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FREDENBERG TOWNSHIP NEWS

A monthly newsletter

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APPROVED TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES for MAY 3, 2023

The regular Board meeting of the Town of Fredenberg, Minnesota, St. Louis County was held in the Fredenberg Town Hall on Wednesday, May 3, 2023, at 7:00 PM.

Board members present: Chair Tim Wagner, Vice Chair Deb Pawlowicz, Supervisor Jeff Blix, Supervisor Walter Rapp, Clerk Ellen Hanson, Deputy Clerk Kim Wagner, and Treasurer

Pam Blekestad. Supervisor Cich was absent.

Others in Attendance: There were 15 others in attendance. **Call to order the Regular meeting:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Wagner at 7:00PM. **Pledge of allegiance:** All present stood and cited the pledge of allegiance. **Approval of the Agenda:** There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to approve the agenda and seconded by Supervisor Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. **Open Forum:** Resident Bell spoke in support of new skating rink boards. She asked if a Board member had asked Commissioner Nelson to read the Board's letter out loud at their meeting. No response from the Board. Resident O'Brien spoke about the June Neighborhood community garage sale & flea market. There is a conflict with the dates due to the Hazardous Waste Day at Fredenberg. Resident Olson spoke about replacing the skating rink boards. He asked about a plan for replacements. Supervisor Blix suggested a committee be formed to develop a plan. Resident Ray spoke about replacing the rink boards and the history of replacements. He suggested the volunteers provide the Board with the number of people using the rink and that the Board wait to put money into the boards until there is a definite increase in usage.

Approval of the Minutes: Regular meeting of April 5th, 2023: There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to accept the April 5th, 2023, Board of Supervisors meeting minutes as amended and seconded by Chair Walter. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. Amendment under LTI CUP change Pawlowicz vote to no on sending a support letter and change total votes to 3-2. Also, under SLC Commissioners change Pawlowicz vote to no on sending a letter concerning public speakers and change total votes to 3-2.

Financial Report – Pam Blekestad: Blekestad reported she balanced with the bank with Hanson's assistance. She reported the NBC credit cards are in processes for the Treasurer and Clerk.

Blekestad reported NBC is offering a CD for 5 months at 5 %. Hanson stated Members Cooperative Credit Union (MCCU) is offering a CD for 11 months at 5% and will pay early withdrawal fees. There was a motion by Supervisor Pawlowicz to move the current CD's to MCCU with the additional \$17,000 from the Road payment fund providing the fees are paid and seconded by Supervisor Blix. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. There was a motion by Chair Wagner to accept the treasurer's report and seconded by Supervisor Blix. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.

Clerks Report – Ellen Hanson: Hanson presented the Cash control statement for Board review.

The Board reviewed the claims list. There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to accept claims 10653-10669 for \$16,312.93 and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. She reported the annual ARPA reporting that was due on April 30 was com-

pleted. Hanson will be on vacation from June 13th - 28th. She will miss one payroll which Deputy Wagner will process. Hanson reported the town received from Reservoir Riders a \$1,000.00 check for two new pickleball nets.

Correspondence: Clerk Hanson read the correspondence. There were 17 total received: 1 mail and 16 emails. **Reports:** Roads report April 2023: Road Forman Jim Ray and Supervisor Blix talked about the road issues/conditions. Grading was completed on a few roads. Ray's recommendations for the roads were adding gravel to roads, East Cook Lake Road needs attention, and overlay East Cook Lake Rd. Crack filling and sealing on roads, end of East Hunter Lake Rd flooded over, build up that road estimated cost \$15,000 to build up two low spots. There are four houses on the road. There was a motion by Supervisor Rapp to fix East Hunter Lake Rd to prevent flooding and it allows for emergency vehicles to get to those houses and seconded by Supervisor Blix. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. Overall, the town roads are in good condition. Research is being done on the best sources and products for crack repair.

Fire Department report for April 2023: Supervisor Wagner read the Fire Department Report from the Chief. There were 6 calls in April. The calls included medicals and carbon monoxide alarm activation.

Members had training in Fire Officer 1, mentoring volunteer firefighters, accountability on the emergency scene and vehicle fire operations. The annual fishing opener pancake feed will be on Saturday May 13 at the town hall from 7 AM to noon. A federally declared flood disaster was declared may allow the town to be reimbursed for the cost of sandbags. Firewise information forthcoming.

Cemetery report for April 2023: Supervisor Rapp stated the cemetery is open. There was a discussion about the plot rates. There was a motion by Supervisor Rapp to allow husband and wife residents to qualify for the purchase of two plots at the discounted rate and update the by-laws and seconded by Supervisor Blix. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. The cemetery by-laws will be updated. Parks and Recreation for April 2023:

Supervisor Blix explained he had a request to reserve the pickleball courts for Tuesday evenings. Everyone would be welcome, and it will be round robin play. Request was granted.

Supervisor Rapp will build a sign for the pickleball courts stating the dates of usage. Community Center & Pavilion report for April 2023: Clerk Hanson stated there were no rentals for March and only one in April. Supervisor Rapp reported he had cleared the roof of ice. He discovered a section of the roof (pump house) had been damaged by the weight of the snow. The Board instructed the Clerk to contact the insurance company to report the damage. Supervisor Rapp replaced the water filters at town hall. Recycling report for April 2023: Supervisor Pawlowicz reported the Recycling Center is operating well. Hazardous Waste Day and open house 11:30 -2:30: Supervisor Pawlowicz reported on June 3 the hazardous waste day will be held in the town hall parking lot and the WLSSD will host an open house the same day at the recycling center. Electronics will be accepted for a charge. WLSSD requested the town's mailing list be sent to them for a notice of these events. Hanson will send the list to them. The events will be placed in newsletter and on digital sign. Hartals garbage bins dumped once a month or on call. **Other Meetings for April 2023:** There was an emergency meeting for the purpose of discussing emergency flooding. Supervisors Rapp, Cich, and Blix attended. **Old Business:**

There was no old business. **New Business:** Quotes for propane 2023 season: There were three quotes received. They were from Superior Fuel (\$2.099/gallon), Como Oil & Propane (\$1.559/gallon), and Curtis Oil (\$1.599/gallon). The Board reviewed the quotes. There was a motion by Supervisor Rapp to accept the Como Oil and Propane quote for 5/1/23-4/30/24 and seconded by Supervisor Blix. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. Liquor License approval: Minno-ette: There was a motion by Chair Wagner to approve the Minno-ette liquor license renewal request and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. Liquor License approval: Blue Max: There was a motion by Chair Wagner to approve the Blue Max liquor license renewal request and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. The second monthly Board meeting is May 17, 2023. There was a motion by Supervisor Blix not to have a second meeting and seconded by Chair Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. **Adjourn:** There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 PM and seconded by Chair Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.

Fredenberg Fire Department, Town Board Report, May 2023, Chief Linda Bergstrand

During May and the first week of June members responded to thirteen calls. The calls included nine medical calls, 1 outside fire, 2 mutual aid structure fires and 1 public service. We would like to thank everyone who attended the annual Pancake Feed on opening weekend. We had approximately 300 people in attendance. Members participated in wildland training and a live fire burn. We also joined with the several other fire departments in participating in the annual Rescue Scramble hosted by the St. Louis County Rescue Squad. We had several scenarios we worked on which included an airplane crash, a motor vehicle accident, a person caught in a snowblower, a hunter stuck in a deer stand and an underwater search using the Rescue Squad's underwater camera. Looking ahead to this month, which is Fireworks Safety month, we would like everyone to be aware of the very dry conditions which could lead to grass and forest fires. Also, please don't become a burn victim from using fireworks (or fires) in a dangerous manner. Many American celebrations just wouldn't feel complete without fireworks, but that doesn't mean fireworks safety can be taken lightly. Most fireworks injuries occur between June 16 to July 16, and many of these injuries could have been prevented with some basic safety measures. Sparklers, in particular, can be particularly dangerous. They can burn at up to 2000 degrees and have the potential for serious injury even if only touched for a brief moment. According to burn centers nationwide, a third of the 10,000 burn injuries that occur annually involve children less than 15 years old, and 28% of those injuries result from improper handling of sparklers. Even a full minute after going out, the burnt end of a sparkler can still easily be over 120 degrees, which is plenty hot enough to leave a mark if touched or smolder in dry grass or a trash bag.

Tips to Celebrate Safely

Never let young children play with or ignite fireworks of any kind. Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose at the ready, just in case. Light fireworks one at a time, then get to a safe distance as quickly as possible. Never try to relight or handle malfunctioning fireworks. Soak malfunctioning fireworks with water and throw them away. Never place any part of your body directly over a fireworks device when lighting the fuse. Never point or throw fireworks (including sparklers) at anyone. After fireworks complete their burning, douse with plenty of water before discarding. Make sure fireworks are legal in your area, and only purchase and set off fireworks that are labeled for consumer (not professional) use. Never use fireworks while impaired by alcohol or drugs. Lightning is a leading cause of injury and death from weather-related hazards. Although most lightning victims survive, people struck by lightning often report a variety of long-term, debilitating symptoms. Thunderstorms are dangerous storms that include lightning and can create or cause: Powerful winds over 50 mph, Hail, [Flash flooding](#) and/or [tornadoes](#)

Prepare for Thunderstorms & Lightning: <https://www.ready.gov/thunderstorms-lightning>.

Know Your Risk

Know your area's risk for thunderstorms. In most places they can occur year-round and at any hour. Sign up for your community's warning system. The [Emergency Alert System \(EAS\)](#) and [National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration \(NOAA\) Weather Radio](#) also provide emergency alerts.

Strengthen Your Home

Cut down or trim trees that may be in danger of falling on your home. Consider buying surge protectors, lightning rods or a lightning protection system to protect your home, appliances and electronic devices.

Make an Emergency Plan

Create an [emergency plan](#) so that you and your family know what to do, where to go and what you will need to protect yourselves from the effects of a thunderstorm. Identify sturdy buildings close to where you live, work, study and play.

Stay Safe During Thunderstorms & Lightning: If you are under a thunderstorm warning:

When thunder roars, go indoors! Move from outdoors into a building or car with a roof. Pay attention to alerts and warnings. Avoid using electronic devices connected to an electrical outlet. Avoid running water.

Turn Around. Don't Drown! Do not drive through flooded roadways. Just six inches of fast-moving water can knock you down, and one foot of moving water can sweep your vehicle away.

Stay Safe After Thunderstorms & Lightning: Pay attention to authorities and weather forecasts for information on whether it is safe to go outside and instructions regarding potential flash flooding. Watch for fallen power lines and trees. Report them immediately.

Related Content: [Thunderstorms Information Sheet](#) (PDF), [Protective Actions Research for Thunderstorm, Lightning, and Hail](#), [NOAA Watch](#), [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - Lightning](#), [American Red Cross](#)





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

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 may be charged for dumpsters/bins containing non-recyclables. Thank you very much for your cooperation.





Exercise Classes

Classes held at the Community Center/Town Hall

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

**Sandy Rock classes are held through out the week.
Please call her at 218-320-2902 for information.**

Tuesday

Zumba Gold: **9:30 AM**

Classes are held in 6 week sessions and registration is through Hermantown Community Education . For more information contact Judy Gordon 218-355-0677

Tuesday

Yoga: **7-8 AM** (Outdoor pavilion)

Thursday

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Pickleball at Fredenberg

Pickleball on Tuesday, Thursday and
Saturday from 9 to 11:00 AM.
Located at the Fredenberg Town
Hall/Community Center, outside
court. Open play for all to join.





NEIGHBORHOOD NIGHT OUT

This year's Neighborhood Night Out will take place on Tuesday, August 1 from 5:00-7:00 PM. The event will be held at the Fredenberg Community Center/Town Hall. The date is approaching quickly and volunteers are needed for a successful event. Please contact Deb Pawlowicz at 218-428-4539 or debpaw59@gmail.com.

SKATING RINK COMMITTEE

The Fredenberg Board of Supervisors are seeking volunteers to serve on a skating rink committee. They would like a diverse group of people supporting both pros and cons for the rink. Please contact Jeff Blix at jeffblix@aol.com if interested.



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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.

Meetings are in-person and held in the Board room, second floor.

The next 2023 scheduled meetings are:

**July 5
August 2**



Fredenberg Community Center

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