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Hazardous Waste Day June 5 11:30—2:30 Fred. Recycling Center

Household waste Only — See Identification Guide on p. 2-3

FREDENBERG TOWNSHIP NEWS

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Office Hours: Every Tuesday
2 pm to 5:30pm

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Road Foreman
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April 7, 2021 TOWN BOARD ACTIONS

The April monthly meeting was CALLED TO ORDER at 7:04 pm by Chair Jim Ray. Also, present were: Deb Pawlowicz, Walter Rapp, Clay Cich, & Tim Wagner. Pam Blekestad/Treasurer also present. 22 individuals were present via zoom, the Board recited the Pledge of the Allegiance. MINUTES: March 3, 2021 meeting minutes reviewed, Jim made a motion to accept without correction, Walter seconded. **5 YEAS MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** March 17, 2021 meeting minutes reviewed. Corrections: d. remove discussion, Jamie Monette, add under Open Forum, Jamie Monette and possibly others, correction web sight to web site, add read "their own". Walter made motion to accept minutes with corrections, Tim seconded. **5YEAS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** TREASURER'S REPORT: as of 03/10/21, reconciled checking account balance is \$306,456.52. Total funds are \$487,531.12, which includes 4 CDs totaling \$202,917.51. Walter made a motion to accept treasury report, Tim seconded. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Pam requested Board to change key executives at Wells Fargo Accounts. Clay made a motion to remove Jeff Blix and Bill O'Brien as key executives and add Pam Blekestad/treasurer as key executive. Jim seconded. **5 YEAS MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** (WF requires formal names for key executive action. Add addendum to approved Minutes with formal names.) Mary Pat Skafte, Diane Palmstein & Clay Cich will be removed as signers and Jim Ray & Tim Wagner will be added as signers. Pam read letter from St. Louis County for early distribution of funds notice, more information requested from supervisors, decision tabled until next meeting and Pam will contact St. Louis County. CORRESPONDENCE: 39 total: 5 mail and 34 e-mails were received and reviewed by the Board. 3/17 email from Deb Pawlowicz was inadvertently not copied to supervisors but was put in their mailboxes during the meeting. REVIEW OF BILLS: Board discussion regarding \$54 charge from Overom, which Jim will contact him for more information and printing costs for study committee. Clay made motion to accept checks #10322 to 10343, totaling \$6,383.90 (check 10326 will be voided and issued for \$470.25), Deb seconded. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** REPORTS: **Clerk** – Updated letter from J. Bourbonais, St. Louis County on pit closings, repeal of Ordinance 2020-01 published in News Tribune, sent to county, posted on our boards, and will appear in April newsletter. Monica Bruning, new clerk starting mid-April. **Road Report** – may do some grading after recent rains. **Fire Department-** responded to 2 mutual aid calls. Participated in several training events: pipelines & hazardous material/gas emergencies, mental health for responders (PTSD/PTSI. 5-year Insurance Services Office review done, determines insurance rating for community, in 2016 was a 5 (1-10 scale), which is excellent for rural dept. In February welcomed Lily Sunnarborg as a new junior member of dept. (junior members are between 16-18, able to participate in trainings, meeting and learn about being a volunteer fire fighter. Link for burning permits and info: <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/forestry/fire/questions.html>.

TOWN OF FREDENBERG WASTE DAY – SATURDAY, JUNE 5

WHAT TO DO WITH HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE TAKE, TOSS or POUR?

Many household products contain hazardous materials. Improper disposal of these products can cause fires, injuries, and groundwater contamination. This guide will help you identify hazardous products.

GARAGE and WORKSHOP

	TAKE TO WISSD	TOSS IN TRASH	POUR IN DRAIN
Acetone	✓		
Adhesive, solvent-based	✓		
Antifreeze	✓		
Artist's paints and media	✓		
Autobody repair products	✓		
Battery acid	✓		
Brake fluid	✓		
Car batteries	✓		
Car wax, solvent-based	✓		
Concrete cleaner	✓		
Contact cement	✓		
Driveway sealer	✓		
Fiberglass epoxy	✓		
Flares/Fusees	✓		
Gasoline and other fuels	✓		
Glue, solvent-based	✓		
Glue, water-based		✓	
Joint compound		✓	
Lighter fluid	✓		
Motor oil	✓		
Oil filters	✓		
Other oils	✓		
Paint, all types	✓		
Paint cans, empty		✓	
Paint thinner	✓		
Paint stripper	✓		
Parts cleaner, degreaser	✓		
Photographic chemicals	✓		
Roof/foundation coating	✓		
Rust remover	✓		
Shellac	✓		
Stain	✓		
Transmission fluid	✓		
Turpentine	✓		
Varnish	✓		
Windshield washer solution	✓		
Wood filler	✓		
Wood preservative	✓		

KITCHEN and BATHROOM

	TAKE TO WISSD	TOSS IN TRASH	POUR IN DRAIN
Alcohol-based lotions (perfume, aftershave)	✓		
Bleach			✓
Cleaners, ammonia-based			✓
Cleaners, solvent-based	✓		
Cosmetics		✓	
Disinfectants			✓
Drain cleaner			✓
Floor care products	✓		
Hair remover	✓		
Medicine (see back)		✓	
Nail polish	✓		
Nail polish remover	✓		
Oven cleaner	✓		
Permanent wave solution			✓
Skin cream		✓	
Toilet bowl cleaner			✓
Tub and tile cleaner			✓
Window cleaner	✓		

NOTE: SEPTIC SYSTEMS may be adversely affected by large quantities of "pour in drain" materials. Those products should be taken to a hazardous waste collection site.

THINK BEFORE YOU BUY

Read the label carefully and follow label directions for safe use, storage and disposal.

Switch to safer substitutes, or use the least-toxic product to accomplish the job.

Purchase only the amount you need and use up what you buy.

PRODUCT REUSE CENTER

Check out WLSSD's onsite Product Reuse Center, where pre-owned but perfectly usable items are available at no charge.

PROPER DISPOSAL TIPS

Empty containers should be placed in the trash.

Never pour oil, antifreeze or other hazardous materials on the ground, into storm sewers, or down the drain.

HOME and GARDEN

	TAKE TO WISSD	TOSS IN TRASH	POUR IN DRAIN
Aerosol cans, empty		✓	
Aerosol cans, full	✓		
Ammunition	✓		
Batteries, alkaline		✓	
Batteries, all rechargeables, button	✓		
Charcoal lighter fluid	✓		
Dry cleaning solvent	✓		
Fertilizer		✓	
Fertilizer with weed killer	✓		
Fireworks	✓		
Fluorescent tubes	✓		
Fungicide	✓		
Furniture polish	✓		
Insect killer (insecticide)	✓		
Insect spray, repellent	✓		
Light ballasts	✓		
Light bulbs fluorescent/CFL	✓		
Light bulbs incandescent, LED, halogen		✓	
Mercury compounds	✓		
Mercury, thermometers	✓		
Mercury, thermostats	✓		
Metal polish, solvent-based	✓		
Mothballs	✓		
Pesticide	✓		
Pool chemicals	✓		
Rat poison	✓		
Rechargeable batteries	✓		
Shoe polish	✓		
Smoke detectors/carbon monoxide detectors (remove rechargeable batteries)		✓	
Spot remover	✓		
Stump remover	✓		
Weed killer (herbicide)	✓		



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Duluth MN, 55806

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YEAR-ROUND HOURS:

Thursday, Friday, Saturday
9 am - 4 pm

Sunday - Wednesday Closed

Call for holiday hours

MEDICATION DISPOSAL

Old and unwanted medicines in your home can pose a risk for accidental poisoning, theft, and drug abuse. Research also shows that medicine put down the drain or flushed may pollute water and harm fish and wildlife.

What should I do with my unwanted prescription, over-the-counter, and pet medications?

1. **Take it to the Box.** You can safely dispose of unwanted and expired materials at a year round drop box located in law enforcement facilities. See below for regional *Take it to the Box* locations.

2. **Medicine Cabinet Clean-Out events** at the Household Hazardous Waste facility at 27th Ave. W. & the Waterfront. Residents may drop off unwanted medications 9 am to 4 pm during these events. Medications are only accepted at this facility on special collection days.



3. **Dispose of medicine in the trash.** Drop off options are best because they ensure proper disposal, but if you are unable to use them, follow these instructions:

1. Scratch out the patients name
2. Add liquid, sawdust, or spices to destroy the product
3. Seal the container with strong tape
4. Hide it in a non-transparent container or bag
5. Throw it away as close to trash pick-up as possible

Prepare for all drop off programs:

- Keep medications in the original container and place in a sealed, clear plastic bag.
- Use marker to cross out your name on the container. Drop off is anonymous — no ID is required.
- If you don't have the original container, place it in a clear plastic bag and write the name of the medication on the bag.
- Needles, syringes, lancets, and thermometers are only accepted at the WLSSD Household Hazardous Waste facility at 27th Ave. W. & the Waterfront in Duluth.
- Businesses must call the Clean Shop at (218) 726-1602 to schedule an appointment.



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TAKE IT TO THE BOX LOCATIONS *Free Medication Disposal*

Duluth PD/St. Louis Co. Sheriff Public Safety Building

2030 Arlington Avenue, Duluth
Open 8 am to 5 pm Monday - Friday

West Duluth Police Substation

830 Grand Avenue, Duluth (Entrance is on Roosevelt St.)
Open 8 am to 4:30 pm Monday - Friday

Hermantown Police Department

5111 Maple Grove Road, Hermantown
Open 8 am to 4:30 pm Monday - Friday

Proctor Police Department

100 Pionk Drive, Proctor
Open 8 am to 4:30 pm Monday - Friday

OTHER FREE REGIONAL PROGRAMS

Superior Police Department

1316 N 14th Street, Suite 150, Superior WI
Open 8 am to 4:30 pm Monday - Friday

Carlton County Planning & Zoning

Three locations, see recycling.carltoncounty.com for details

St. Louis County Environmental Services

Seven locations, see stlouiscountymn.gov/hw for details

TOWN OF FREDENBERG WASTE DAY – SATURDAY, JUNE 5

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DULUTH, MN 55803

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55806
PERMIT NO. 1003

April 7 minutes continued from p. 1 **Cemetery** – opened today, artificial flowers left on graves all blew away into woods. **Parks & Rec** – Jim will get key for pickle ball equipment at Minnow-ette **Community Center**- opening June 1, 2021, Clay working on pickle ball courts and new playground equipment. Jim stated griddles not wired because electrician must verify that circuits are adequate. **Recycle Center** – change in pick up days from WLSSD to Thursday am. Hazardous Waste Day is on June 5, 2021 and will be newsletter for April and May. New attendant working out well. **Preparedness Plan Update**- completed last month. **Other Meetings** - none **OPEN FORUM**: Bonnie Anderson asking that supervisors use video on zoom meetings if they can. **OLD BUSINESS**: Grant for Township Road Improvement for East Cook Lake, West Island & Wood Duck Drive: there is a delay in approving because of the high number of applications. SEH informed DOT that the township could do this project this year. Minutes of Meetings in Newsletter: Jim made a motion to place only approved monthly meeting minutes in the township newsletter, Clay seconded. Discussion. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** **NEW BUSINESS**: Resolution 2022-007: Jim made a motion to accept Resolution 2021-007 Confirming the Town of Fredenberg as the Local Unit of Government for Res.Riders Snowmobile Club, Clay seconded. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Quotes for Township Mowing for 2021: 3 quotes received, reviewed, and discussed by board. Deb made a motion to accept quote from Don Olson (per spec sheet), Walter seconded. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Quotes for Township Road Work for 2021: 1 quote received (Jim informed board he answered several calls from companies about ad, many thinking it was a large road project, not maintenance), reviewed and discussed by board. Jim made a motion to accept quote from Lakehead Trucking (per spec sheet). **3 YEAS (Rapp, Ray, Wagner) 2 NAYS (Cich, Pawlowicz). MOTION PASSED.** Deb made a motion to use multiple forms of media to place hiring notices and quotes for services in the future, Clay seconded. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Liquor License Approval for St. Louis County: Clay motion to approve Eagles Nest Resort, Tim seconded. **5YEAS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Clay motion to approve Blue Max, Walter seconded. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Clay motion to approve Minnow-ette, Tim seconded. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Clay motion to approve Hi-Banks Resort, Deb seconded. **4 YEAS 1 ABSTAIN. MOTION PASSED.** Local Board of Appeal & Equalization meeting for May 19, 2021: County will be on via zoom, but it will be held at the Fredenberg Town Hall, Boardroom from 1-2pm, Deb, Walter and Jim certified, and Jim and Walter will be attending the meeting. **OTHER MEETINGS**: Jim made a motion to cancel the April 21, 2021 Township Board meeting at 7pm, ? seconded. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Clay made a motion to have the May 5, 2021 Township Board meeting via zoom, Deb seconded. **4 YEAS (Cich, Pawlowicz, Ray, Wagner) 1 NAY (Rapp). MOTION PASSED.** **ADJOURNMENT**: Clay made a motion to adjourn meeting, Walter seconded. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.