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## FREDENBERG TOWNSHIP NEWS

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## APPROVED TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES JUNE 1, 2022

The regular Board meeting of the Town of Fredenberg, Minnesota, St. Louis County was held in the Fredenberg Town Hall on Wednesday, June 1, 2022, at 7:00 PM.

**Board members present:** Chair Jim Ray, Supervisors Clay Cich, Deb Pawlowicz, Walter Rapp, Tim Wagner, and Clerk Ellen Hanson.

**Others in Attendance:** There were 13 others in attendance and 1 via Zoom.

This was a hybrid meeting which was held in-person with a Zoom connection.

**Call to order the Regular meeting:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Ray at 7:00 PM.

**Pledge of allegiance:** All present stood and cited the pledge of allegiance.

### Approval of the Agenda

There was a motion by Chair Ray to approve the agenda as presented and seconded by Supervisor Cich. Add under Old Business: Discuss letter to County on gravel pits. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmative. This motion carried unanimously.

### Approval of the Minutes

Regular meeting of May 4, 2022: There was a motion by Chair Ray to accept the May 4, 2022, Board of Supervisors meeting minutes as amended and seconded by Supervisor Cich. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmative. This motion carried unanimously. Amended: under Clerks report, second bullet, delete resort's and under Open forum: first bullet, change the language "Clearwater Pit from 1997" to "St. Louis County approvals for gravel pits".

Emergency meeting of May 16, 2022: There was a motion by Chair Ray to accept the May 16, 2022, Board of Supervisors Emergency meeting minutes as presented and seconded by Supervisor Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmative. This motion carried unanimously.

### Treasurers Report – Pam Blekestad

Hanson reported the treasurer does not balance with the bank. The Board had a discussion on the treasurer not presenting a report for several months. There was a motion by Supervisor Ray to approve the bank statement, cash control and Schedule 1 and seconded by Supervisor Cich. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmative. This motion carried unanimously.

### Clerks Report – Ellen Hanson

The Board reviewed the claims list. There was motion by Chair Ray to pay claims 10384, 10402-10412, 10426-10429 for a total of \$47,475.35 and seconded by Supervisor Cich. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmative. This motion carried unanimously.

The Blue Max.: The Report of the Town Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners of St. Louis County MN with special reference to good moral character and repute was presented for consideration to the Town Board for approval for their liquor license renewal. There was a motion by Supervisor Cich to approve the report and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmative. This motion carried unanimously.

The Recycling Center was awarded a \$10,727.53 operating grant for 2022.

Chair Ray reported he and Clerk Hanson had a meeting with the representative from Wells Fargo. They discussed the service fee the town is being charged. The bank is waiving the fee. Wells Fargo set up the account for Clerk Hanson. The representative confirmed that only owners of accounts can transfer funds.

**7. Correspondence**

The correspondence was read by Chair Ray. There were 12 total received: 2 mail and 10 emails.

**8. Reports**

Roads report May 2022:

Chair Ray reported he has been working on several road projects.

Culverts arrived and were delivered to Lakehead Trucking.

Calcium Chloride, for dust control, was ordered and expected in a few weeks.

Chair Ray made inquiries with St. Louis County Emergency Services for the availability of flood damage grants.

East Hunter Lake Road was flooded and will need work to raise the road. He is seeking quotes for repairing it.

Fire Department report for May 2022:

Supervisor Wagner reported in May, there were 7 calls plus 4 wildfire and 2 medical calls in one day.

The pancake breakfast was a great success. Thanks to everyone who participated along with those who donated their time.

Training for the month included: annual radio training.

Cemetery report for May 2022:

Supervisor Rapp stated there was a request to purchase lots 140 and 141.

There was a motion by Chair Ray to sell lots 140 and 141 to David Pelousky and seconded by Supervisor Rapp.

There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmative. This motion carried unanimously.

Parks and Recreation report for May 2022:

Supervisor Cich and Chair Ray have put several hours into the layout of the new playground.

Supervisor Cich talked about the landscaping for the new playground. The missing equipment was found.

Chair Ray stated there is concern about where the propane tank was moved. The snowplow will run over the line if it is left in that position. It was suggested the tank be moved to within 10 feet of the town hall. Supervisor Cich will talk with Como about this situation.

Community Center & Pavilion report for May 2022:

Supervisor Cich reported he and Chair Ray met with the contractor to set up Zoom equipment. It will be installed soon and includes a wireless connection with cameras, speakers, and a television screen.

Digital sign: It has been installed. Clerk Hanson is working on the view speed.

Rental: The town hall/community center is rented for all the weekends in June.

Recycling report for May 2022:

Supervisor Pawlowicz reported the center is operating very well.

The garage doors need repair. Supervisor Rapp will investigate.

Other Meetings for May 2022: Chair Ray & Clerk Hanson attended the May 19<sup>th</sup> DAT meeting. Supervisor Cich and Chair Ray attended the MAT Law Review training and gave an update on the on the session.

Preparedness Plan Update for May 2022:

Chair Ray reported there was nothing new to report.

**9. Open Forum**

Supervisor Rapp reported Snowbird Willies repaired the outside town flag gratis. Mike Roberts talked about the boat launch lighting on Island Lake. He has been working with other entities to gather information. Roberts requested there be a no wake zone created on the Island Lake reservoir. Supervisor Wagner offered to contact the DNR and obtain information on how to proceed.

**10. Old Business:**

Boat launch Lighting: Roberts stated Minnesota Power has adjusted the lighting. Supervisor Pawlowicz stated it was requested to put a motion light at the end of the dock.

Discussion on a letter to send to the County regarding gravel pits: The Board had a discussion on a draft letter addressing the gravel pits inspection authored by Chair Ray. There was motion by Chair Ray to send the letter as drafted to the St. Louis County Commissioners and seconded by Supervisor Cich. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmative.

This motion carried unanimously. Supervisor Cich will attend the Commissioners board meeting on June 14.

**11. New Business**

Second monthly Board meeting for June 15, 2022: There was a motion by Chair Ray not to have the second monthly meeting and seconded by Supervisor Cich. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmative. This motion carried unanimously.

**12. Adjourn**

There was a motion by Chair Ray to adjourn meeting at 8:53 PM and seconded by Supervisor Rapp. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmative. This motion carried unanimously.



## Exercise Classes

**Classes held at the Community Center/Town Hall**

Instructors: Sandy Rock: \$4/class,  
Sheila Wix: \$5/class, Anita Anderson: \$5/class

### **Monday**

Cardio/Toning/Core: **7:00 AM**

Low Impact Toning/Core: **8:10 AM**

### **Tuesday**

Yoga: **7:00 AM** (Under the Pavilion)

Please be vaccinated or wear a mask

### **Wednesday**

Fun floor & Core: **7:00 AM**

Weights and Core: **8:10 AM**

### **Friday**

Step Class: **7:00 AM**

Movement & Weights: **8:10 AM**

### **Saturday**

Cardio/Toning/Core: **8:00 AM**

**ALL CLASSES PAY AT DOOR**

## **Fredenberg Art Weller Recycle Center News**

The Center is sponsored by an annual grant from Western Lake Superior Sanitary District (WLSSD).

**Hours:** Wednesdays: 5 to 8 PM and Saturdays: 9 AM to 1 PM

There will not be a 2022 Hazardous Waste Day for Fredenberg Township.

Chesney Auto Salvage, 6250 Beaver River Road, will accept batteries and waste oil.

Please use WLSSD Household Hazardous Waste Facility and Product Reuse Center, 2626 Courtland St. (take the S 27th Ave W freeway exit), for other household hazardous waste and yard waste materials.

Below are a few rules to follow when using the Fredenberg Recycle Center.

1. The Center will only accept rinsed/cleaned & emptied cans, bottles & containers.
2. Styrofoam, in any form, is not recycled at this Center.
3. The Center does not accept household garbage of any kind and it is NOT to be dumped at the Center or the dumpster. Dumping garbage of any kind at the Center is illegal.
4. The Center does not accept any metal or plastic gas cans.
5. The Center does not repurpose any form of electronics. They can be brought to WLSSD Materials Recovery Center, 4587 Ridgeview Road, off the Rice Lake Road. For more information, check out the website at [wlssd.com](http://wlssd.com).
6. The Center does not accept take out containers, fruit/vegetable plastic containers or deli clam containers.
7. The outside dumpsters are for cardboard, newspaper/paper and glass/plastic/tin cans.

**Please be respectful of the rules when using the Center. The Town maybe charged for dumpsters/bins containing non-recyclables. Thank you very much for your cooperation.**





# Electrical Safety

Flipping a light switch. Plugging in a coffeemaker. Charging a laptop computer. These are second nature for most of us. Electricity makes our lives easier. However, we need to be cautious and keep safety in mind.



## SAFETY TIPS

- Have all electrical work done by a qualified electrician.
- When you are buying or remodeling a home, have it inspected by a qualified private inspector or in accordance with local requirements.
- Only use one heat-producing appliance (such as a coffee maker, toaster, space heater, etc.) plugged into a receptacle outlet at a time.
- Major appliances (refrigerators, dryers, washers, stoves, air conditioners, microwave ovens, etc.) should be plugged directly into a wall receptacle outlet. Extension cords and plug strips should not be used.
- Arc-fault circuit interrupters (AFCIs) shut off electricity when a dangerous condition occurs. Consider having them installed in your home.
- Use ground-fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) to reduce the risk of shock. GFCIs shut off an electrical circuit when it becomes a shock hazard. They should be installed inside the home in bathrooms, kitchens, garages and basements. All outdoor receptacles should be GFCI protected.
- Test AFCIs and GFCIs once a month according to the manufacturer's recommendations. You do not need a flame to start a fire. Fires can start when heat builds up near things that burn. This can happen when a hot light bulb is near things that burn, such as cloth or paper, or a cord has been placed under a carpet.
- Check electrical cords to make sure they are not running across doorways or under carpets. Extension cords are intended for temporary use. Have a qualified electrician add more receptacle outlets so you don't have to use extension cords.
- Use a light bulb with the right number of watts. There should be a sticker that indicates the right number of watts.

## IMPORTANT REMINDER

Call a qualified electrician or your landlord if you have:

- Frequent problems with blowing fuses or tripping circuit breakers
- A tingling feeling when you touch an electrical appliance
- Discolored or warm wall outlets
- A burning or rubbery smell coming from an appliance
- Flickering or dimming lights
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Affidavits of Candidacy for the following offices to be filled at the November 8, 2022 Town Election need to be filed with the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, 3105 Fish Lake Road from August 2, 2022 to 5:00 PM on August 16, 2022. Office hours are Thursday from 12:00 PM—5:30 PM. The Clerk or designee will be available at the town hall on the last day of filing, August 16, 2022 from 1:00-5:00 PM to accept affidavits. The filing fee is \$2.00. For information call the office at 218.525.3991. The open positions are: **3 Supervisors to serve 4 (four) year term.** You must be 21 years old and have lived in Fredenberg Township for 30 days to qualify.



## PRIMARY ELECTION

The Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, August 9, 2022. The polls are open from 7 AM to 8 PM at the Fredenberg Town Hall/Community Center. When voting at the Primary Election you must vote for one party only or your ballot will be spoiled. See a sample ballot here: <https://myballotmn.sos.state.mn.us>.

The Public Accuracy Testing for the voting machines will be held on Thursday, July 28, 2022, at 2:00 PM at the Town Hall.



## NEIGHBORHOOD NIGHT OUT

This year's Neighborhood Night Out will take place on Tuesday, August 2 from 5:00-7:00 PM. Community members will enjoy refreshments, bouncy house for the children, and there will be drawings for donated items from local businesses. This event will be held at the Fredenberg Community Center/Town Hall.

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### **Fredenberg Town Board Meetings**

**Regular Board meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month, 7 PM at the Town Hall.**

They are hybrid meetings in-person with a Zoom connect. See the website for Zoom connection information.

The next 2022 scheduled meetings are:

July 6  
August 3  
September 7  
October 5  
November 2  
December 7



### **Fredenberg Community Center**

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