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FREDENBERG TOWNSHIP NEWS

A monthly newsletter
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How to protect yourself from identity theft

Do not answer phone calls, texts, social media messages, or email from numbers or people you do not know.

Do not share personal information like your bank account number, Social Security number, or date birth.

Collect your mail every day, and [place a hold on your mail](#) when you will be on vacation or away from your home.

Review credit card and bank account statements. Watch for and report unauthorized or suspicious transactions.

Understand [how ATM skimming works and how to protect yourself](#).

Store personal information, including your Social Security card, in a safe place. Do not carry it in your wallet.

[Learn when it is safe to use a public Wi-Fi network](#).

[Learn other ways to protect yourself and your credit from ID theft](#).

And find out [how to protect your child's information from identity theft](#).



St. Louis County administers Fredenberg Planning & Zoning. Please see the blurb from their website.

Welcome to the Land Use Division! We are responsible for the administration and enforcement of land use regulations for county-administered areas through [Subdivision Ordinance 60](#) and [Zoning Ordinance 62](#). Additionally, the division administers the [Floodplain Ordinance 43](#) and [Minnesota Wetland Conservation Act](#) for select areas of the county.

Staff are ready to assist you by calling or emailing us to discuss your project; we would be happy to walk you through the process. It is encouraged to complete your land use permit application and payment online so that applications can be processed more efficiently. If you need further assistance, walk-ins are welcome. To better serve the public, it is encouraged to schedule an appointment with us to discuss the proposed development of your property. <https://www.stlouiscountymn.gov/departments-a-z/planning-zoning/land-use> or 218-471-7103

APPROVED TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES for APRIL 3, 2024

Board members present: Chair Tim Wagner, Vice Chair Deb Pawlowicz, Supervisor Jeff Blix, Supervisor Walter Rapp, Clerk Ellen Hanson, and Deputy Clerk Kim Wagner and Treasurer Chelsey Mahr. Absent: Supervisor Clay Cich.

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 7:00 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: Matt McShane: Requested the use and field improvements to the baseball field for the Hermantown Baseball Youth Association. They want to reserve the field 2 days per week, May through July. Also, they are requesting financial support of up to \$5,000 to resurface the in-field. The Association will cover all the labor costs. There was a motion by Supervisor Blix approving financial support up to \$5,000 for resurfacing the in-field and seconded by Chair Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes: Regular meeting of March 6th, 2024: There was a motion by Supervisor Pawlowicz to approve the March 6th, 2024, Board of Supervisors meeting minutes as amended and seconded by Supervisor Blix. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. Amendments: Item 6 change Snipper to Sipper and add "print a retraction in the next newsletter"; item 16 change Appaloosas to Apple Palooza.

Financial Reports: Treasurer Mahr stated she is balanced with the bank and presented the cash control report and the Schedule 1 report which has the investment totals. There was a motion by Supervisor Blix 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. The March 31, 2024 ending balance in the checking account was \$224,675.78 and the outstanding checks total \$1,648.16.

Treasurer Mahr requested the Board approve a meeting stipend for her reporting at the annual meeting. There was a motion by Supervisor Pawlowicz to approve a meeting stipend for the Treasurer reporting at the annual meeting and seconded by Chair Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.

Treasurer Mahr noted the CD is up for renewal. She checked with MCCU and found they had a special 13-month CD at 4.65%. There was a motion by Supervisor Pawlowicz to move the current CD to the special 13 month at 4.65% and add the savings account dollars to it and seconded by Supervisor Blix. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. The CD will be earmarked for the 210-Road pavement, repair, replacement fund.

Clerks Report: Clerk Hanson presented the Cash balance statement for Board review. She is balanced with the bank. The cash balance ending balance is \$223,027.62. The Board reviewed the claims list. There was a motion by Supervisor Rapp to accept claims 10815-10828 for a total of \$15,712.44 and seconded by Supervisor Blix. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. Hanson had an inquiry about hosting a Shred-it day this year. The cost of this event is prohibited for the township

to host. It was hosted a few years ago when the town had a copious number of documents to shred.

Correspondence: Clerk Hanson read the correspondence. There were 3 mail and 14 emails during the month.

Reports: Roads/Bridges report for March 2024: Supervisor Blix reported the roads are in good shape.

Trees were removed from roads after the recent high winds. Supervisor Blix and Mr. Kaneski completed the annual road review. St. Louis County Road maintenance will remove the stop signs at Bear Island and 8th Avenue roads.

Fire Department report for March 2024: Chief Bergstrand reported there were 6 calls in March, 2 medical, 2 grass/wildland fires, 1 gas leak, and 1 rescue squad assist. Members attended the 9-1-1 user board meeting, hosted a wildland training with the DNR, hosted Wildfire Community strategic planning session and participate in a CPR instructor renewal class. The brush truck is in service.

Fredenberg Law Enforcement statistics: Deputy Sheriff Sergeant Nick Voltzke presented the March 2024 statistics. There were 32 incidents in the township.

Cemetery report for March 2024: Supervisor Rapp reported the cemetery remains closed.

Parks and Recreation and Pavilion for March 2024: Supervisor Rapp reported the gate at the sliding hill is closed.

Community Center report for March 2024: Clerk Hanson stated there was 1 rental in March and 4 events. Supervisor Rapp presented an estimate from Bingaman Electrical Specialties for \$1,983 to repair the light fixtures in the board room, install thermostat in women's washroom, and clean up wiring for zone valve for the outdoor rink. There was a motion by Chair Wagner to accept the Bingaman estimate and send a check for the 60% (\$1,189.80) as soon as possible and seconded by Superior Blix. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.

Recycling report for March 2024: Supervisor Pawlowicz reported the Recycling Center is operating well and she was successful in securing the new locks for the bins. Supervisor Pawlowicz will inquire about a hazardous waste disposal event at Fredenberg.

Other Meetings for March 2024: Clerk Hanson attended the DAT meeting on March 21.

Old Business: 2024 township mowing quotes: Five lawn mowing quotes were received. The Board reviewed all the quotes. There was a motion by Supervisor Rapp to accept the Peter Emerson (White Pine Lawn Care) quote for Townhall/Baseball field at \$97.50; Recycling Center \$97.50; Firehall \$97.50; Cemetery \$55 total of \$347.50 and seconded by Supervisor Blix. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. 2024 township road work quotes: One road work quote was received and it was from Lakehead Trucking. There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to accept the Lakehead Trucking quote and seconded by Chair Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.

New Business: Resolution 2024-0403: Joint Powers Agreement & Court Data Services: Hanson presented the resolution to the Board for review. It was created by the town attorney and it is necessary for the fee sharing agreement. There was a motion by Chair Wagner to accept Resolution 2024-0403 and seconded by Supervisor Blix. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.

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Walking Trail on town property: There has been a request to develop/construct a walking trail around the edge of the town property. Brittany Wagner spoke to the proposal. There was a

motion by Supervisor Jeff Blix to research the concept of a walking trail on town property and seconded by Chair Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This

motion was carried unanimously.

The second monthly Board meeting is April 17th, 2024. There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to not have a second meeting and seconded by Supervisor Rapp. 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 8:03 PM and seconded by Supervisor Rapp. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.

Neighbor Night Out—Early Reminder Tuesday, August 6, 2024

Every year on the first Tuesday in August, this year on August 6, the United States and Canada celebrate National Night Out day. Civilians, organizations, and the Metropolitan Police Department join hands to enhance the relationship between neighborhoods and communities. They look at this as a great way to bring everyone together for a positive cause.

Fredenber Township has had many years of successful NNO events and the success is from the contributions of the many volunteers and donors. Thank you very much!

See you on August 6th.

MINNESOTA ELECTIONS CALENDAR 2024

To the right you will see the election calendar for the second half of 2024.

Every two years, election judges are required to be re-certified before the primary election. The training can be taken online or in-person.

If you are interested in becoming an election judge, please contact the Town Office at 218-721-3991. Thank you.



JUN 28	Vote by mail or in person June 28 through August 12 for the Primary
JUL 23	Register in advance by July 23 to save time on Primary Election Day
AUG 13	Primary Election
SEP 20	Vote by mail or in person September 20 through November 4
OCT 15	Register in advance by October 15 to save time on Election Day
NOV 5	Election Day



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

*****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 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: Class ended

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

Thursday
Zumba Class: Class ended

ALL CLASSES PAY AT DOOR except Zumba

Fredenberg Crime Statistics April 2024 Sergeant Nick Voltzke St. Louis County Sheriff's Office

A County Community Pilot Project is in place where representatives from the Sheriff's Office will be working closely with townships by attending monthly Board meetings, annual meetings and reporting on township statistics. To the right are the April 2024 incidents that occurred in Fredenberg Township.

Problem Type 2024 April	Count
T - TRAFFIC STOP	7
PS-PAPER SERVICE	4
ATL-ATTEMPT TO LOCATE	3
FRAUD-FRAUD/SCAM/ID	2
ANIMAL-ANIMAL DISTURBANCE	2
EXPAT-EXTRA PATROL	2
DIST-DISTURBANCE	1
CE-COMM ENGAGEMENT	1
CB-CALL BACK	1
PARTY-LOUD PARTY	1
VINFO-VEH INFO	1
PI-PERSONAL INJ	1
CKHAZ-CHECK HAZARD	1
ALRMS-SECURITY ALARM	1
FVEH-VEHICLE FIRE	1
FCO-CO ALARM	1
MEDIC-MEDIC	1
OUTW-ONVIEW OUT WITH	1
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Grand Total	32

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Fredenberg Cemetery

When planning your estate, you may want to consider the township cemetery as a final resting spot. There are beautiful plots available to purchase that will contain caskets and urns. If you are interested in purchasing a plot or more, please contact the town office at 218-721-3991. Rates are reasonable.

Town hall/Community Center Rentals

The Town Hall / Community Center is available to rent for township residents, non-residents, and events. The rental rates are very reasonable. There is a full kitchen with stove and refrigerator. The rental agreement can be found at the town's website: Fredenberg.org. Please call ahead for date and time availability at 218-721-3991 or email at fredenbergtwp@gmail.com. A \$100 refundable damage deposit is required.

Advertising Rates

Business Card Size: \$10 per month

Full page: \$80 per month

Half page: \$40 per month

Insert: \$80 per month

Send your ad request to Clerk, fredenbergtwp@gmail.com or call 218-721-3991, by the last day of month for printing.

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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 2024 scheduled meetings are:

June 5
July 3



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.

