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June 2, 2021 TOWN BOARD ACTIONS

The monthly meeting was **CALLED TO ORDER** at 7:02 pm by Chair Jim Ray. Also, present were supervisors: Deb Pawlowicz, Walter Rapp, Clay Cich, & Tim Wagner. Monica Bruning, Clerk & Pam Blekestad, Treasurer. 18 individuals attend our first in person meeting of 2021 in the pavilion; the Board recited the Pledge of the Allegiance. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** **Addition: Community Center Report-Electrical circuits in the CC for the griddles are inadequate. Walter moved to approve Minutes. Jim seconded with proposed changes. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** **TREASURER'S REPORT:** as of 5/12/ 2021, checking account did not reconcile due to a CTAS Error of \$12,66.17. Checking account balance is \$233,055.92. Total funds are \$435,973.43, which includes 4 CDs totaling \$202,917.51. Jim made a motion to accept Treasurer's Report, Clay seconded. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED.** **CORRESPONDENCE:** 18 total: 6 mail and 12 e-mails were received and reviewed by the Board. **REVIEW OF BILLS:** Jim made motion to accept checks #10370 to #10394, totaling \$94,498.83. Chair Jim moved to approve. Clay seconded. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED.** **REPORTS:** **Clerk** – The Board authorized Monica to purchase computer, printer, monitor, webcam, warranties, and technology for broadcasting (Zoom) meetings in/outdoors. Jim moved to authorize up to \$2000. Clay seconded. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED.** **Road Report** – Ditch work on Miller Lane, Sunset Ridge, Olson and Chesney Roads **Fire Department** – Check your red address signs for visibility given tree growth. Responded to 8 medical calls, 1 fire, 2 mutual aid calls (medical and fire). Thanks to Greg, Steve and Todd Kaneski of Lakehead Trucking for gravel, equipment and time leveling the parking lot low spots. Also, moving snow from hydrant on FL bridge and snow banks in the lot. Welcome Aiden Voltzke, junior member. Meetings are Thursdays at 7 -- Fire Hall. All are welcome. **Cemetery** – Grass is being grown. Walter will check into sealing the roadway/entrance. **Parks & Rec** – Pickleball nets and equipment key is at the Minno-Ette. **Community Center** – Clay reviewed quote for HVAC system finish work including covering duct work in room 2, into the hallways, outside (including framing and trim), and taller closet doors. Clay moved to approve \$10,936.82 Vesel quote for the work. Deb seconded. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED.** A door closure will be put on west side doors. **Recycle Center** – The Center is running great! Hazardous Waste Day is June 5 11:30-2:30. **Preparedness Plan Update** – No updates. **Other Meetings** – Jim attended the DAT meeting. Broadband challenges exist in many townships. Gnesen Twp is concerned about Minnesota Power property buyout and how property lines were drawn up. **OPEN FORUM:** Patty Wheeler summarized SLC supervisor emails reflecting alleged concerted efforts to protect the Fredenberg Township gravel pit industry. Emails were presented to supervisors and referenced in presentation (Exhibits 1-8). Melissa Bell commented on Gnesen Township insight on gravel pits and possibly collaborating on the issue. Melissa asked supervisor to provide

rationale for votes when topics are debated. Patty Monson Geerts expressed concern RE SLC communication about gravel pits. Bruce Anderson expressed concern about gravel pits and encouraged supervisors to be informed. Deb Roach read Exhibit 7 from SLC gravel pit correspondence. **OLD BUSINESS: Grant for Township Road Improvement for East Cook Lake, West Island & Wood Duck Drive** – grant was not awarded. Clay will reapply. **FCC** – Room 2 work approved. **Local Board of Appeal & Equalization** May meeting did not have a supervisor quorum on review team. Penalty is no local input for 2021 and 2022. However, all recommendations from May 19 meeting were supported and enacted. 2022 is not a reassessment year. **Bid process** – Deb researched bid process and jobs < \$25K no bid. >\$25K-\$150K need sealed bid. **Ads for newsletter** – Pam, Monica, Diane/Mary will reconcile advertising receivables. **NEW BUSINESS:** Community Center is open. Keys can be checked out at the Minno-Ette. **Clay reported research on Flagship playground equipment.** His 11-year old granddaughter provided expertise. Popular equipment was described. Exciting and within budget. \$14,735. PO could be issued. Clay moved to buy playground equipment from Flagship, Inc and creating a PO. Deb seconded. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED.** **Use of electronic communications can be sent to all supervisors with disclaimer -- do not respond.** **Fireworks displays and safety were discussed.** Fireworks by businesses must be lawful shows. Newsletter will note safety precautions. **Deb asked for help with Neighborhood Night Out in August.** Clay and Jim volunteered. Folder is in the Clerk's Office. **Community Center internet Hot Spot** will be promoted on marque and in newsletter. **No second meeting in June.** **ADJOURNMENT:** Chair Jim motion to adjourn, Clay seconded. **5 YEAS. MOTION**

JULY /AUGUST ACTIVITIES HAPPENING @ FREDENBERG Community Ctr

Exercise CLASSES — Pay @ door

Yoga Instructor: Anita Anderson \$5/class.
Tuesdays - 7:00 – 8:00 am Thursdays -7:45 – 8:45 am

Instructor: Sandy Rock \$4/class

Monday

Cardio/Toning/Core 7:00 am

Low Impact Toning/Core 8:10 am

Wednesday

Fun floor & Core 7:30am

Friday

Step Class 7:00 am

Movement & Weights 8:10 am

Saturday

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FREDENBERG TOWN HALL & PAVILION
TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2021
5:00 TO 7:00 PM

PLEASE JOIN YOUR FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS
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FREDENBERG TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING
RECESSED ON MARCH 9, 2021
WILL RESUME ON

AUGUST 24, 2021 AT 7:00 PM
@ the Town Hall
FREDENBERG COMMUNITY CENTER PAVILLION

NOTICE

The Town of Fredenberg is looking for someone to do Annual Township Roadside Mowing on approximately 18 miles of township roads for 2021 season, to be done in August 2021. Quotes are for ONE time mowing, must have your own equipment and provide a Certificate of Liability with quote. Quotes must be received by **July 28, 2021** at: Fredenberg Township, Attn: Clerk 5104 Fish Lake Road, Duluth, MN 55803 or Fredenbergtpw@gmail.com. Monica Bruning/Town Clerk

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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 & deli clam containers.

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We want to thank all the Fredenberg Folks for their support over the last couple of years we served as Town Clerks. Thank you so much to all who helped and came to the gathering on June 30th for us.

Mary Skafte & Diane Palmstein

Fire Safety for People With Disabilities



Millions of Americans live with physical and mental disabilities. It is important to know your risk and build your fire prevention plans around your abilities.

- ✓ Have smoke alarms on every level of your home, inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas. Interconnect your alarms, so when one sounds, they all sound.
- ✓ If you are deaf or hard of hearing, use smoke alarms with a vibrating pad, flashing light or strobe light. These accessories start when your alarm sounds.
- ✓ Test your alarms every month.



Plan your escape around your abilities.

- ✓ Know two ways out of every room.
- ✓ If possible, live near an exit.
- ✓ You'll be safest on the ground floor if you live in an apartment building.
- ✓ If you live in a multistory home, sleep on the first floor.
- ✓ Being on the ground floor and near an exit will make your escape easier.

For more information and free resources, visit
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Safety Tips for Hazardous Materials — Flammable substances

- Only fill portable gasoline containers outdoors in a well-ventilated area. Make sure to place the container on the ground when you fill it.
 - Seal and store oil, gasoline, paints, propane and varnishes in a shed away from your home.
 - Keep flammable items on shelves away from appliances.
 - Keep oily rags in a well-ventilated area and away from heat sources.
- If you have a spill, clean the area and put the containers in a well-ventilated area. If you cannot control the spill, or are unsure about cleanup and disposal, call your local fire department.

NOTICE OF VACANCY

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The St. Louis County Board of Commissioners will make one At Large appointment to the St. Louis County CDBG Citizen Advisory Committee, term expiring April 30, 2024. The CDBG program provides funds for community facilities, public infrastructure, economic development, housing activities, and public service activities.

The CDBG Advisory Committee holds one public hearing and three public meetings to review applications and provide funding recommendations. Meetings are typically held in January between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. CDBG Citizen Advisory Committee members are paid \$50 per diem and mileage at the current county rate.

Persons interested in being considered for this appointment should submit an application no later than July 30, 2021 to: Phil Chapman, Clerk of County Board, 100 North 5th Avenue West, Room 214, Courthouse, Duluth, MN, 55802, fax: 218-725-5060, or e-mail chapmanp@stlouiscountymn.gov.

To apply online, go to www.stlouiscountymn.gov/clerk, click on "Application for Citizen Advisory Committee". Applications are also available in the County Auditor's Office in the Duluth Courthouse and in the Government Services Building in Virginia or by emailing chapmanp@stlouiscountymn.gov. You may also request an application by calling 218-726-2385.

NANCY J. NILSEN, COUNTY AUDITOR/TREASURER

BY: Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board



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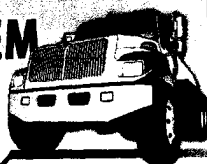
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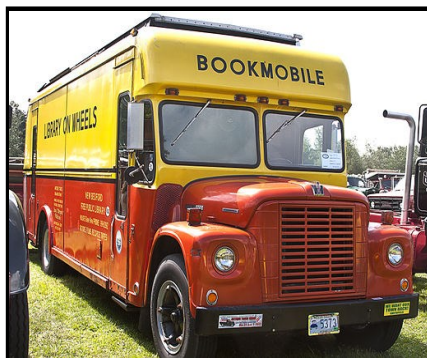
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The outside dumpsters are for cardboard,
newspaper/paper and glass/plastic/tin cans.
There are no longer bins for recycling
inside the garage.

**HOURS for the Center
weekly are:**

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

**NEXT FREDENBERG TOWN
BOARD MEETING**

AUGUST 4, 2021

**WEDNESDAY,
AT 7:00 PM @ Town Hall**