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FREDENBERG TOWNSHIP NEWS

A monthly newsletter

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APPROVED TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES for JULY 5, 2023

The regular Board meeting of the Town of Fredenberg, Minnesota, St. Louis County was held in the Fredenberg Town Hall on Wednesday, July 5th, 2023, at 7:00 PM.

Board members present: Chair Tim Wagner, Vice Chair Deb Pawlowicz, Supervisor Jeff Blix, Supervisor Clay Cich, Supervisor Walter Rapp, Clerk Ellen Hanson, & Deputy Clerk Kim Wagner, and Treasurer Pam Blekestad. **Others in Attendance:** There were 10 others in attendance.

Call to order the Regular meeting: The meeting was called to order by Chair Wagner 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 Supervisor Blix to approve the agenda and seconded by Chair Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. **Open Forum:** No speakers at this meeting. **Approval of the Minutes:** Regular meeting of June 7th, 2023: There was a motion by Supervisor Rapp to approve the June 7th, 2023, Board of Supervisors meeting minutes as presented and seconded by Supervisor Blix. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. **Financial Report:** Treasurer Blekestad reported she was balanced with the bank. The Clerk and Treasurer have begun using the credit cards to pay a few invoices. There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to accept the Treasurer's report and seconded by Chair Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. **Clerks Report:** Hanson presented the Cash control statement for Board review. She is balanced with the bank. The Board reviewed the claims list. There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to accept claims 10687-10697 for \$67,155.02 and claims 10698-10699 for \$8,540.90 all claims total \$75,695.92 and seconded by Supervisor Cich. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. She reported the first half of the property taxes were deposited into the checking account. **Correspondence:** Clerk Hanson read the correspondence. There were 12 total received: 2 mail and 10 emails. **Reports:** Roads report June 2023: Road Forman Jim Ray and Supervisor Blix talked about the road issues/conditions. Work on raising East Cooke Lake Road. Hunter Lake reported up to 8 inches of rain with no washouts. An estimate to crack seal a few roads has been requested from Asphalt of Duluth. Bear Island Road: Striping is wearing off. Will wait until next year. Overall, the town roads are in good condition. Fire Department report for June 2023: Fire Chief Bergstrand reported there were 14 calls in June. Cemetery report for June 2023: Supervisor Rapp stated the cemetery is open. d. Parks and Recreation for June 2023: Resident Stevenson would like the pickleball court to be crack sealed. Approved and Clerk Hanson will order. Discussion on rink boards with the town matching donations and possible use of ARPA funds. There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to use the remaining ARPA funds and between \$5,000-\$8,000 from Parks & Recreation fund to repair the rink boards and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. Community Center & Pavilion report for June 2023: Clerk Hanson stated there were 3 rentals for June and only one in July to date. Supervisor Cich asked if the garbage can near the pavilion could be cleaned. Recycling report for June 2023: Supervisor Pawlowicz reported the Recycling Center is operating well. She is seeking donations for Neighborhood Night Out. **Other Meetings for June 2023:** There were no other meetings in June. **Old Business:** Roof repairs: The Board reviewed the Vessel quotes for roof repairs and repairs to the siding. No other quotes were

received. There was a motion by Supervisor Pawlowicz to accept both quotes from Vessel and seconded by Chair Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. The Board had a discussion on replacing the roof on the shed attached to the town hall. There was a motion by Supervisor Rapp to replace the additional roof section and seconded by Chair Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. Supervisor Cich will talk with Vessel about the additional work. Fire Department invoice for July-December 2023: An invoice for \$51,450 was presented for payment. There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to pay the invoice and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. **New Business:** The second monthly Board meeting is July 19, 2023. There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to not have a second meeting and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. Neighbor Night Out: This year it will be held on August 1st. Supervisor Pawlowicz requested volunteers contact her. **Adjourn:** There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 PM and seconded by Supervisor Cich. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.

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

During the month of July members responded to 6 calls, including 5 medical calls and 1 rescue. Members also provided response standby both days of the Air Show. We participated in water rescue training and the funeral procession for Deb Slatten an active member of the St. Louis County Rescue Squad and retired St. Louis County Deputy. Please be sure to check your address signs to be sure the summer vegetation has not covered them up. It makes our responses much easier. Stay safe and be sure to call 911 if you need emergency assistance. We are here to help.

Fire deaths reach 27-year high in Minnesota

When it comes to preventing fires, little things can make a large impact. Things such as having working batteries in your smoke alarm or keeping an eye on your stove while cooking can be the difference between life or death.

Unfortunately, 70 Minnesotans lost their lives last year because of a fire. That is the most people who have died because of a fire in a single year since 1995. Our State Fire Marshal Division (SFMD) is working with fire departments and Minnesotans across the state to bring that number down.

“So many of those deaths were preventable,” said interim State Fire Marshal Amanda Swenson. “Making fire safety and prevention a habit can save your life and the lives of your loved ones.”

People tend to think of fire deaths as an individual trapped in a burning building, but the reality is that fire deaths occur under a variety of circumstances. The deaths in 2022 touched nearly every demographic from the young to the old; they happened in a variety of environments and situations; and occurred through day or night. However, that doesn’t mean we can stop them. One of the most important things you can do to prevent a fatal fire is avoid smoking under the influence of drugs or alcohol or while on oxygen. Smoking caused the fires in nine of the fire deaths, and drugs or alcohol were present at 29 of the 70 fire deaths in 2022.

Thirteen people died in car fires last year in Minnesota so it’s important to keep safety in mind while you’re driving. It is one thing to crash while under the influence, while speeding or distracted. It is another thing to crash after that and then be forced to try to escape a fire.

While only 16 of the recorded fire deaths included smoke alarm data, we know working alarms save lives. You have about three minutes to get out of your burning home. Without a working smoke alarm, your chances of surviving a house fire are cut in half.

Save your loved ones by:

- Practicing fire prevention.
- Having a fire escape plan and practicing it.
- Testing your smoke alarms monthly.

Fire fatalities are a problem across the state, not solely in the Twin Cities metro area. Fifty-nine percent of all fatal fires in 2022 took place in greater Minnesota. Those fires accounted for 41 of the 70 deaths.

Learn more about how you can practice fire prevention on our SFMD website.

Reprinted from the Minnesota State Fire Marshal blog.



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 web-site 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.





Saturday September 16, 2023

Registration at 8:00 am Race at 9:00 am



Fun, community event open to runners, walkers, and bike riders of all ages! Fundraiser proceeds will be given to:
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Event held at Waters Of Life Lutheran Church

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What is email phishing?

Email phishing is a type of scam where fraudsters are trying to get something from you, often passwords, account information, or other personal information. Phishing may come to you in a variety of ways. Some fraudsters send malicious links and attachments, while others try to gain your trust before scamming you.

Here are some signs to look for a phishing attach. Fraudsters may:

- Create a strong sense of urgency or call to action
- Request private data or personal information
- Claim to be from an official organization but have grammar or spelling mistakes
- Be from someone you know, but the tone or message doesn't sound like them

Tips:

- Protect your device by using security software
- Only open email attachments you trust or were expecting
- Scrutinize any hyperlinks in emails. If in doubt, don't click the link
- If the email is from some you know, contact that person a different way (don't reply back) and verify if they sent it





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

Zumba Class: **6-7 PM** Beginning January 26, 2023
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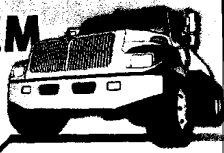
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Fredenberg Town Board Meetings

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:

Sept. 6
Oct. 4



Fredenberg Community Center

The Center is open to the public and available to rent.

For information on rentals and fees, please contact the Town Clerk at 218-721-3991 or email at Fredenbergtwp@gmail.com.

