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FREDENBERG TOWNSHIP NEWS

A monthly newsletter

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APPROVED TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES for SEPTEMBER 6, 2023

The regular Board meeting of the Town of Fredenberg, Minnesota, St. Louis County was held in the Fredenberg Town Hall on Wednesday, September 6th, 2023, at 7:00 PM. **Board members present:** Tim Wagner, Chair, Vice Chair Deb Pawlowicz, Supervisor Jeff Blix, Supervisor Clay Cich, Supervisor Walter Rapp, Treasurer Pam Blekestad, Clerk Ellen Hanson and Deputy Clerk Kim Wagner.

Others in Attendance: There were 11 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 Supervisor Cich. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. **Open Forum:** Resident Craig Lueck thanked the Board for the road repairs. Representative Natalie Zeleznikar spoke about issues that were ongoing in this year's legislative session. **Approval of the Minutes:** Regular meeting of August 2nd, 2023: There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to approve the August 2nd, 2023, Board of Supervisors meeting minutes as amended and seconded by Supervisor Cich. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. Amended under new business last bullet July 19 to August 16 and change Deb to Pawlowicz. **Financial Report** – Treasurer Pam Blekestad: Treasurer Blekestad stated she is not balanced with the bank. Supervisor Cich asked the treasurer to check in to a 3-month CD at 5%. **Clerks Report** – Ellen Hanson: Hanson presented the Clerk's Cash control statement for Board review. She is balanced with the bank. The Town's obligation to the Recycling Grant from WLSSD is to contribute financially. The overage in the recycling fund is \$3,657.30. Hanson recommended a transfer of funds from the General fund to Recycling fund. There was a motion by Supervisor Cich to transfer \$3,800 from General fund to Recycling fund and seconded by Chair Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. The Board reviewed the claims list. There was a motion by Supervisor Pawlowicz to accept claims 10712-10724 for a total of \$71,919.63 and claim 10725 to Jen Nelson for \$168.20 cleaning supplies and seconded by Chair Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. Hanson talked about the SLC Elections allocations funds. The County is asking that funds for Fredenberg be retained by them. The amount is \$85.99. The County assists with absentee balloting during the elections without charging back the towns. There was a motion by Supervisor Cich to approve the request that the funds remain with the County and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. **Correspondence:** Clerk Hanson read the correspondence. There were 21 total received: 1 mail and 20 emails. **Reports:** Roads report August 2023: Roads Foreman Jim Ray stated Asphalt of Duluth has not completed their work on the roads. He estimates their total invoice will be between \$5,000-10,000. Road Foreman Jim Ray and Supervisor Blix talked about the road issues/conditions. Jeff Monsaas talked about the Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) grant for the townships from the State. He volunteered to work with Supervisor Cich on the application. There was a motion by Supervisor Blix giving permission to Monsaas and Supervisor Cich to move forward with the application and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. Fire Department report for August 2023: Fire Chief Bergstrand reported there were 8 calls in August. The Department participated in several local events including the towns Neighborhood Night Out. Chief Bergstrand reported the department purchased a used brush truck for \$5,500.00. It is already

equipped. Cemetery report for August 2023: Supervisor Rapp stated the cemetery is open. Parks and Recreation and Pavilion for August 2023: Supervisor Blix reported that the pickleball courts are used daily. Supervisor Blix stated the sliding hill is being used by the 4-wheelers causing damage. He suggested signage be added to both sides of the hill. Supervisor Cich recommended he ask for a new quote for the skating rink boards from the Becker Company. There was a motion by Supervisor Pawlowicz approving Supervisor Cich move forward with getting a new quote and to come up with a plan and seconded by Supervisor Blix. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. Community Center report for August 2023: Clerk Hanson stated there were two rentals in August. A plumber is needed to repair the men's room urinal. Recycling report for August 2023: Supervisor Pawlowicz reported the Recycling Center is operating well. She reported there is an issue with missing locks. **Other Meetings for August 2023:** Hanson attended the DAT meeting on August 17. **Old Business:** Update on Roof repairs: Supervisor Cich reported the contractor will begin repairs in two weeks. **New Business:** Review quotes for Town hall wall water repairs: There were two quotes received. The first one from Kaski, Inc. for \$17,370 and the second from Innovative Basement Authority for \$10,380.91. The Board reviewed the quotes. There was a motion by Supervisor Cich to accept the Innovative Basement Authority quote of \$10,380.91 for the town hall wall repairs and seconded by Supervisor Blix. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. Supervisor Rapp stated he would like to get a few more quotes. Review snow removal quotes for 2023/2024 season: Two quotes were received. The first one was from Top Notch for \$105 (town hall) lot and \$55 (recycling) lot. The second quote was from ACT2 for \$225 (town hall) lot and \$75 (recycling) lot. There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to accept the Top Notch quote \$105 (town hall) lot and \$55 (recycling) lot and seconded by Chair Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. Top Notch asked the Board for a three-year contract. There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to accept a three-year contract with Top Notch and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. Resolution 2023-02 Accepting Neighborhood Night Out donations: There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to approve Resolution 2023-03 Accepting Neighborhood Night Out donations and seconded by Supervisor Rapp. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. The second monthly Board meeting is September 20, 2023. There was a motion by Supervisor Blix 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 8:12 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, September 2023, Chief Linda Bergstrand

During September members responded to 3 fires including 2 mutual aid fires, and 6 medical calls. We provided medical standby during the Apple Palooza.

The Fire Department will be holding the annual Fire Truck and Treat at the fire hall on Sunday October 29th, 2 – 4 PM. Come join in the fun, learn about fire safety in a fun environment.

October is Fire Prevention Month. This year's theme is Cooking safety starts with YOU! Pay attention to fire prevention.

According to NFPA (National Fire Protection Association), cooking is the leading cause of home fires, with nearly half (49 percent) of all home fires involving cooking equipment; cooking is also the leading cause of home fire injuries. Unattended cooking is the leading cause of home cooking fires and related deaths.

Following are cooking safety messages that support this year's theme, "Cooking safety starts with YOU! Pay attention to fire prevention":

- Always keep a close eye on what you're cooking. For foods with longer cook times, such as those that are simmering or baking, set a timer to help monitor them carefully.
- Clear the cooking area of combustible items and keep anything that can burn, such as dish towels, oven mitts, food packaging, and paper towels.
- Turn pot handles toward the back of the stove. Keep a lid nearby when cooking. If a small grease fire starts, slide the lid over the pan and turn off the burner.
- Create a "kid and pet free zone" of at least three feet (one meter) around the cooking area and anywhere else hot food or drink is prepared or carried.

The Fire department meets every Thursday evening starting at 7 PM. All meetings are held at the fire hall. Please consider joining the department, stop by and see what we are about.

Cooking Safety

Cooking brings family and friends together, provides an outlet for creativity and can be relaxing. But did you know that cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and home injuries? By following a few safety tips you can prevent these fires.

"COOK WITH CAUTION"

- Be on alert! If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol don't use the stove or stovetop.
- Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, boiling, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- If you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
- Keep anything that can catch fire — oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains — away from your stovetop.

If you have a small (grease) cooking fire and decide to fight the fire...

- On the stovetop, smother the flames by sliding a lid over the pan and turning off the burner. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled.
- For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed.

If you have any doubt about fighting a small fire...

- Just get out! When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire.
- Call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number from outside the home.



Cooking and Kids

Have a "kid-free zone" of at least 3 feet (1 metre) around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.

FACTS

- ! The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking.
- ! Most cooking fires in the home involve the kitchen stove.



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Hours: Wednesdays: 5 to 8 PM and Saturdays: 9 AM to 1 PM

*****Please note: the Fredenberg Recycle Center will no longer accept free items.*****

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.





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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

Wednesday

Yoga: Evenings 5:45 - 7:00 p.m. at Reservoir Riders Club-house.

Thursday

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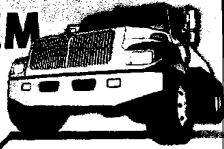
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The next 2023 scheduled meetings are:

Nov. 1
Dec. 6



Fredenberg Community Center

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