or St. Louis County until such study, recommendations and decisions are completed and made, as the case may be, and

WHEREAS, accordingly, the Board of Supervisors believes that it is in the best interest of Fredenberg Township that a temporary moratorium be imposed on gravel pits, borrow pits, crushing or batch plants within Fredenberg Township.

### NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF FREDENBERG TOWNSHIP, MINNESOTA:

- No person, firm, entity, or corporation shall create, allow, own, or operate, unless in existence on April 1, 2020 a gravel pit, borrow pit, crushing or batch plant within Fredenberg Township until the earlier of (i) November 1, 2020 or (ii) the effective date of zoning regulations relating to gravel pits, borrow pits, crushing or batch plants in Fredenberg Township.
- This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes Section 462.355, Subdivision 4 and Section 365.125.
  - The purpose and intent of this Ordinance is set forth in the above whereas clauses.
  - This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon adoption.
  - This Ordinance shall be published once in the official newspaper of Fredenberg Township.

This Ordinance was adopted by the Board of Supervisors on this 1st day of April, 2020, upon the following votes: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 2

Chairman

ATTEST:

Adopted: April 1, 2020 Published: April 8, 2020 Effective Date: April 1, 2020

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## 15 DAYS TO SLOW THE SPREAD

Listen to and follow the directions of your STATE AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

IF YOU FEEL SICK, stay home. Do not go to work. Contact your medical provider.

IF YOUR CHILDREN ARE SICK, keep them at home. Do not send them to school. Contact your medical provider.

**IF SOMEONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD HAS TESTED POSITIVE** for the coronavirus, keep the entire household at home. Do not go to work. Do not go to school. Contact your medical provider.

IF YOU ARE AN OLDER PERSON, stay home and away from other people.

IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A SERIOUS UNDERLYING HEALTH CONDITION that can put you at increased risk (for example, a condition that impairs your lung or heart function or weakens your immune system), stay home and away from other people.





## FREDENBERG FIRE DEPARTMENT FUNDRAISER

The Fire Department is holding a fundraiser to purchase a new Thermal Imaging Camera (TIC) to replace our older camera. A TIC is a tool to help firefighters find temperature differences when fighting and investigating fires. A TIC is very valuable in helping to search for any victims who may be in a burning structure. The Department is selling **RTIC thermal mugs for \$20 each**, PLEASE contact any Fire Dept. member or drop in on Thursday evenings at 7pm to purchase your mug at the Fire Hall.

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on Gravel Pits in Fredenberg and in opposition to the Conditional Use Permit for 6464 Fredenberg Lake Road by Lakehead Trucking. Mary Skafte, resident on Hunter Lake Road, stated she was a resident in the township when zoning was given to the County and the decision was voted on at an Annual Township Meeting, before the Town Board approved, zoning became neighbor against neighbor and lawsuits. Diane Palmstein/resident on 5<sup>th</sup> Ave, Bear Island Road, asked how the entire township was being notified about an ordinance that was presented and passed in one meeting. Clay Cich made a motion to accept and approve Resolution #2020-007, Approving contract for Professional Services with Arrowhead Regional Development Commission, Deb Pawlowicz seconded. 3 YEAS 2 NAYS. MOTION PASSED. Clay Cich made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2020-01, Declaring a Temporary Moratorium on Gravel Pits, Borrow Pits & Crushing or Batch Plants Within Fredenberg Township, Deb Pawlowicz seconded. 3 YEAS 2 NAYS. MOTION PASSED, ORDINANCE APPROVED and will be published in Duluth News Tribune. Second Township Board Meeting in April on Wednesday, April 15, 2020: Clay Cich made a motion to hold this meeting, Deb Pawlowicz seconded. 3 YEAS 2 NAYS. MOTION PASSED TO HOLD **MEETING.** OTHER MEETINGS: Telephone conference with MAT and northern MN townships on Thursday, April 2, 2020 from 6-7pm. Local Board of Appeal & Equalization, Wednesday, April 29, 2020 from 1 – 2 pm in the Fredenberg Town Board Room, Board Supervisors with St. Louis County assessor (remotely). Appeals by written form by mail or email to Township. ADJOURNMENT: Clay Cich made a motion to adjourn meeting, Walter Rapp seconded. 5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

### FRIENDLY REMINDER FROM YOUR FREDENBERG FIRE DEPT.

### FIFTY WAYS TO BEAT THIS VIRUS

 Stay away from the pack, Jack Don't visit your Gran, Stan Wipe down every toy, Roy To keep virus-free Don't hop on the bus, Gus Don't listen to Don, Ron Don't hoard the TP, Lee Just stay virus free Sneeze into your sleeve, Steve Stop touching your face, Grace Keep back to six feet, Pete Heed the CDC Just use the Purell, Mel Keep wipes in your purse, Nurse Take care of your stock, Doc You need PPE This isn't Spring Break, Jake Stay home if you're sick, Dick As COVID leaps, peeps Just follow the rules, fools And stay virus-free



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WHEN: MAY 11, 2020 (MONDAY) WHERE: FREDENBERG TOWN HALL START TIME: 7:15 PM

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ANNUAL FISHING OPENER PANCAKE BREAKFAST is tentatively being held on SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2020 from 7:00 am to NOON at the Fredenberg Community Center

More information will be coming as we get closer.

NEXT FREDENBERG TOWN BOARD MEETING: WEDNESDAY April 15, 2020 via telephone conference, see Fredenberg.org for info

May 6, 2020 At 7:00pm in the Fredenberg Town Boardroom or by telephone conference Fredenberg.org for info