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FREDENBERG TOWNSHIP NEWS

A monthly newsletter

Editor: Ellen Hanson

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APPROVED TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES for SEPT. 7, 2022

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

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

Others in Attendance: There were 13 others in attendance and 2 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 and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously.

Open Forum

Chair Ray talked about maintaining the skating rink. He suggested there be a volunteer pool of residents to assist with the rink. There is a need to replace all the boards with either wood, other material, or a berm. Plans should be made to turn the area over for recreational use. The Board had a discussion on volunteers maintaining the rink/ice. It was recommended to purchase a power sweeper combined with a snow-blower for smooth quality ice. There was a motion by Supervisor Cich to purchase a 36-inch power sweeper, preferable an Ariens, from \$3,000-\$4,000 and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously. Shawn Reinarz and Andy Olson, volunteers were present and spoke to the board about recruiting volunteers to assist with the skating rink.

Approval of the Minutes

Regular meeting of August 3, 2022: There was a motion by Supervisor Rapp to accept the August 3, 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 reports: from July to August. Amendment under public comment, second sentence should read as follows: 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.

Treasurers Report – Pam Blekestad

Blekestad reported the Clerk and Treasurer balance with the bank. She has been trying to contact the bank regarding fees. There was a motion by Chair Ray to approve the Treasurer's report and seconded by Supervisor Cich. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously.

Clerks Report – Ellen Hanson

Hanson presented the Schedule 1 and Cash control statement for Board review. The Board reviewed the claims list. There was motion by Chair Ray to pay claims 10474, 10492-10503, 10517, 10519-10526, for a total of \$32,714.99 and seconded by Supervisor Cich. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously.

Hanson stated she had appointed Kim Wagner as Deputy Clerk. The Board had a discussion on the appointment of the deputy clerk. There was a motion by Chair Ray to set the hourly rate of pay at \$21 for the deputy clerk and seconded by Supervisor

Rapp. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives with Supervisor Wagner recusing himself. This motion carried. Wagner recused himself due to the conflict of interest.

Correspondence

The correspondence was read by Clerk Hanson. There were 15 total received: 5 mail and 10 emails.

Reports

Roads report August 2022:

Chair Ray reported there were a few culverts installed.

The last calcium chloride application was applied on Usiak and East Cook Lake Roads.

Fire Department report for August 2022:

Supervisor Wagner gave the Fire Department report from the Chief.

There were 11 calls in the past month.

The electrical issues with the well were fixed.

Cemetery report for August 2022:

Supervisor Rapp stated the grass is growing from the seeding earlier in the summer.

Parks and Recreation report for August 2022:

Chair Ray talked about the playground.

Chair Ray stated Gunner Johnson, Attorney, continues to work on the agreement/contract with Reservoir Riders.

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 Board discussed the property taxes owed on the property occupied by Reservoir Riders. There was a motion by Supervisor Cich to pay all the property taxes due on the property occupied by Reservoir Riders and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously. Clerk Hanson will verify the amount of taxes owed and send out the check.

Community Center & Pavilion report for August 2022:

Supervisor Cich reported on the window repair project. The contractor could not get the hardware to complete the project. He will meet with the business owner to discuss the parts that were not installed and the painting that hasn't been completed.

The custodian cleaned all the carpets.

Security mailbox: Clerk Hanson will send the link to Supervisor Cich to review for purchase. She will also contact the Post Office in regard to relocation of the town's box.

The electrician put up motion detector lighting.

Recycling report for August 2022:

Supervisor Pawlowicz reported the Center is operating very well.

Other Meetings for August 2022: DAT meeting was attended by Chair Ray and Clerk Hanson. Vic Lund gave a presentation on road signs. Supervisor Cich attended the County Commissioners meeting regarding gravel pit inspections.

Old Business

County Gravel Pit inspections: Chair Ray stated Matthew Johnson had sent a report on the inspections and it was in Board packets.

Key Policy: Hanson present the key policy. There was a motion by Chair Ray to approve the key policy and seconded by Supervisor Cich. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously.

Rental Agreement: Hanson presented a revised rental agreement for the Board to review. There was a motion by Supervisor Cich and seconded by Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously.

Township Snow removal for 2022-2023 season: Hanson reported there was one quote received from Top Notch Home Furnishing. There was a motion by Supervisor Rapp to accept the Top Notch Home Furnishing quote for the town's 2022-2023 snow removal and seconded by Supervisor Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Resolution to accept Neighborhood Night Out donations: The Board discussed if there was a need to have a resolution as neighbors and businesses donated to the event directly. Clerk Hanson will seek advice from the MAT attorneys and report back next month.

Second monthly Board meeting for September 21, 2022: There was a motion by Chair Ray not to have a second meeting and seconded by Supervisor Rapp. 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 Wix: \$5/class, Anita Anderson: \$5/class

Monday

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

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

Wednesday

Yoga: **5:45 PM** (Reservoir Riders Clubhouse)

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.





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2022 ELECTION

RE-ELECT

TIM WAGNER

FOR TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR



TUESDAY
NOVEMBER 8TH

Kim and I have lived in Fredenberg for 19 years. We moved here when we bought Hi-Banks Resort. We have been married for 30 years, and raised 3 daughters here. I served on the Fredenberg Fire Department, and now serve as a township supervisor. I work as a school bus driver for Hermantown schools for now over 20 years. We are heavily involved in our community. We sponsor many events such as the annual fire work display on Fish Lake, Take A Kid Fishing, the Vintage Snow Mobile Run, and the annual Community Night Out. My family enjoys supporting the community, and we have a rewarding life here in Fredenberg. I want to continue to keep it that way for everyone. Here are some of my ideas to make it a rewarding place to live.

- Keep people honest and accountable
- Increase communication between the township, and other businesses
- Protect small businesses
- Protect the environment
- Support township road improvements
- Establish more public use areas
- I am here to listen to concerns and ideas for our township

ACCOUNTABILITY

CHANGE



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

*And the following Fredenberg businesses:

Hi-Bank's Resort, Lakehead Trucking, Chesney Auto Salvage, Steve's Septic Service, LKO Contracting, Dirt Work Specialists, just to name a few.



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

Paid for by Jeff Blix



Fed up with what's happening in Fredenberg?

- ☐ Misrepresentation
- ☐ Slander
- ☐ Dishonesty
- ☐ Misuse of Township funds
- ☐ Personal Agendas

Then you need to write in, Josh Scheall, for Supervisor Seat A on November 8th.

I am a lifelong member of Fredenberg, married to Christy Scheall for 23 years, and a father of two. I am an avid outdoorsman that works hard and plays hard. I've been employed at Minneapolis Oxygen for 24 years. I started as a truck driver and worked my way up to outside sales representative. My experience in sales has taught me the importance of listening to all my customers' concerns to meet their needs to the best of my ability. I plan to do the same for all my fellow community members of Fredenberg Township. You can count on me to be:

- ★ Honest
- ★ Transparent
- ★ Dedicated
- ★ Hard Working
- ★ Dependable
- ★ Open-minded
- ★ Respectful
- ★ Professional



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- ☐ Led the effort to get \$3.9 million to bring high speed internet service to all Township homes
- ☐ Helped to expand and develop the new pickleball and tennis courts at the Town Hall
- ☐ Led the professional audit of Township finances resulting in the discovery of over \$30,000 in uncollected funds
- ☐ Worked with volunteers on Town Hall improvement projects; new air handling equipment, windows, carpeting, paint and new playground equipment. Helped build new hockey boards and the Town Hall marquee.

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Daniel Svercl

Supervisor B
Melissa Bell
Jeff Blix

Supervisor C
Bruce A. Anderson
Tim Wagner

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The next 2022 scheduled meetings are:

November 2

December 7



Fredenberg Community Center

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