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FREDENBERG TOWNSHIP NEWS

A monthly newsletter

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APPROVED TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES for OCTOBER 4, 2023

The regular Board meeting of the Town of Fredenberg, Minnesota, St. Louis County was held in the Fredenberg Town Hall on Wednesday, October 4th, 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, and Deputy Clerk Kim Wagner. **Others in Attendance:** There were 13 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 Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. **Open Forum:** Resident Bruce Anderson expressed his concern that the Board Chair is not attending the St. Louis County Planning Commission meetings, specifically the gravel pit appeals. **Approval of the Minutes:** Regular meeting of September 6th, 2023: There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to approve the September 6th, 2023, Board of Supervisors meeting minutes as amended and seconded by Chair Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. Change under Open Forum Luk to Leuck. **Financial Reports:** Clerk Hanson stated she is balanced with the bank and presented the cash control report and the Schedule 1 report which has the investment totals. The Board discussed the recycling fund having a negative balance and transferring funds from general to cover the negative balance at this point. There was a motion by Supervisor Cich to transfer \$5,000 out of general funds to the recycling fund to cover expenses and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. There was a motion by Supervisor Cich to approve the treasurers report and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. 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 under the Treasurers report. She is balanced with the bank. The Board reviewed the claims list. There was a motion by Supervisor Rapp to accept claims 10726-10736 for a total of \$7,261.20 and seconded by Chair Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. **Correspondence:** Clerk Hanson read the correspondence. There were 16 total received: 1 mail and 15 emails. **Reports:** Roads report Sept. 2023: Roads Foreman Jim Ray stated the delineators have been installed along Bear Island. Grading on roads will continue. Most roads are in good shape. Jim Ray, Road foreman, submitted his resignation. He will continue until someone is hired. There was a motion by Supervisor Cich to accept the road foreman's resignation and seconded by Chair Wagner. There was a roll call vote; Cich in favor, Pawlowicz in favor, Wagner in favor, Blix against, Rapp against. This motion carried. Grant for East Hunter Road is necessary to complete the end of the road. It appears that the County has funds/grant for road repairs/updates. The town should inform the County that the township ran out of funds to complete this road and ask them if they can provide funds to the town to complete East Hunter Road. Supervisor Blix will contact the County. Fire Department report for Sept. 2023: Fire Chief Bergstrand reported there 3 fires including 2 mutual aid fires, and 6 medical calls. The Department provided medical standby during the Apple Palooza event. The fire department will hold the annual Trunk or Treat event at the fire hall on October 29th from 2-4 PM. Cemetery report for Sept. 2023: Supervisor Rapp stated the cemetery is open. Closing is scheduled for the end of October. Parks and Recrea-

tion and Pavilion for Sept. 2023: Supervisor Blix reported that the pickleball courts are used daily. He stated the sliding hill is being used by the 4-wheelers causing damage. Fencing was installed on both sides of the hill to prevent damage. Community Center report for September 2023: Clerk Hanson stated there was 1 rental in September. Building repairs to the men's rest room were completed. Recycling report for Sept. 2023: Supervisor Pawlowicz reported the Recycling Center is operating well. There is an issue with broken glass at the center and she has been communicating with WLSSD regarding the broken locks on dumpsters. The Recycling center building has been cleaned out. It used to store items people donated to give out for free. The Center will no longer accept these types of items. **Other Meetings for Sept. 2023:** There were no other outside meetings in September the Board attended. **Old Business:** Update on Roof repairs: Supervisor Cich reported he has been trying to reach the contractor for an update. Update on Skating rink boards: Supervisor Cich stated he met with a representative from Becker Arena Products to discuss equipment, materials, and other perimeters. It is estimated the cost for equipment may be \$25,946 and \$10,000-\$15,000 for the boards. The equipment will need to be rented. The labor will be donated by volunteers. The estimated total is around \$35,000. Andy Olson shared more details on the construction of boards. There are a number of volunteers to construct the boards. The purchase order from Becker will need to be confirmed. It is likely the construction will take place next spring. Becker is requiring a down payment of half the total. There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to issue a check to the Becker Company for a half down (\$12,973) payment for the skating rink boards and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. Diane Palmstein asked about 8th Ave. and a plat from Minnesota Power. It needs to be completed. If and when it is completed, a copy of the paperwork should go to Nancy McVean of the road association. Quotes for replacing the building footings: Supervisor Rapp explained the work of digging alongside the building and installing a steel beam. He would like to accept the work. Quotes for replacing the tongue and groove paneling and rebuilding inside wall: There was a quote from Top Notch for \$2,350. Supervisor Rapp is going to ask Top Notch about replacing the front doors. Supervisor Cich discusses whether or not it is the time to replace the doors on front of building. There was a motion by Supervisor Rapp to accept the Superior Construction quote of \$15,772 for the outside building work to be done subject to change if more work is needed and seconded by Supervisor Cich. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to accept the Top Notch quote for \$2,350 to rebuild the inside wall which includes material and labor and seconded by Supervisor Cich. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. **New Business:** Treasurer and Road Foreman positions: Clerk Hanson will advertise the two positions. The second monthly Board meeting is October 18th, 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 8:13 PM and seconded by Supervisor Cich. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.

Fredenberg Township News

Fact: The average cost of printing and mailing the town's newsletter is \$934 per month.

Fact: The Board voted to cease the print edition of the newsletter with the December 2023 edition as the last print.

Fact: The newsletter will be posted online at the town's website: fredenbergtwp.org

Fact: The Town will print a few copies and have them available outside the community center.

There appears to be opposition to discontinuing the print edition. The Town Board would like to know if the residents would like to continue to mail the newsletter. Please send an email to fredenbergtwp@gmail.com or a letter to: Fredenberg Newsletter, 5104 Fish Lake Road, Duluth MN 55803 expressing your opinion on this subject. Thank you.



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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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

*****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.





Fredenberg's Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 2nd from 9-11

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**Sandy Rock classes are held through out the week.
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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

Zumba Class: **6-7 PM** Beginning January 26, 2023
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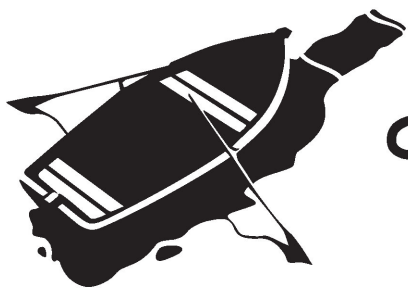
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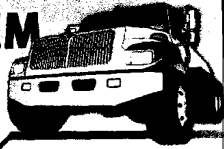
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The next 2023 scheduled meetings are:

**Dec. 6
Jan. 3, 2024**



Fredenberg Community Center

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

