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### FREDENBERG TOWNSHIP NEWS

A monthly newsletter  
Editor: Ellen Hanson

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### MEET THE CANDIDATE

Since this newsletter no longer publishes political advertising we will provide the readership with "Meet the Candidate" for local Fredenberg township supervisor candidates only. We invite candidates to submit up to a 400 word introduction/experiences article at no cost. The submission below was provided by Deb Pawlowicz.

Debra (Deb) Pawlowicz, candidate for Supervisor B position.

I have been a resident of Fredenberg Township for 18 years and prior to that raised my family in Gnesen Township. Throughout my entire life, I have enjoyed the use of our snowmobile trails and our lakes with my husband, children and grandchildren. As such, the natural beauty of our Township and its lakes and streams is important to me for future generations.

I am the incumbent with eight years of experience and two years as the Vice Chair working as a moderate voice for the families of Fredenberg Township with a clear eye on our towns ever changing future. In that time, I led the Fredenberg Comprehensive Land Use Committee that updated the Township's important long range plan making sure all residents were surveyed for their input. I believe public support is critical at the grass-roots level of government!

I also supported high speed internet service, and will continue to support keeping taxes as low as possible.

I have enjoyed organizing and supporting important community events like Neighborhood Night Out, Hazardous Waste Day, and Breakfast with Santa. Additionally, I supported the community Ice Rink, Pickleball Courts, Baseball Fields, Sliding Hill, and Playground.

#### Candidates for Township Supervisor positions

Supervisor A, four year term, vote for one: Walter Rapp

Supervisor B, four year term, vote for one: Deb Pawlowicz or Joshua Scheall

**Please vote on November 5th!**

## APPROVED TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES for AUGUST 7, 2024

The regular Board meeting of the Town of Fredenberg, Minnesota, St. Louis County was held in the Fredenberg Town Hall on Wednesday, August 7, 2024, 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 Chelsey Mahr.

**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:** Joan Sutliff addressed the Fair Campaign Practices Act (FCPA) and the July newsletter ad. She asked the Board and Clerk to follow the FCPA in the town's newsletter and asked the Board to address these issues and publish an apology. Carla Stevenson asked who removes political signs on township property and stated there was a sign on town property for some time. Supervisor Rapp replied he monitors the property when possible. Ms. Stevenson also stated she was disappointed to see a political ad in the newsletter without the acknowledgement of who submitted and paid for it.

**Approval of the Minutes:** Regular meeting of July 3, 2024: There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to approve the July 3, 2024, 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 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 Chair Wagner to approve the treasurer's report and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. The July 31, 2024 ending balance in the checking account was \$310,623.85 and the outstanding checks total was \$655.68.

**Clerks Report** – Ellen Hanson: The first half of property taxes were deposited today into the checking account. The amount is \$221,427.26. Clerk Hanson presented the cash balance statement for Board review. She is balanced with the bank. The cash balance ending balance is \$309,964.21. The Board reviewed the claims list. There was a motion by Supervisor Rapp to accept claims 10870-10885 for a total of \$63,780.71 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 was 1 mail and 9 emails during the month.

**Reports 2024 for July:** Fredenberg Law Enforcement statistics: Deputy Sheriff Sergeant Nick Voltzke reported the July 2024 statistics. There were 42 incidents in the township.

Roads/Bridges report: Supervisor Blix reported the roads are in good condition. He has been looking for down trees and marking the trees that need to be cut down. Supervisor Blix stated there was a complaint from a resident on E Hunter Lake Road about the crown on the road and the application of calcium chloride. When he spoke with Greg from Lakehead Truck-

ing about these two items Greg took more off the crown and had more chloride applied on the road at his own cost. The Board thanked him for his contributions.

Fire Department report: Chief Bergstrand reported there were 12 total calls in July. There were 7 medical calls and 5 fire calls including 3 lines own. They also stood by the fire hall during the 911 outage on July 19<sup>th</sup>. The rescue truck was repaired and is back in service.

Cemetery report: Supervisor Rapp reported there were two burials in July.

Parks and Recreation and Pavilion: Supervisor Pawlowicz reported Neighborhood Night Out (NNO) was a huge success with many attendees. It was the first waste free night. Plates, napkins, and other items were all compostable and recyclable with little waste. It was noticed at NNO the outdoor grill, when in use, may be a safety hazard for children when they are playing near it. Supervisor Pawlowicz asked if a temporary fence/guard be placed three feet around the hot area. Supervisor Rapp volunteered to build and install one.

Community Center report: Supervisor Cich stated it appears there was damage to the carpet in the community room. It was decided to ask the janitor to cut out the snags.

Recycling report: Supervisor Pawlowicz reported the Recycling Center is operating well. There has been issues with people dumping dirty recyclables and not listening to the attendant. There was a suggestion to set up an "example/sample" station for people to review what can and cannot be recycled.

**Other Monthly meetings:** Clerk Hanson and Deputy Clerk Wagner had a virtual meeting with the County to go over the poll pads procedures.

**Old Business:** Township roadside/ditch mowing quotes: Hanson reported there was one quote received and that was from Rodda. The amount is \$4,100. There was a motion by Supervisor Rapp to approve the quote for \$4,100 and seconded by Supervisor Blix. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.

**New Business:** Newsletter policy: Clerk Hanson first apologized to the Board and then to the public that she had accepted the political ad and printed it in the July newsletter. She stated she takes full responsibility, and the Board did not have anything to do with it. Next, she explained there were several complaints about this ad, that it was political and did not include who paid for it. Then she consulted with the attorneys, and it was recommended there be a newsletter policy not to accept political ads and to let it be known who placed this particular ad. Also, to print a retraction/clarification in the next newsletter. There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to publish a retraction/clarification in the next newsletter and not to accept or publish any political ads effective immediately except for the submission to respond to this ad and seconded by Supervisor Cich. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.

Old Fire Hall: Supervisor Rapp wanted an informal poll of the individual Board members about their opinions to continue to rent the old fire hall, to sell it, or raise the rent. The consensus was to keep the building.

Town property parking lot: Supervisor Rapp talked about vehicles parking in the town's parking lot during the day and overnight with for sale signs on them. There was a motion by Supervisor Rapp to purchase two "no overnight parking" signs and seconded by Supervisor Cich. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.

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The second monthly Board meeting is August 21, 2024: There was a motion by Supervisor Blix not to 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.

Linda Bergstrand, Chief, Fredenberg Fire Department  
Town Board Report, August 2024

Fire department members responded to 4 calls during August, this included 1 lightning strike, 1 controlled recreational fire with a permit and 2 medical calls. Members also replaced non-zorking smoke alarms at a residence.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to the people who sorted out the cans from the garbage and brought the aluminum cans to the recyclers for us. A gentle reminder to everyone who so graciously donate cans to our can trailer, please be sure to only put in aluminum cans and if possible please don't put individual bags inside larger bags. Everything needs to be hand sorted prior to bringing the trailer to the recycler.

Members are preparing for the fall wildfire season and would like to remind everyone who is choosing to have a campfire or a bonfire to be safe. Check the DNR website for any fire danger or burning restrictions. [https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/forestry/fire/finrating\\_restrictions.html](https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/forestry/fire/finrating_restrictions.html)

Burning permits can also be purchased online. Be sure to activate your permit and call 911 to inform them of your fire.

Some other tips for the fall wildfire season.

- Be sure your address is visible to emergency vehicles
- Learn first aid. Knowing a few basics will help you get started before first responders arrive.
- Be vigilant around outdoor fires. Use a safe fire starter like twigs, sticks, newspaper, and dryer lint. Don't use any type of flammable liquid, they can cause an explosion type occurrence which can lead to injuries.
- Store your firewood away from your home. If stored too close, it will make the flames spread quickly if there is a fire.
- Make sure your home is accessible for emergency vehicles. Emergency vehicles are big and need a lot of room. Clear the overhanging branches to be sure the driveway and parking space is at least 12 feet wide and 12 feet high, with more room around the curves.
- Maintain a clear defensible space around your home. Remove understory so the fire doesn't have anything to burn.



### Did you know?

There is one structure fire every three minutes in rural Minnesota.

In 2013, fire caused more than \$148 million in property damage in rural Minnesota.

Sixty-five percent of Minnesota's fire loss happened in rural parts of the state.

### RURAL AREA FIRE TIPS

- **Be sure your address is visible to emergency vehicles.**
- **Learn first aid. Knowing a few basics will help you get started before first responders arrive.**
- **Be vigilant around outdoor fires.**
- **Store your firewood away from your home. If stored too close, it will make the flames spread quickly if there is a fire.**
- **Make sure your home is accessible for emergency vehicles.**

FREDENBERG FIRE DEPARTMENT

6367 Lavaque Rd, Duluth MN 55803 Emergencies call 911



## **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.

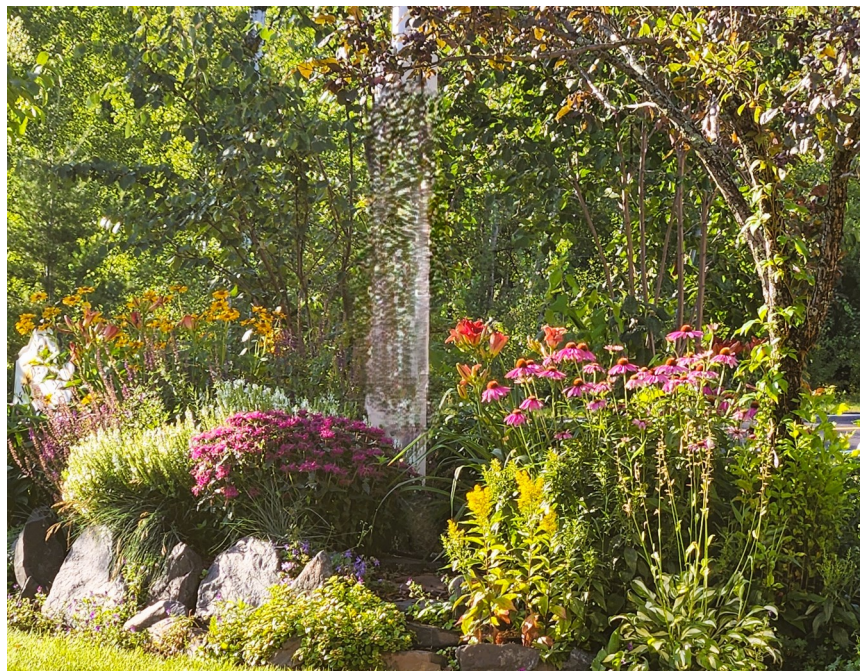
Below are a few rules to follow when using the Fredenberg Recycle Center.

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 website at [wlssd.com](http://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 and the STAFF when using the Center. The Town may be charged for dumpsters/bins containing non-recyclables. Thank you very much for your cooperation.**

### **Fredenberg Community/Town Hall Garden**

The Town Board thanks the Fredenberg Garden Club for the endless beauty they provide with their attention and volunteerism to the town's gardens. They truly are a joy to look at. The picture to the right does not do justice to their beauty. Thank you!





## 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 320-766-2902 for information.**

### Tuesday

Zumba Gold: Class ended

### Wednesday

Yoga: Wednesdays: 5:45 - 7:00 p.m. at Reservoir Riders Clubhouse beginning October 2.

### Thursday

Zumba Class: Class ended

**ALL CLASSES PAY AT DOOR except Zumba**

## Fredenberg Crime Statistics August 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 August 2024 incidents that occurred in Fredenberg Township.



Row Labels	Count of Problem
ALCCK-ALCOHOL COMPLIANCE	4
ALRMS-SECURITY ALARM	1
ATL-ATTEMPT TO LOCATE	1
CE-COMM ENGAGEMENT	2
CIVMTR-CIVIL MATTER	1
DIST-DISTURBANCE	2
DOMES-DOMESTIC	2
EXPAT-EXTRA PATROL	3
FOTS-FIRE OUTSIDE	1
FSMOK-SMOKE IN AREA	1
INFO-INFORMATION	1
MEDIC-MEDIC	2
MUSIC-LOUD MUSIC	1
PARK-PARKING PROBLEM	1
PDAN-MVA W/ANIMAL	1
PS-PAPER SERVICE	3
SUIC-T-SUICIDE THREATS	1
SUSPA-SUSP ACTIVITY	5
T - TRAFFIC STOP	15
THEFT-THEFT	1
TRBNBR-NEIGHBOR TROUBLE	1
TRBUNK-UNKNOWN TROUBLE	1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>51</b> 49

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## 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](http://Fredenberg.org). Please call ahead for date and time availability at 218-721-3991 or email at [fredenbergtwp@gmail.com](mailto:fredenbergtwp@gmail.com). A \$100 refundable damage deposit is required.

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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:

**October 2**  
**November 6**



### **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](mailto:Fredenbergtwp@gmail.com).

