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2 pm to 5:30pm

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May 6, 2020 TOWN BOARD ACTIONS

This meeting was held via telephone conference in accordance with MN Statute.

The monthly meeting was **CALLED TO ORDER** at 7:03 pm by Chair Clay Cich. Also, present were: Deb Pawlowicz, Walter Rapp, Jim Ray, Tim Wagner. Mary Skafté & Diane Palmstein/clerks present, Bill O'Brien, Treasurer present. Meeting held via telephone conference call. 19 individuals participated with the Board to recite the Pledge of the Allegiance. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** April 1, 2020 meeting minutes reviewed by the Board, Jim Ray made motion to accept with correction under Old Business B. Conditional Us should be Use, Deb Pawlowicz seconded. **5 YEAS MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Monthly reconciliation for township completed, checking balance as of 4/10/2020 is \$294,221.43. Total funds including 4 CD's is \$487,546.08. All 3 CD's were renewed for 11 months at 1.25%. Bill O'Brien spoke with 3 of 4 applicants for Treasurer position (1 did not return call), all are interested, and he informed them that when Pandemic over and restrictions lifted, they will be interviewed. Salary was stated between \$12.00 to \$15.00/extra hours worked. **CORRESPONDENCE:** 36 total: 3 mail and 33 e-mails were received and reviewed by the Board. **REVIEW OF BILLS:** Mary Skafté/clerk informed Board that payment was made to Geek Squad for 1-year tech service and MAT Insurance cost for commercial package was the same as last year. No corrections. Jim Ray made motion to accept check # 9981 to 9999, totaling \$43,077.58, Clay Cich seconded. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** **REPORTS:** **Clerk** – contacted Phil Chapman regarding upcoming elections, St. Louis County will have in person voting unless legislation changes. Will be asking for elections judges in the newsletter as training is in June & July. Many calls regarding the Recycle Center opening. Clerks had cancellation of 1 event in June and contacted the other as it is a graduation party, renter will probably reschedule for later in summer but waiting for new rules after May 18, 2020. Clerks provided each supervisor with COVID 19 preparedness packet as the Town Hall/office would need it completed and approved to reopen, clerks asked for 1 or 2 supervisor to work with them on procedures especially if outside cleaning service is suggested, Clay Cich, Jim Ray and Deb Pawlowicz will work with clerks on plan. Griddles & table have not been ordered yet because office hasn't received complete quote and Jim Ray stated he spoke with rep. from company to verify voltage issues. Reminded supervisors that payroll period is only for 1 calendar month. Clarified with Steve Fenske/MAT attorney that no supervisor has authority to spend a set dollar amount without Board approval. **Road Report** – 2020 Road Review was provided to the Board prior to the meeting, completed by Jim Ray & Greg Kaneski (road contractor for 2020). There are no "date to be completed" on items as it is dependent on when equipment available. Jim Ray is looking into hiring a contractor to fill

cracks on Fredenberg Lake Road, Usiak & Birch Acres Roads. **Fire Department**- roof completed. Members responded to 4 calls, included 2 medical and 2 grass/brush fires. Department holding business meetings via zoom and working on equipment & training through social distancing & online opportunities. Due to COVID 19 Annual Fishing Opening Pancake Breakfast fundraiser cancelled this year. As everyone gets their homes & cabins ready for summer, please be aware that we are in wildfire season. Everything is very dry & fires can spread very quickly. Burning is not allowed without a special permit from DNR. At the time of this writing, campfires are still allowed but must be in a fire ring & follow all the suggestions listed on the MN DNR forestry website. Also included was a flyer on Staying Fire Safe which will go in the newsletter. Tim Wagner checked with Linda Bergstrand, the Department currently has enough PPE as St. Louis County donated some but can use more masks. **Cemetery** – Gate is open. **Parks & Rec** – Nets are up on tennis courts, pickle ball nets won't be put out until Stay at Home restrictions are over. Jim Ray had a concern about playground equipment and hoped parents are using proper precautions but has not seen large groups gather in pavilion and township may have to post if that happens. Clay Cich informed the Board that 2 roads have been cut into the bog in the Park and St. Louis County Sheriff Dept. has been notified and he will meet with them at the Park. **Community Center**- Walter Rapp replaced step non skids and installed on back stairs and a new flag. **Recycle Center** – WLSSD is gradually opening their facilities but with social distancing & other precautions in place. Our Recycle Center remains closed, but Deb Pawlowicz has a call into Lorilee Blais to discuss opening, extra hours/days will probably be added when it does open. Hazardous Waste Day in June is most likely cancelled. **Other Meetings**- MAT telephone conference on April 12, 2020 (Deb Pawlowicz, Clay Cich, Jim Ray, Mary Skafte & Diane Palmstein) and April 30, 2020 (Mary Skafte, Deb Pawlowicz, Clay Cich & Diane Palmstein), phones are muted except for speakers from MAT. Tim Wagner completed webinar for new township officer. April 29, 2020 Local Board of Appeal & Equalization held from 1-2 pm via a virtual meeting, no appeals were presented or heard. OPEN FORUM: no one. OLD BUSINESS: **East Cook Lake Road Paving Request**: clerks provided information and forms to residents on West Island Lake Road for petition to become a Fredenberg Township Road, Bob Smith/rep from Association informed the Board that their Association was 17/19 present in favor. He asked what improvements need to be made to have it up to Township standards, Jim Ray stated he will reassess and do accurate measurements and look at a rock in road that may need to be moved. Pete Emerson/rep from East Cook Lake Road also informed the Board that he has meet with MN Power and they maybe in favor of including the paving assessment on leases in Unincorporated Township Parcels. A new petition is on hold until West Island Lake Road is decided on. Patty Monson-Geertz/rep from East Cook Lake Road asked the Board to wait on any decisions regarding East Cook Lake Road until other alternatives are explore and the meeting with Base 1 is held, which may be able to be done virtually. **Conditional Use Permit for 6464 Fredenberg Lake Road**: WebEx virtual meeting to be held on Thursday, May 14, 2020 at 12 noon, via invitation through St. Louis County, Angela Lepak. Resolution 2020-008 was presented and reviewed by the Board. Clay Cich explained that the moratorium includes a study by ARDC that will inform our community where gravel pits should be. ARDC will provide general information, hold public hearings to inform the residents. Without a plan, St. Louis County has stated the township cannot put any restrictions on gravel pits. The township would take over zoning just for gravel pits (it exempts existing gravel pits). There would be a Township Zoning Board established for gravel pits, but he was unsure who are members of that board but ARDC will guide the township. Deb Pawlowicz made a motion to accept & adopt Resolution #2020-008, Objecting to a Conditional Use Permit for LTI Holding, LLC for a Conditional Use Permit for a General Purpose Borrow Pit, Clay Cich seconded. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Oly Olson, Bruce Anderson, Kathy Stingl, Patty Wheeler, Deb Roach, Mike Anderson, Ken Johnson, Bob Terry & Janet Olson thanked the Board for their support in favor of the moratorium. Moratorium on Fredenberg Township Gravel Pits: Jim Ray felt this issue was discussed with CUP. NEW BUSINESS: **Resolution 2020-006, Beer and Liquor Licenses in Township (Blue Max, Eagles Nest, Hi-Banks, Minnowette)**: presented and reviewed by the Board, Clay Cich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-006 and submit to St. Louis County, Jim Ray seconded. **4 YEAS 0 NAYS 1 (Tim Wagner) ABSTAIN. MOTION PASSED.** **Second Meeting of Board on May 20, 2020** at 7pm will be held via Zoom phone conference. Jim Ray made a motion to hold June 3, 2020 Town Board Meeting at 7:00pm via Zoom telephone conference, Deb Pawlowicz seconded. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** OTHER MEETINGS: Public Hearing on CUP revision for 6464 Fredenberg Lake Road by LTI LLC. on Thursday, May 14, 2020 at 12 noon via virtual meeting on WebEx. MN Association of Township Zoom telephone conference on May 13, 2020 from 4:30 pm to 5:00pm. ADJOURNMENT: Jim Ray made a motion to adjourn meeting, Clay Cich seconded. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm.

**CURRENTLY THE FREDENBERG COMMUNITY CENTER IS CLOSED
NO ACTIVITIES CURRENTLY BEING HELD IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER**

NOT MEETING CURRENTLY

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NO BOOK CLUB UNTIL SEPTEMBER



The Fredenberg Monthly Book Club will not meet until September 2020. Looking forward to hear about all the new books you've read.

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Celeste Kawulok

**UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED CLASSES HELD AT
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NOT MEETING CURRENTLY

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Wednesday

30/30 Cardio & Core 7:00am

Toning/Core (no cardio) 8:10 am

Yoga (Anita Anderson) 6 pm

HELD at Reservoir Riders Building

Friday

Step/Toning/Core 7:00 am

Toning/Core (no cardio) 8:10 am

Saturday

Cardio/Toning/Core 8:00 am

**THE FREDENBERG RECYCLE CENTER REMAINS CLOSED.
WE HAVE HIGH HOPES OF OPENING THE WEEK OF MAY 25TH.
WHEN THE RECYCLE CENTER RESUMES OPERATIONS AND OPENS,
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- 1. COMMUNITY CENTER MARQUE**
- 2. NEXTDOORFREDENBERG**
- 3. AT THE RECYCLE CENTER**

**PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ITEMS OUTSIDE BY BINS
IT IS ILLEGAL TO LEAVE RECYCLABLES AT THE CENTER AT THIS TIME.**

**UNFORTUNATELY OUR HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY SCHEDULED
FOR JUNE 6, 2020 HAS BEEN CANCELLED, WE HOPE TO
BE ABLE TO RESCHEDULE IT IN THE FALL.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION IN THESE DIFFICULT TIMES

Fredenberg Volunteer Fire Department

Fire Chief Reminds Everyone to Stay Fire-Safe

Fredenberg Township – May, 2020 Fredenberg Fire Department is urging Minnesotans to remember fire safety as they deal with the “new normal.” As people find themselves spending extended time at home -- for work, to self-isolate, or while practicing physical distancing -- please remember the importance of preventing home fires.

Along with other essential services, the fire department has had to implement response safeguards and physical distancing protocols. Residents of Fredenberg are advised of the following changes to fire department services during this time:

Responses to medical calls will have a few changes. Only one or two members will enter for a medical call to assess the situation. Members will be wearing protective equipment which could include, face masks, protective eye wear, Tyvek coveralls, gloves, and possibly a face shield.

If possible, patients will be asked to meet the fire department outside.

Fire Chief **Linda Bergstrand** is also urging the public to remain vigilant in the ongoing battle to prevent unintentional fires and injuries by practicing fire prevention and fire safety during these extraordinary times. “Regardless of the circumstances, additional time at home with family members provides an excellent opportunity to discuss fire safety and review your home fire escape plan,” said **Linda**

Here are some simple things people can do to protect themselves and their families:

- If you smoke, smoke outside. Use a deep ashtray filled with sand or water. Make sure cigarettes are extinguished completely, every time.
- Keep an eye on what you fry. While staying home will likely involve more cooking, remember to pay attention to what’s on the stove. If you need to leave the kitchen, turn the burners off. Keep pets and young children at least three feet away from the hot surfaces.
- Test smoke and carbon monoxide alarms using the test button. If the alarm fails to sound, replace batteries or, if you have lithium-ion 10-year battery-powered alarms, replace the device. Replace *all* smoke alarms, even hard-wired alarms, every 10 years.
- Practice your home fire-escape plan to make sure everyone in the household knows what to do if a fire occurs. Designate someone to help older adults, children, and anyone else who may need help to escape. Use care when recharging electronic devices such as laptops, tablets, or mobile devices. Check electrical cords and charge cables to ensure they are in good condition. Don’t overload electrical circuits. Place electronics on hard surfaces when recharging to avoid the risk of overheating.

As Fredenberg Fire Department continues to do its best to protect the community under these extraordinary circumstances, it is imperative that members of the public do all they can to protect themselves and their families from the risk of fire and carbon-monoxide poisoning.

For more information contact:
Linda Bergstrand, Chief 218-349-2668

FREDENBERG RESIDENTS

Anyone interested in becoming an election judge for the upcoming primary election in August and general election in November. It requires a 2 hour training course in July (also offered on-line). Shifts during the elections vary and are flexible. Judges are paid \$12.00/hour.

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for more information or to sign up.



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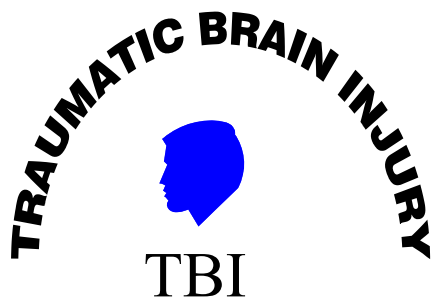
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NEXT FREDENBERG TOWN BOARD MEETING:

**Wednesday
May 20, 2020 at 7:00 pm
via telephone conference**

**Wednesday
June 3, 2020 at 7:00 pm
via telephone conference**

See Fredenberg.org for information on how to get on the meeting