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FREDENBERG TOWNSHIP NEWS

A monthly newsletter

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APPROVED TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES for AUGUST 2, 2023

The regular Board meeting of the Town of Fredenberg, Minnesota, St. Louis County was held in the Fredenberg Town Hall on Wednesday, August 2nd, 2023, at 7:00 PM. **Board members present:** Vice Chair Deb Pawlowicz, Supervisor Jeff Blix, Supervisor Clay Cich, Supervisor Walter Rapp, Clerk Ellen Hanson. **Others in Attendance:** There were 10 others in attendance. **Call to order the Regular meeting:** The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Pawlowicz 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 Supervisor Cich. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. **Open Forum:** Supervisor Rapp thanked Supervisor Cich for the new flag. Ann Cich thanked everyone for all their work to make the Neighborhood Night Out successful. **Approval of the Minutes:** Regular meeting of July 5th, 2023: There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to approve the July 5th, 2023, Board of Supervisors meeting minutes as presented and seconded by Supervisor Cich. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. **Financial Report** – Treasurer Pam Blekestad: Treasurer Blekestad was absent and there was no report. **Clerks Report** – Ellen Hanson: 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 Rapp to accept claims 10701-10710 for a total of \$61,158.22 and seconded by Supervisor Blix. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. **Correspondence:** Clerk Hanson read the correspondence. There were 12 total received: 6 mail and 6 emails. **Reports:** Roads report July 2023: Road Forman Jim Ray and Supervisor Blix talked about the road issues/conditions. Guard rails for Bear Island Road: The St. Louis County engineer does not recommend installation of guard rails on a dead-end road and the cost is high. The alternative to guard rails are reflector delineators. The County estimate for 13 delineators plus installation is around \$2,000. Forman Ray will ask about circular reflector signs that could be installed at the snowmobile crossing. There was a motion by Supervisor Pawlowicz to purchase 13-14 reflector delineators plus installation and seconded by Supervisor Blix. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. Roadside ditch mowing quote: One was received from Rodda for \$3,100. There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to approve the Rodda quote and seconded by Supervisor Cich. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. Overall, the town roads are in good condition. Fire Department report for July 2023: Fire Chief Bergstrand reported there were 6 calls in July. The Department provided response standby for the Air Show. Participated in water rescue training. Cemetery report for July 2023: Supervisor Rapp stated the cemetery is open. Parks and Recreation and Pavilion for July 2023: Supervisor Pawlowicz reported on the well-attended Neighborhood Night Out (NNO) and thanked the volunteers. Raffle for skating rink brought in \$275. Supervisor Blix thanked Supervisor Rapp for filling in the surface cracks on pickleball/tennis courts. Community Center report for July 2023: Clerk Hanson stated there were 2 rentals for July and only one in August to date. There was a suggestion to take out the electrical units on the courts. Supervisor Cich reported he had spoken to the insurance company about the depreciation deduction they applied to the roof repairs claim. It will be voided when the work is completed. Hanson talked about the condition of the town hall after a rental and asked the Board to make a decision on returning or not returning the \$100 deposit. The

floors required extra cleaning and their garbage was not entirely taken care of. There was extra time spent by not only the janitor but others too. There was a motion by Supervisor Cich not to return the deposit since the hall was not cleaned by the renter per the rental contact and seconded by Supervisor Blix. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. Recycling report for July 2023: Supervisor Pawlowicz reported the Recycling Center is operating well. She reported there is an issue with missing locks. **Other Meetings for July 2023:** There were no other meetings in July. **Old Business:** Update on Roof repairs: Supervisor Cich see under community center. **New Business:** Township Roadside/Ditch Mowing quotes: see under roads report. Purchase of Cemetery plots: Supervisor Rapp reported there is a request to purchase cemetery plots. There was a motion by Supervisor Rapp to approve the sale of cemetery plots providing the remaining balance is paid and seconded by Supervisor Blix. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. Eagle's Nest Resort special event liquor license request: There was a motion by Supervisor Cich to approve the special event liquor license request and seconded by Supervisor Blix. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. Request to ask for Township snowplowing quotes for 2023/2024 season: There was a motion by Supervisor Pawlowicz to request snow removal quotes and seconded by Supervisor Rapp. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. Supervisor Pawlowicz requested she be reimbursed immediately for her NNO expenses. The Board agreed. The donors will be listed in the newsletter with a thank you. Discussion on legal marijuana on township property. The Board will expand the current policy to prohibit usage on town property. The second monthly Board meeting is August 16, 2023. There was a motion by Supervisor Pawlowicz to not have a second meeting and seconded by Supervisor Cich. 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 7:52 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, August 2023, Chief Linda Bergstrand

During August fire department members responded to eight calls including five fire calls, two were mutual aid calls, two medical calls and one public assistance call where we helped a dog owner untangle the dog.

We participated in the National Night Out event, provided traffic control for the Brewhouse triathlon, trained in auto extrication with St. Louis County Rescue Squad, hydrotested our air cylinders.

We were offered a brush truck for purchase by DNR excess property, after inspection we decided to purchase, refurbish and put it into service.

A reminder, despite the rain recently received, it is still very dry throughout this area of the state. Please check burning regulations online and have a valid burning permit before burning. Also please call your burn in to 9-1-1 so it is on the record as having a burning permit. Always keep an eye on your fire. Be sure to keep a large, cleared dirt area around the fire. Watch for sparks and embers. Don't burn when it is windy. Keep water nearby to extinguish any escaped fire sparks.

Fire Safety Tips for Your Home During the Fall Season

As the leaves turn from green to orange, the weather cools, and you start preparing for the cold season ahead. You're excited for Halloween and can't wait to start decorating your home. But have you thought about the fire safety risks that arise during the fall? Here are a few important fire safety tips to keep in mind:

- Change smoke/carbon detector batteries and test the alarms. When Daylight Savings Time begins and ends, it's a good idea to change your smoke and carbon monoxide detector batteries. This ensures the alarms don't fail when you turn the heat on in your home. Don't forget to also test the smoke alarms after change the batteries. Check that all fire extinguishers are in working order when you adjust the clocks each season.
- Fully check and service your heating devices before cranking up the heat:
 - o Check and replace furnace filters with high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filters.
 - o If you use space heaters, ensure there's at least three feet of space around them. Don't place fabrics on space heaters to dry, and turn heaters off when going to bed.
 - o If you've got a fireplace, hire a professional chimney sweep to inspect and clean your chimney. Keep flammable objects at least three feet away from the fireplace and install a mesh metal screen around it.
- Halloween safety – Can't wait to decorate your home and mastermind scary costumes for Halloween? Remember that Halloween safety comes first. Keep decorations away from open flames and other heat sources, and use battery-operated lights instead of candles in jack-o- lanterns. We strongly advise you not to use real candles for decorating your home.
- Outdoor fire risks – As leaves and other flammable debris build up around your home, make it a habit to remove them periodically. Prune trees and rake up leaves and twigs. Don't store fuel in your home or garage. Keep your roof, gutters, and downspouts clear of debris and remove fuel from lawn mowers before storing them for winter.
- Create a fire escape plan and practice it regularly. Say a fire breaks out at 2 AM and your smoke alarms wake you and your family up – what do you do? This is when the fire escape plan comes into play. Designate an escape route for each area of your home and establish a meeting place outside. Practice escaping your home while staying low to avoid breathing in smoke.

Follow these tips, and don't let a fire ruin your fall.



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.





Neighborhood Night Out Supporters

There aren't enough words to express what your support means. This community event was a HUGE success because of all the volunteers and financial supporters. The Town is grateful for all. Thank you so much for your contributions!

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Exercise Classes

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Sheila Wixo: \$5/class, Anita Anderson: \$5/class

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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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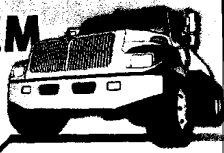
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Fredenberg Town Board Meetings

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

The next 2023 scheduled meetings are:

Oct. 4

Nov. 1



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.

