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# FREDENBERG TOWNSHIP NEWS

A monthly newsletter Editor: Ellen Hanson

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# APPROVED TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES for AUGUST 3, 2022

The regular Board meeting of the Town of Fredenberg, Minnesota, St. Louis County was held in the Fredenberg Town Hall on Wednesday, August 3, 2022, at 7:00 PM.

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

Others in Attendance: There were 9 others in attendance and 0 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 amended and seconded by Supervisor Wagner. Add under Old Business: County Pit inspections. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously.

# Approval of the Minutes

Regular meeting of July 6, 2022: There was a motion by Chair Rapp to accept the July 6, 2022, Board of Supervisors meeting minutes as amended and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously. Amended: Under Guest Speaker: change sentence beginning with The Board gave directions to; The Board gave directions to Johnson "to inspect active, inactive, and if they were inactive then are they reclaimed". Add sentences "Johnson was asked if Supervisors could accompany him during inspections. He responded negative."

# Treasurers Report - Pam Blekestad

Blekestad reported the Clerk and Treasurer balance with the bank. She presented the Schedule 1, Cash control statement. There was a motion by Chair Ray to approve the bank statement, cash control and Schedule 1 and seconded by Supervisor Rapp. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously.

#### Clerks Report – Ellen Hanson

The Board reviewed the claims list. There was motion by Supervisor Rapp to pay claims 10461-10471, for a total of \$19,945.75 and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. Void the Doucette claim of \$570.03, Supervisor Pawlowicz paid directly, and add claim for Lakehead trucking. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously.

Hanson stated there was a special event liquor license from Eagle's Nest Resort for August 24 or August 25, in case of rain, for a car show. There was a motion by Supervisor Cich and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously.

Filing for candidacy will begin August 2 and continue through August 16 at 5:00PM.

# Correspondence

The correspondence was read by Chair Ray. There were 16 total received: 6 mail and 10 emails.

# Reports

Roads report July 2022:

Chair Ray reported road work continues and most roads are holding up well. There was a wash out.

Chair Ray has been working on brushing and a few trees have been removed.

Culvert on West Island Lake Road was installed.

There was a couch and chair that was dumped on a road. Supervisor Cich will dispose of the items.

The Board reviewed the claims list. There was motion by Chair Ray to pay claims 10430-10439, 10452-10460 for a total of \$100,412.17 withhold check for Vessel until the work is completed and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously.

Fire Department report for July 2022:

Supervisor Wagner reported there was not report from the Chief. He thanked the Department for being at Neighborhood Night Out (NNO).

Cemetery report for July 2022:

Supervisor Rapp stated he had 4 people contact him to purchase lots.

Request from Sandra & Timothy Rock for lot 99. There was a motion by Supervisor Rapp and seconded by Supervisor Cich. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously.

Request form Marsh Jones for her brother, William Smith, for lot 121. There was a motion by Supervisor Rapp and seconded by Chair Ray. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously.

Parks and Recreation report for July 2022:

Chair Ray talked about the landscaping for the new playground. Supervisor Rapp assisted Chair Ray with the work and a few volunteers. The work on the berm at the sliding hill continues. He recommended another sign be installed to help prevent 4-wheel riders from riding on the hill.

The exercise club will volunteer with the distribution of sand for the new playground equipment.

Installation of playground equipment may happen on August 4-5. After installation, the sand will then be added.

Community Center & Pavilion report for July 2022:

Supervisor Cich reported the new Zoom equipment was installed.

Supervisor Cich reported on the window repair project. They cannot get the hardware at this time. He will meet with the business owner to discuss the parts that were not installed and the painting that hasn't been completed.

NNO: Supervisor Pawlowicz reported the event was successful. They served a record number of hot dogs. There were left over cookies that will be donated to the election judges.

Building keys: There is a concern about buildings keys being held at the Minno-ette. Hanson will develop the policy. Supervisor Cich will look into a locked box.

Old marquee signs: Chair Ray reported there has not been any queries to purchase the old sign and letters. M. Bell will check with the church. It was suggested if there is no interest then lower the price.

Recycling report for July 2022:

Supervisor Pawlowicz reported the Center is operating very well.

There is an issue with the bins and locks. WLSSD has been contacted to resolve the issue. WLSSD will talk to the driver. Chair Ray stated the drivers should unlock the pad locks and they haven't been doing it.

Supervisor Pawlowicz thanked Supervisor Rapp for repairing the door trim on the recycling building.

The garden is looking good. There was a question about how one would join the club?

Other Meetings for July 2022: Supervisor Cich attended the County Commissioners meeting regarding gravel pit inspections. He had talked with Johnson about not attending the Board meeting. Supervisor Pawlowicz asked about Supervisors accompanying County staff during the inspections. It could happen if they had a certified person with them. She read a letter that she will be sending to the County Commissioners and asked the Board to support her letter. The Board discussed the contents of the letter. There was agreement to support the inspection section of the letter, but not the sections talking about Supervisors attending the inspections.

Preparedness Plan Update for July 2022:

Chair Ray reported there was nothing new to report. There was a motion by Supervisor Pawlowicz to remove this item from the agenda and seconded by Supervisor Cich. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously.

# **Open Forum**

Bruce Anderson: He complimented the successful NNO. He suggested for next year the town hall history booklet be available. Anderson asked why Matthew Johnson was at the Board meeting and why he did not stay very long to field questions. Chair Ray responded Mr. Johnson has been cautious about communication while the past litigation was in process.

Anderson asked about township powers and what will the Board do about it?

#### **Old Business:**

County Gravel Pit inspections: Chair Ray read, in part, the email from Matthew Johnson regarding progress on the gravel pit inspections. According to a phone call from Johnson, Chair Ray said Johnson had spoken with the County Attorney about how much information he can divulge due to the litigation. Since the litigation has settled, he is able to give more data.

#### **New Business**

Notice for Township Roadside/Ditch mowing: There was a motion by Chair Ray to approve the quote from Rodda for roadside mowing and seconded by Supervisor Cich. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously.

Request Snow Plowing Quotes: There was a motion by Supervisor Cich to move forward with requesting quotes and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously.

Second monthly Board meeting for July 20, 2022: There was a motion by Chair Ray not to have a second meeting and seconded by Supervisor Cich. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously.

# Adjourn

There was a motion by Chair Ray to adjourn meeting at 8:39 PM and seconded by Supervisor Cich. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously.



# **Exercise Classes**

Classes held at the Community Center/Town Hall

Instructors: Sandy Rock: \$4/class,

Sheila Wixo: \$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 vaccinate 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.
- 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.

# THANKS TO ALL THE BUSINESSES AND RESIDENTS IN FREDENBERG FOR THEIR DONATIONS TO SUPPORT THIS YEARS NEIGHBORHOOD NIGHT OUT.

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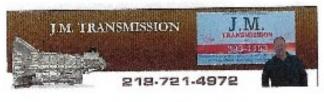
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# Melissa Bell for Fredenberg Town Board

# Who am I?

Married to Chris Bell for over 22 years, mother of three boys, graduated from UWS with a Bachelor of Science in Business, self-employed business owner, retired military (served 22 years at the 148th Fighter Wing)

Born and raised in Fredenberg, now raising my family here. Family is very important to me. Value country living.

# My Vision for Fredenberg

- \*Let's have more community connection:
- —Use our community website, Fredenberg.org, to make it easier for residents to connect with our community.
- -Regularly publish Fredenberg clubs and organizations information.
- —Hold quarterly Meet and Greet sessions with Fredenberg clubs, groups and businesses.
- \*Let's treat every resident and business equally
- \*Let's keep our rural/country life and keep up the "pleasant blend of progress and tradition ".
- \*Let's continue to improve the township and give back to the community:
- -continue popular events like Neighborhood Night Out and Breakfast with Santa.
- -make improvements to the hockey rink.
- -start an after-school children's play time at the community center.
- -sponsor a Fredenberg Adopt a Family for Christmas program.
- -work with local churches to help individuals and families in need.





# VOTE FOR JEFF BLIX NOVEMBER 8 FOR TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

I have lived on Fish Lake, in Fredenberg for 46 years with my wonderful wife Liz, we have 2 married daughters, and 4 grandchildren.

Hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, gardening, and spending time with my friends, family, and dogs are passions of mine.

Having retired from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation after 21 plus years, I am able to devote my time and experience to the town of Fredenberg. My experience in state and county government, and road work, as a Maintenance coordinator, will be an asset to the township.

I previously served on the Fredenberg town board for 12 years, that experience and knowledge better enables me to serve the community. My only agenda is to help identify and meet the needs of our growing community.

My opponent on the other hand, has another agenda that she has forgotten to mention in her mailings and conversations with residents. She was and is currently involved in a lawsuit against St. Louis county and a local business regarding planning and zoning. For the past 2 years, she has adamantly pursued the idea of the township taking over planning and zoning from the county. My feeling is that Fredenberg should not take over the responsibility for Planning and Zoning. That responsibility is costly, time consuming, organizationally and operationally complex and demanding, will pit neighbor against neighbor, and often ends in lawsuits. Our township turned over Planning and Zoning to the county over 30 plus years ago because of this. Fact: Only 2% of St. Louis county townships currently have planning and zoning.

I will strive to regain a good working relationship with the county. They have the resources, knowledge, and experience, that if we work cooperatively, can better serve the needs of our community.

It is important to give back. I have served on several committees, such as the new fire hall, Fredenberg Park, National Night Out, the shoe canoe and bike race, and the comprehensive land use plan committee.

I am not going to feed you full of "fluff" and make false promises.

I've always been open and honest and intend to keep it that way. And am devoted to "true transparency" on ALL levels. I support the township as a "whole" not just a select few.

What do I have to offer?

\*Open communications with respect to others

\*Experience in state, county, and township government

\*Roadwork knowledge

\*Willingness to listen without an agenda

\*Knowledge of Fredenberg as a 46 year resident

\*Family and community values

I am being endorsed by Fredenberg Board Supervisors Walter Rapp, Jim Ray, and Tim Wagner

I thank you for your support and vote. I look forward to serving you again as a Township Supervisor.

My coffee pot is always on for visitors.

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Paid for by Jeff Blix





# BRUCE ANDERSON

FREDENBERG TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR



I was born in Fredenberg Township in 1955 and grew up at the old Leif and Evelyn Olson Farmhouse - later to be known as "Rolling Ruts Golf Course". Being self-employed as a house painter and having served on the Fredenberg Volunteer Fire Department for over 10 years, I have met and built relationships with many people in our township.

Watching this township grow from a few farms and a lot of open area to the bustling community it is now has been amazing. However, this is (geographically) a very small township, occupying only 35.9 square miles; of which 25.4 sq. miles is land and 10.5 sq. miles (29.21%) is water. There is still room for development, so our remaining resources must be carefully managed.

If I am elected as a Township Supervisor, I will keep focused on the multiple unique issues presented to Fredenberg Township. As a lifetime resident, I have a love for this township and want what is best for it in its entirety. I will continue to be a voice for our Township at the St. Louis County Commissioner meetings, and any other venue where our voice needs to be heard. This is not to usurp authority, but rather to encourage and develop a relationship of mutual respect.

As I am semi-retired, I will dedicate time to the issues and demands of this position. I am committed to and passionate for Fredenberg Townships' residents - from the cabin owner, to the homeowner, to the business owner. Some of my strengths are a determination to be fair, being a good listener, and acting in a calm, rational and approachable way. I will do all that is in my power to preserve the way of life we all enjoy here. It is the reason my wife, Bonnie, and I - and so many of you - have remained here, or moved here, built homes and lives here, raised families here.

Much has already been done to make Fredenberg Township remarkable! Let's keep going.

I hope you will vote for me, Bruce Anderson, on November 8th.

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# **Candidates for Fredenberg Town Supervisor Positions**

Supervisor A Clayton Cich Daniel Svercl

Supervisor B Melissa Bell Jeff Blix

Supervisor C Bruce A. Anderson Tim Wagner

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

The next 2022 scheduled meetings are:

October 5 November 2 December 7



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