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OCTOBER 7, 2020 TOWN BOARD ACTIONS

The monthly meeting was **CALLED TO ORDER** at 6 pm by Chair Clay Cich. Also, present were: Deb Pawlowicz, Walter Rapp, Jim Ray, Tim Wagner. Mary Skafte & Diane Palmstein/clerks present, Pam Blekestad/ Treasurer present. 16 individuals were present and stood with the Board to recite the Pledge of the Allegiance. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Sept 2, 2020 meeting minutes reviewed by the Board, Jim Ray made motion to accept with corrections: Fire Dept. "Wagner is" remove is, Open Forum "of tax dollars" remove of, Keith Nelson, change make to making, going to doing, Clay seconded. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Sept. 16, 2020 meeting minutes reviewed by the Board, Jim Ray made a motion to accept without corrections, Deb Pawlowicz seconded. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. TREASURER'S REPORT:** as of Sept. 11, 2020, reconciled checking account balance is \$311,431.37. Total funds available are \$514,348.88, which includes 4 CDs totaling \$202,917.51. Clay Cich made a motion to accept Treasurers report, Walter Rapp seconded. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Mary Skafte/clerk explained how outstanding checks from back to 2017 (all over 90 days old) were credited back to the general fund. **CORRESPONDENCE:** 19 total: 2 mail and 17 e-mails were received and reviewed by the Board. Clerk also informed the Board of 2 emails from St. Louis County (Planning & Development-variance for home and St. Louis Election Funding Grant). The Board was informed of a letter left taped to the townhall door today that was anonymous and available if the Board would like. Clay Cich was the only supervisor to request a copy. **REVIEW OF BILLS:** No corrections. Walter Rapp made motion to accept checks # 10134 to 10146, totaling \$9,745.21, Clay Cich seconded. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. REPORTS:** **Clerk** – worked on getting out the ARDC survey, record retention, elections, COVID-19 issues, training with new treasurer. **Road Report** – crack filling done by Asphalt of Duluth on Fredenberg Lake Road & Birch Acres Road. Doing grading and fixing washouts. Pedestal on Wood Duck Lane will be moved as soon as the contractor has permits from the County. **Fire Department-** responded to two mutual aid fires and one report of an unattended fire outside. On September 19, our junior fighter, Austin Sunnarborg completed his Eagle Scout Project: removing dead shrubs from gardens at hall, replanting new ones and planting a tree in honor of all past, present, and future Fredenberg Fire Fighters. He spent many hours and worked with department members and fellow scouts to complete. Thank you, Austin. A job well done. **Cemetery** – Walter Rapp reviewed cemetery rules and regulations, Walter Rapp made a motion for a revision to 8) add vaults are required for urn burials and 10)..grave depth shall be three (3)feet...to the top of the vault for an urn. Deb Pawlowicz seconded. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. Parks & Rec** - no issues. **Community Center-** Community Center and marque were power washed to remove bugs.

Recycle Center – no issue. Garage doors are not installed yet and may wait until next spring to do. The heat in the office is adequate with installed space heater. A new electric meter was installed by Lake County Power. **Other Meetings-** none. **OPEN FORUM:** no one. **NEW BUSINESS:** **East Cook Lake Paving request:** Bollig Engineering has not contacted office or Jim Ray, clerks were asked to follow up with them in 2 weeks. **Township Moratorium on Gravel Pits and ARDC study:** Jim Ray has spoken with Kennedy & Graven/attorney, informing him that the township wanted to extend the moratorium but has not heard back from him or received any further information. Jim Ray asked Justin Otsea/ARDC, who was present, if they could guide the township on who should be on the zoning board, which Justin Otsea stated yes but it is not in their current contract with the township. Tim Wagner asked if St. Louis County can refuse to have the township do only 1 portion of zoning, Justin Otsea stated he had consulted with MAT, Steve Fenske/attorney and stated it was allowed by MN Statute. Justin Otsea asked the Board for a decision on the 3 Options presented in the final report, he reviewed the options, explained how basic zoning boards are set up and run but each board is tailored to the township. ARDC does not do any training of zoning boards. Clay Cich made a motion to accept ARDC Study, Option 2 (develop an ordinance for the township to do zoning to regulate gravel pits). Deb Pawlowicz seconded. **3 YEAS 2 NAYS. MOTION PASSED.** **CARES Funding for Townhall:** Clay Cich has researched and met with contractors/vendors, he presented quotes from Advantage Air for an air to air exchanger and duct work on the main level of the community center, air to air exchanger in the lower level and new fan motor in the kitchen, quote \$22,683.00. Vesel to install doors at the bottom of basement steps \$4,305.14. Menards for doors \$1442.74. MN Locksmith to refurbish/replace door closers in building \$1,129.00. Handheld foggers \$239.00 and possibly radio transmitter for meetings. Everything listed is covered under CARES Funding. Jim Ray made a motion to accept quotes and begin installations, Deb Pawlowicz seconded. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Clerks presented information on election grant through St. Louis for \$901.00 for election pandemic supplies, which would also be covered by CARES Act, as there is still funds available after all items listed above are completed. Jim Ray made a motion not to apply for election grant funding through St. Louis County and use CARES Funding, Walter Rapp seconded. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** **NEW BUSINESS:** **Update on 2020 General Elections:** Resolution 2020-011 Addendum for additional election judges who have completed certified MN election judge training, Jim Ray made a motion to accept addendum to Resolution 2020-011, Tim Wagner seconded. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Election Machine Testing will be done on Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2020 at 11:00 am in the Townhall. **2020/2021 Township Snow Plowing Quotes:** The Board reviewed 1 quote received, Top Notch for \$90/plow at the townhall and \$50/plow at the recycle center when snow is 2 inches in depth. Jim Ray made a motion to accept quote from Top Notch for 2020/21 season, Walter Rapp seconded. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** **Second Meeting of the Board on Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2020:** Jim Ray made a motion to hold the meeting in the basement of the Town Hall at 7:00pm, with social distancing/masks, Clay Cich seconded. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Jim Ray made a motion to hold the **Tuesday, November 10, 2020 Board Meeting at 7:00pm and the Board of Canvass following in the Fredenberg Town Hall basement with the same measures listed above,** Clay Cich seconded. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** **OTHER MEETINGS:** none. **ADJOURNMENT:** Clay Cich made a motion to adjourn meeting, Tim Wagner seconded. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

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

Phragmites australis threatens Minnesota waters

You may have seen 15-foot-tall grasses with feathery purplish seed heads crowding the edges of your favorite pond. These are likely the invasive *Phragmites australis subsp. australis*, or *common reed*, a plant native to Europe and Asia which was unintentionally introduced into the Great Lakes through shipping operations.

Invasive common reed harms our waterways by outcompeting native plants and replacing diverse plant communities with monocultures. Habitat degraded by invasive common reed doesn't provide the food and nesting habitat required to support diverse wildlife. And it disrupts commerce and recreation by blocking access to waterways. It can be difficult to distinguish the invasive European common reed from native common reed. Experts can help make a positive identification. Contact your local DNR Aquatic Invasive Species Specialist or weed inspector for help. <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/ais/contacts.html>. Unfortunately, it's easy to spread non-native Phragmites. Seeds hidden in mud or plant debris can stick to boots, waders, and other gear. Roadside maintenance equipment can also spread this plant and its seeds. It can take years to eliminate Phragmites stands, and both mowing and herbicide use require a DNR permit. If you see a new clump of non-native Phragmites, report it to the DNR. <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/ais/contacts.html>

A reminder: Minnesota law requires water recreationists to:

Clean watercraft of all aquatic plants and prohibited invasive species.

Drain all water by removing drain plugs and keeping them out during transport.

Dispose of unwanted bait in the trash.

Dry docks, lifts, swim rafts and other equipment for at least 21 days before placing equipment into another water body.

Contact: Lori Seele, Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area Coordinator

lori@stewardshipnetwork.org, (218)393-9581

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 & deli 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



**Re-Elect
WALTER RAPP
Fredenberg
Township Supervisor
November 3rd**

Walter has lived in Fredenberg for over 13 years and has served on the town board for 5 1/2 years. He was a dedicated worker at Duluth Ready Mix for over 29 years before retiring. He loves living in Fredenberg and enjoys fishing, going on nature walks in the woods, wood working and enjoys his classic Mustang.

He has a "no-nonsense" approach to solving problems and likes to get things done efficiently and not waste tax payer's money needlessly. He puts in countless hours, at least 30-40 hours a month, doing whatever needs to be done at the town hall, recycle center building and other township buildings. Walter has done an excellent job taking care of Fredenberg's Noble Hill cemetery. He has made sure the grounds are beautifully kept up and markers are easily found and has adopted an orderly set of cemetery guidelines. He is very talented at fixing or repairing just about anything and doesn't charge the township a single penny.

Walter is an independent thinker and doesn't believe in just "going with the flow". He listens to what people really want and is an advocate for getting things done "the right way". He stands up and fights for common sense, values, and doesn't try to manipulate anyone into thinking differently than what they believe is right and fair.

Walter's future hopes for Fredenberg are to restore harmony and fairness, so that neighbor isn't pitted against neighbor. And make the town board more accountable for their actions; and listen to EVERYONE, not just a select few. Please Vote for WALTER RAPP on November 3rd!!!

Paid for by friends of Walter Rapp - Jeff Blix, Chair

Leadership is about gathering all the facts, listening to all of the input and making a sound decision for the residents who elect us to public office.

I have the skills, experience, leadership ability, time and desire to serve our township.

I would greatly appreciate your vote on November 3 and will look forward to being your new Fredenberg Township Supervisor.

Patty Wheeler



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Patty Wheeler Proven Leadership

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- ✓ Leadership starts with a passion for our community, caring for the safety and well-being of our fellow citizens and being an active participant in township issues
- ✓ Leadership means encouraging citizen participation on important issues such as the township's comprehensive long-range plan
- ✓ Leadership is having the integrity to fight for what is right, to stand up to the county government when it goes against our township's best interests

- ☐ In 1982, Patty co-founded the St. Louis County Chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Drivers
- ☐ Patty has worked tirelessly with crime victims and witnesses
- ☐ Patty has a B.S. Degree from St. John's University and a Masters Degree from Queens College



Patty Wheeler's three daughters, six grandchildren – and even their two dogs and two cats – have long enjoyed their life and visits in Fredenberg Township.

"I've seen Fredenberg Township change so much through the years. Our population is roughly doubling every 10 years. Now, more than ever, we need supervisors with skills in careful planning, strategic thinking and strong leadership history."

Elect Patty Wheeler on November 3

Paid for by Patty Wheeler on her own behalf



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Vote November 3 to Re-Elect

Debbie Pawlowicz

Fredenberg Township Supervisor



A Strong Record of Achievement

- Debbie's first term as a Fredenberg Township Supervisor has been one marked by success, affirming the support she received from residents when she decided to represent us. She has proven she can get things done.
- Debbie led the Fredenberg Comprehensive Land Use Committee that updated the Township's important long range plan – making sure all residents were surveyed for their input. Public support is critical at the grass-roots level of government.
- Debbie's been a strong advocate for high speed internet service to all residents, has fought to improve our roads, engaged in new development initiatives and has sought to protect the natural beauty of our lakes and streams.
- Debbie understands that improving the services provided to area residents takes money – but, with her effective leadership township taxes have lowered approximately 8 percent in the past four years and she has a plan to keep lowering taxes when possible.



When I first decided to run for office, I was fortunate to have the support of my husband Tom and many of my closest friends. As the campaign went on, residents who I had not met before joined our team. I've tried every day I've been in office to be worthy of their support and trust. We have had some successes, but there's more work to do. I'm ready for the challenge and I hope I've earned your vote on November 3.

Debbie Pawlowicz

Please Vote on November 3

Paid for by Friends of Debbie Pawlowicz – Jamie Monette, Chair



VOTE

ALLEN EDBERG

For Fredenberg Township Supervisor

Keep zoning in the hands of St.Louis County

More accountability of township spending

Keep our country lifestyle

Keep businesses viable

My name is Allen Edberg and I am running for one of the open supervisor positions here in Fredenberg Township. I was born and raised in Fredenberg Township and after graduating from Hermantown High School I enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. While in the Marine Corps I was fortunate enough to meet my wife Toni. We moved back to Minnesota with our two boys Justin and Tyler in 1991. Since we moved back to Fredenberg I have been a volunteer firefighter and Toni and I ran North Shore Wildlife Control for almost 20 years. I now work for a Duluth security company and am a law enforcement firearms instructor. We have resided at our current residence on the Fish Lake road since 1993.

Vote for me on November 3, 2020

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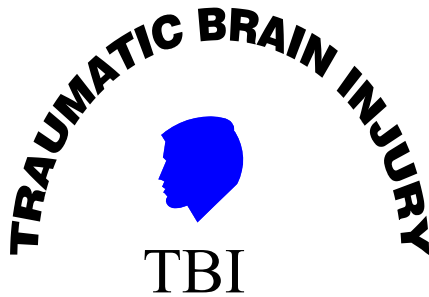
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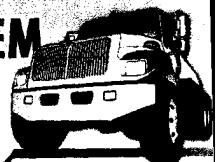
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**VOTERS
PLEASE REMEMBER TO VOTE
FOR LOCAL TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR OFFICES TOO!**

**NEXT FREDENBERG TOWN BOARD MEETING:
WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 21, 2020 AT 7 PM
In the Community Center/Townhall lower level. Masks required.**

****NOTE CHANGE OF REGULAR MEETING & BOARD OF CANVASS DATE**
TUESDAY: November 10, 2020
At 7:00pm
FOLLOWED BY THE FREDENBERG BOARD OF CANVASS**