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## FREDENBERG TOWNSHIP NEWS

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## July 1, 2020 TOWN BOARD ACTIONS

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 & Bill O'Brien, Treasurer were present. 9 individuals stood with the Board to recite the Pledge of the Allegiance. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** June 3, 2020 meeting minutes reviewed by the Board, Jim Ray made motion to accept without corrections, Clay Cich seconded. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** **TREASURER'S REPORT:** As of June 10, 2020, total township funds available was \$351,556.65, which includes 4 CD's totaling \$202,917.51. Information received from Ehlers regarding debt services savings: rebonding will provide savings of approximately \$3,400 for the Fire Hall Bond but must be done in Nov. or 90 days before Feb. 1, 2021. Clerks will contact local banks and Ehlers for more information to possibly finance locally rather than bonds. Treasurer position: Bill O'Brien suggested a couple supervisors and clerks complete an interview with applicants, he has already spoken to 3 that responded and feels all are qualified. He may not be available for interviews because of work. Clay Cich, Walter Rapp, and Jim Ray would be available, clerks will provide supervisors with resumes and then set up interviews. Walter Rapp noticed that the cemetery wasn't on the Schedule 1, there was a new CTA's update last week and that report must have changed, Bill O'Brien and Mary Skafte will find out what happened. **CORRESPONDENCE:** 20 total: 2 mail and 18 e-mails were received and reviewed by the Board. **REVIEW OF BILLS:** Mary Skafte/ clerks stated that there was a reissue check to Sherrie Armstrong, Bill O'Brien informed the Board he had contacted our bank and there wasn't a need to Stop Payment on the lost check she had been issued because our checks state "void after 90 days" and if the bank cashes it after 90 days, they would be responsible and a stop payment isn't a guarantee if the check isn't cashed locally. Also, the office did not receive invoices until today for 2 vendors who will have to wait until August for payment. No corrections. Jim Ray made motion to accept check #10036 to 10049, totaling \$34,988.26, Tim Wagner seconded. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** **REPORTS:** **Clerk** – there have been calls to reserve the Town Hall, the Board decided the Town Hall will remain closed, the August 5, 2020 Board Meeting will be in the Pavilion at the Town Hall at 7:00pm (no teleconference). Jim Ray made a motion for the hall to be open for the Public Testing of our election machine and August 10 & 11, 2020 for the Primary Election, Walter Rapp seconded. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** There is a request for a 2-day rummage sale in Sept., but the Board does not want to confirm a reservation at this time. Clerks requested to advertise for annual roadside mowing in the Township, Clay Cich made a motion to advertise for Annual Township Road Mowing, Jim Ray seconded. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Clerks will place an ad in Duluth News Tribune. Walter Rapp made a motion to sell township snow

fence, Clay Cich seconded. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Clerks will place in Township Newsletter, highest offer will be accepted. **Road Report** – Chloride is hard to get this year, most roads are done but a few of the smaller ones are not done yet. 2 road signs were ordered for ones that were damaged/worn. **Fire Department**- no report available. Tim Wagner did inform the Board that the Fire Department is having a Badge Pinning Ceremony on Thursday, July 2, 2020 at 7pm. at the Fire Hall. **Cemetery** – Walter Rapp would like to seal coat the blacktop next year. Walter Rapp made a motion to accept the sale of 4 cemetery lots: Block 3, Lot 32 & 33 to Don & Karen Olson and Block 3, Lot 22 & 23 to Gordy, Rita & Ken Jensen, Deb Pawlowicz seconded. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** **Parks & Rec** – Ball field looks neglected but isn't getting much use, may have to work on in the future. Jim Ray contacted an electrician about converting rink lights to LED and will get costs. With current COVID-19 pandemic, 2020 NEIGHBORHOOD NIGHT OUT is cancelled. **Community Center** - carts and wheels but not griddles arrived, serving table also arrived but was damaged and sent back for replacement. Jim Ray suggested purchasing de-icing cable to prevent leaks in the metal roof joints and will use this winter. Connie and Mort Moriarity have resigned as custodians and are retiring, there is one application already. Clay Cich will contact Sell Hardware about the doors in the Community Center. Walter Rapp brought in a dehumidifier for the basement because of dampness but it is not big enough, before considering anything further, another one will be brought in to try to dry it out. Blocking off the stairway with doors may be considered in the future. With the Center closed, there has been very little air flow. **Recycle Center** – Deb Pawlowicz informed the Board that our Grant was \$8,908.00 from WLSSD for 2020. There have been a few pickup issues that were resolved. Connie Moriarity/ attendant has resigned & retired, Fran is going to take over Wednesday shift and a new attendant will be hired. There is one application in already. **Other Meetings**- none **Township Preparedness Plan**- clerks presented final draft of plan with corrections, Deb Pawlowicz made a motion to accept 2020 COVID-19 Plan for the township, Jim Ray seconded. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** **OPEN FORUM:** Melissa Bell/resident supports the township taking back Planning and Zoning from St. Louis County, she would like to see more games and activities at the Community Center playground area for children. Oly Olson/resident supports the township taking back Planning and Zoning from St. Louis County. Blake Cazier/resident and co-founder of PEO requested a reduction or forgiveness of the yearly \$750.00 fee (as part of the settlement between the township and PEO). They have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, school programs and grants. The coming winter activities are questionable and uncertain. PEO is a 90% fee for service program. The Board felt that the settlement agreement was clear about the yearly payment. Clay Cich made a motion the yearly payment from PEO for Datka Park use be made in accordance with the settlement agreement, Deb Pawlowicz seconded. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** **OLD BUSINESS: East Cook Lake Road paving request/Base 1 Informational Meeting: Base 1 informational meeting** scheduled on Thursday, July 16, 2020 at 7 pm in the Fredenberg Town Hall Pavilion. Pete Emerson/resident presented the Board petitions for paving request for East Cook Lake Road. MN Power has not provided input on requesting payment from parcels outside the township but 5/10 in the unorganized township are willing to pay an assessment. 25/44 or 56.8% on the road signed the petition and are interested in having the Board consider paving if the cost is \$4,000 + or – 15%. Clay Cich made a motion to proceed with contacting Engineering Firms to provide quotes for a feasibility study to pave East Cook Lake Road, Deb Pawlowicz seconded. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Clerks will contact firms and request information for the Board to consider. **Township Moratorium on Gravel Pits & ARDC Study:** update was read by clerks from ARDC, stating they are nearing completion of Phase 1 and a draft report will be coming and will be made public on our web side for the public to review and comment on for 1 week before Phase 2 will begin. In this phase, public input is gathered through a public meeting or in some fashion to comply with COVID-19, summarized and made part of the report which will be presented to the Board in August. ARDC will expect direction from the Board to pursue ordinance development based on the findings and proceed as directed. **NEW BUSINESS: Petition from West Island Lake Road to become a Township Road:** clerks have verified names/addresses on petitions, which all are valid and letter from MN Power, Jim Atkinson received. Jim Ray made a motion to accept the petition and proceed with dedicating West Island Lake Road as a township road, Tim Wagner seconded. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Clerks will work with township attorney to complete by August 5, 2020 meeting. **Petition from South Bay Road to become a Township Road:** clerk have verified names/addresses on petitions, which all are valid and letter from MN Power, Jim Atkinson received. Jim Ray requested that Walter Rapp confirm that this road measures up to township standards. Clay Cich made a motion to accept the petition and proceed with dedicating South Bay Road as a township road, Tim Wagner seconded. **4 YEAS 1 ABSTAIN. MOTION PASSED.** Clerks will work with township attorney to complete by August 5, 2020 meeting. **Update on 2020 Primary & General Elections:** clerks have completed their training and plan on completing election judge training once it comes out in power point presentation at the Town Hall. We had 4-5 judges opt out but were able to find replacements. State of MN will provide PPE for judges and voters. We will be having voters come in the front door of the center but leave by tennis court door so as not to pass each other, limit number of voters in at one time and practice social distancing. There will be 2 Town Board Supervisor positions up for election (Deb Pawlowicz and Walter Rapp). Filing is **Tuesdays** from 12:30 - 5:30pm in the town hall office, you will have to call the office to get in, from July 28 to August 11, 2020. Withdrawal dates are August 12 & 13, 2020 by appointment until 5:30pm on (continued on the next page)

the 13th. **RESOLUTION #2020-010:** Accepting a Donation for Plaques for Marque Honoring Veterans & 1st Responders from Clay & Anne Cich: was read and reviewed by the Board, Deb Pawlowicz made a motion to accept Resolution 2020-010, Jim Ray, seconded. 4 YEAS 1 ABSTAIN. MOTION PASSED. Plaques will be mounted on the side of the town hall marque. **SECOND MEETING OF THE BOARD:** On Wednesday, July 15, 2020 was not cancelled but will be posted in accordance with MN Statute if it is cancelled. **OTHER MEETINGS:** Base 1 Rep. from Team Lab Informational Meeting at Townhall pavilion, Thursday, July 16, 2020 at 7:00pm. **ADJOURNMENT:** Deb Pawlowicz made a motion to adjourn meeting, Jim Ray seconded. 5 YEAS. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

## **ARDC Public Input Meeting**

On **July 29th at 6:00pm.** The Arrowhead Regional Development Commission will be hosting a public input meeting regarding the Fredenberg Township study outlining gravel or borrow pits and batch or crush plants and their regulation within the Township on Zoom. At the meeting background information will be presented along with drafted recommendations for public input prior to finalizing the recommendations and presenting them to the Town Board in August. Due to COVID-19 concerns, the meeting will be held online via Zoom, log in information below.

### **Join Zoom Meeting on link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6263789132?pwd=VVVRc3dhSWY5NHZiSGovWllyci9CQT09>

Meeting ID: 626 378 9132

Password: 346819

Or dial:

1-312-626-6799, when prompted: 6263789132# followed by 346819#

A draft of the report will be made available online at: Fredenberg.org in advance of the meeting. Written comments and any question about study or process can be directed to : Justin Otsea at [JOtsea@ardc](mailto:JOtsea@ardc)

**THE FREDENBERG COMMUNITY CENTER AND TOWN HALL REMAIN  
CLOSED AND ALL ACTIVITIES ARE  
CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

**FREDENBERG TOWNSHIP IS LOOKING for someone to do  
township annual roadside mowing on approximately 15 miles of  
township road for 2020 season, to be done in August 2020. Quotes  
are for one time mowing and submitted no later than July 31, 2020**

**to: Clerks, 5104 Fish Lake Road, Duluth, MN 55803  
or  
at [Fredenbergtwp@gmail.com](mailto:Fredenbergtwp@gmail.com)**

**Certificate of Liability Insurance must be furnished.  
Questions call 218-721-3991**

## Elections

Fredenberg township will have 2 Town Board Supervisor seats up for election in the November 2020 General Election.

Supervisor A (now held by Deb Pawlowicz) — 4 year term  
Supervisor C (now held by Walter Rapp) — 4 year term.

Filing Dates are: July 28 to August 11, 2020  
(during regular office hours: Tuesdays 12:30pm to 5:30pm)

Withdrawal Period: August 12 to August 13th (at 5:30 pm)  
in the townhall office

## **FOR SALE**

Fredenberg Township has approximately 2,800 feet of snow fence, includes posts (280) for sale.  
SUBMIT offer to purchase by JULY 31, 2020 to:

Clerks

5104 Fish Lake Road

Duluth, MN 55803

Or

Fredenbergtpw@gmail.com

Highest offer will be accepted by the Town Board

## **INFORMATIONAL MEETING ON BASE 1 FROM TEAM LAB (alternative to road paving)**

**THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2020**

**7:00 PM**

**FREDENBERG TOWN HALL PAVILION**

**5104 FISH LAKE ROAD**

**EVERYONE IS INVITED**

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## RECYCLE CENTER NEWS UPDATE

The Fredenberg Art Weller Recycle Center is a very busy place this time of year. Here are a few reminders when using the Center.

1. We can only accept rinsed/cleaned & emptied cans, bottles & containers.
2. We CANNOT accept Styrofoam in ANY FORM.
3. We DO NOT accept household garbage of any kind and it is NOT to be placed at the Recycle Center or the dumpster.
4. We do not accept any metal or plastic gas cans
5. We NO LONGER repurpose any form of electronics, these must be brought to the Rice Lake Road WLSSD Center.
6. Dumping of garbage of any kind at the Center is ILLEGAL !!!!
7. We DO NOT ACCEPT take out containers, fruit/veg. plastic containers & clam containers.

Thanks to everyone for your cooperation.

## RECYCLE NEWS

The outside dumpsters are for cardboard, newspaper/paper and glass/plastic/tin cans. There are no longer bins for recycling inside the garage.

**HOURS for the Center weekly are:**

**Wednesdays 5 pm to 8 pm**  
**Saturdays 9 am to 1 pm**

## RECYCLING DROP OFF SITES



### MIXED PAPER

- Paper of any color
- Pressboard boxes
- Junk mail
- Magazines
- Newspapers and advertisements
- Shredded paper (must be contained in a paper bag)



### CORRUGATED CARDBOARD

- Cardboard with a wavy layer between two pieces of thick paper
- No waxed cardboard



### MIXED CONTAINERS

- Rinse all food containers
- Plastic bottles, tubs, jugs, jars, and lids
- Glass bottles and jars
- Steel and aluminum cans
- No film or foam including Styrofoam and plastic bags
- No plastic cups, plates, or utensils
- No buckets
- No motor oil or antifreeze containers
- No take-out, deli, or clamshell containers
- No window glass, ceramics, or drinking glasses
- No scrap metal



### FILM PLASTICS

- Film must be clean and dry
- Grocery and retail bags
- Newspaper bags
- Bread bags
- Produce bags
- Paper product packaging wrap
- Pallet and case wrap
- No black plastic bags
- No bubble wrap



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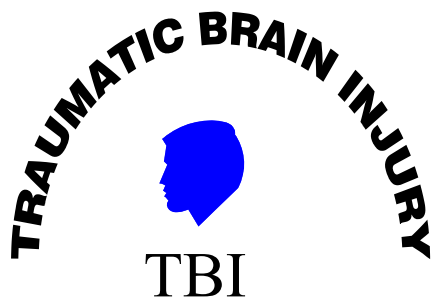
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enough for their dedication to our Township.*  
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wish them the very best.*



**NEXT FREDENBERG**  
**TOWN BOARD MEETING:**  
**WEDNESDAY**

**July 15, 2020**  
**At 7:00pm**  
**In the Town Hall Pavilion**  
**(please check website/marque**  
**for cancellation)**

**August 5, 2020**  
**At 7:00pm**  
**In the Town Hall Pavilion**

**Please bring a lawn chair to use**  
**Meetings will not be teleconferenced**