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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 Joshua Scheall.

Joshua (Josh) Scheall, candidate for Supervisor B position.

Having spent my entire life in Fredenberg Township, I continue to live here alongside my wife, with whom I have shared 25 years of marriage, and our two children. My passion for the outdoors is evident in my pursuits, which include hunting, fishing, trail riding, and agate collecting, all of which I enjoy within the scenic landscapes of our township. Recently, I have developed a keen interest in local governance, leading me to regularly participate in the monthly town board meetings. This engagement has significantly broadened my understanding of community issues, and I feel a strong desire to contribute positively to the place I have called home for over five decades. My commitment to Fredenberg Township is unwavering, and I am dedicated to being an active and supportive member of our community. I am prepared to share my perspectives on the various matters discussed by the board, ensuring that my voice is heard alongside those of my fellow residents. My long-standing connection to this area, combined with my enthusiasm for local affairs, positions me to make meaningful contributions that reflect the interests and needs of our community. I look forward to collaborating with others to foster a vibrant and engaged township.

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 SEPTEMBER 4, 2024

The regular Board meeting of the Town of Fredenberg, Minnesota, St. Louis County was held in the Fredenberg Town Hall on Wednesday, September 4, 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 10 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 Cich 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: Melissa Bell spoke about challenges with the recycling center and customers dumping garbage in bins. The recycling attendants are educating the public on correct recycling materials. There are items marked recyclable, however, the Fredenberg recycling center follows the rules imposed by WLSSD and they do not take all recyclable items. A reminder to the public, Hartel's will take most of marked recycled items. She thanked the Board for their continued support of recycling. Chair Wagner acknowledged Mrs. Bell and her family for their contributions to Fredenberg's recycling center. Grace Chesney thanked Supervisor Blix for his efforts to help eradicate the invasive knotweed on her property. She also thanked Supervisor Pawlowicz for her efforts in making Neighborhood Night Out successful again this year and thanked the Fire/EMS department for their assistance.

Approval of the Minutes: Regular meeting of August 7, 2024: There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to approve the August 7, 2024, 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. The amendment was to add "compostable and" to the second sentence under the Parks/Recreation report.

Financial Reports: Treasurer Mahr stated she agrees with the bank statement 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 Blix. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. The August 31, 2024, ending balance in the checking account was \$255,656.98 and the outstanding checks total was \$3,891.57.

Clerks Report – Ellen Hanson: Clerk Hanson presented the cash balance statement for Board review. She is balanced with the bank. The cash balance ending balance is \$257,884.37. The Board reviewed the claims list. There was a motion by Supervisor Cich to accept claims 10886-10893 for a total of \$10,082.89 and seconded by Chair Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.

Supervisor Pawlowicz requested the receipts and expenses from Neighbor Night Out (NNO) that are currently in the General fund be transferred to a new NNO fund for tracking purposes. There was a motion made by Supervisor Cich to create a new fund and transfer the receipts and expenses from the General fund and seconded by Chair Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.

Clerk Hanson reported on the successful Primary election where 214 residents voted. The new poll pads were well received by the public and election judges. She stated there are two town board seats up for election on November 5 and the filing period has ended. Supervisor A seat had one person file, and it was Walter Rapp. Supervisor B seat had two people filing and they were Deb Pawlowicz and Joshua Scheall. Diane Palmstein asked the Board to consider the purchase of a third election poll pad. There was a motion made by Supervisor Pawlowicz to check for availability and if available to purchase a third election poll pad and seconded by Supervisor Cich. 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 11 emails during the month.

Reports for August 2024: Fredenberg Law Enforcement statistics: Deputy Sheriff Sergeant Nick Voltzke reported on the August 2024 statistics. There were 49 incidents in the township.

Roads/Bridges report: Supervisor Blix reported the roads are in good condition. He worked with the road contractor on Beaver River Road to take trees down and clear brush. Supervisor Blix expressed his gratitude for the assistance of Carol Andrews, St. Louis County, with the knotweed removal in Fredenberg locations. Chair Wagner stated the main entrance to the Hall/Community Center building will be closed for a few weeks due to the County's new curbing construction. He also reported the County will be repaving Lavaque Road from the hall to the bridge. Supervisor Blix praised Rodda's work on mowing the township roads.

Fire Department report: Chief Bergstrand reported the 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. The fire hall has damage near the front door and the siding boards close to the slab all around the building. Supervisor Cich will evaluate the damage.

Cemetery report: Supervisor Rapp reported the cemetery has been quiet.

Parks and Recreation and Pavilion: Supervisor Rapp reported the skating rink boards installation has not begun except for preparing the outside rink area by removing the stink weeds.

Community Center report: Deputy Clerk Wagner reported there were 5 rentals in August.

Recycling report: Supervisor Pawlowicz reported the Recycling Center is operating well.

Other Monthly meetings: Clerk Hanson attended the DAT meeting.

Old Business: No old business to discuss.

New Business: Supervisor Rapp thanked Gary Vezina, Reservoir Riders, for using his equipment to knock down stink weed by the skating rink making space for snow to be pushed in that area and Jerry Chesney donated a tire rim for the fire hall recycling trailer, and Jim Finn for donating the tire.

Second monthly meeting: There was a motion by Supervisor Blix not to have a second meeting and seconded by Chair Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. **Adjourn:** There was a motion by Chair Wagner to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 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, September 2024

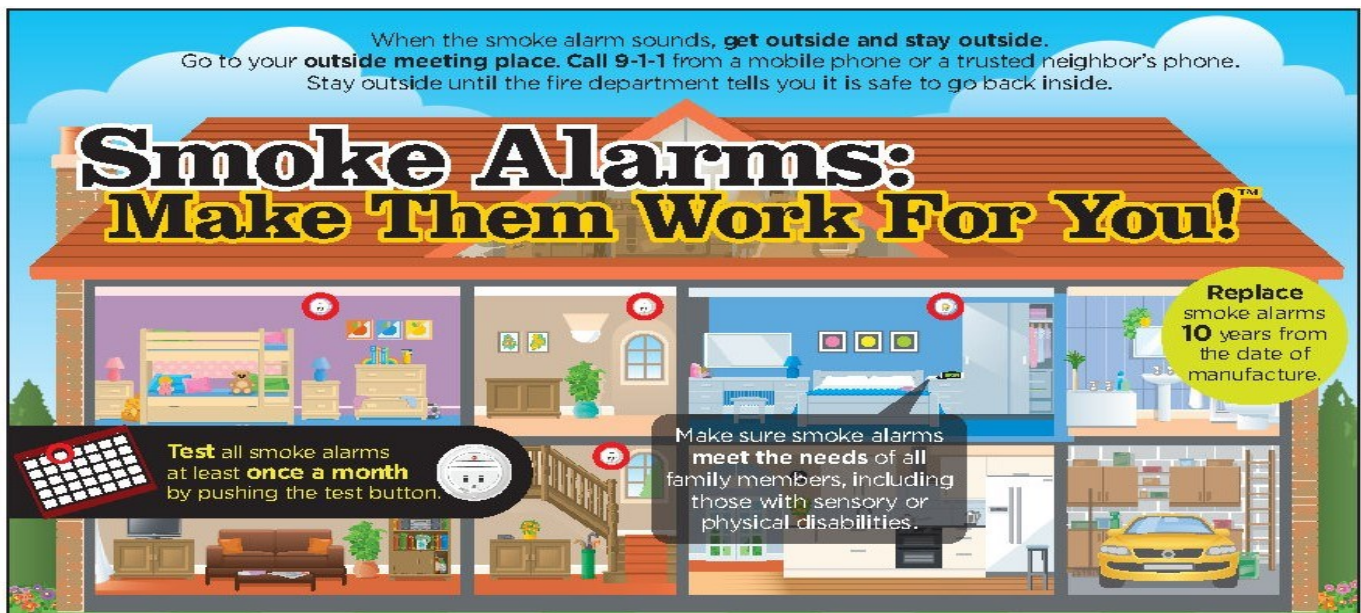
During September, the fire department responded to four structure fires, one medical and one rescue assist. The fire calls included two automatic fire alarms, one mutual aid structure fire and one structure fire in Fredenberg. Members put their medical assessment skills to use through training on various scenarios at our medical meeting. We also spent time cleaning up after the structure fire, meeting with fire investigators, checking all vehicles to ensure everything is in proper working condition and practicing our pump operations at our training meeting. A representative from MacQueen performed annual required checks on our SCBAs. We provided fire safety information at the Apple Palooza.

We would like to invite everyone to come to the annual Fire

Truck and Treat being held on Sunday October 24th from 2-4 PM at the fire hall. There will be many activities for the children. Community members are encouraged to bring their decorated car trunks and give treats to all the participants.

October is Fire Prevention Month. This year's theme is: Smoke Alarms: Make them work for you! **Install** smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area (like a hallway), and on each level (including the basement) on the home. **Test** smoke alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button. **Replace** all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or stop responding when tested.

We are recruiting new members for the fire department. Please contact one of our members to find out more about the fire department or come to the fire hall any Thursday evening at 7 PM.



You could have as little as two minutes to get out safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly.

Installation

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area (like a hallway), and on each level (including the basement) of the home.
- When installing, follow the instructions that come with the smoke alarm.
- For the best protection, interconnect all smoke alarms. When one sounds, they all sound. It is important to have interconnected smoke alarms if you sleep with the bedroom doors closed.
- A smoke alarm should be on the ceiling or high on a wall.

How to Choose an Alarm

It is important to purchase a smoke alarm that is listed by a qualified testing laboratory. The two most common types of smoke alarms are ionization and photoelectric alarms.

- For the best protection, or where extra time is needed to wake up or help others, both types of alarms or dual sensor ionization-photoelectric alarms are recommended.
- An ionization smoke alarm is more responsive to flaming fires and a photoelectric smoke alarm is more responsive to smoldering fires.
- Photoelectric smoke alarms are the best type of alarms to be installed near the kitchen and bathrooms to reduce nuisance alarms.

Testing and Maintenance

- Test smoke alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for cleaning to keep smoke alarms working.

Replacement

- Smoke alarms with non-replaceable (long-life) batteries are designed to remain effective for up to 10 years. If the alarm chirps, warning that the battery is low, replace the entire smoke alarm right away.
- For smoke alarms that do not have non-replaceable (long-life) batteries, replace batteries at least once a year. If the alarm chirps, replace only the battery.

NOTICE OF 2024 STATE GENERAL ELECTION, ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MINNESOTA

Notice is hereby given to the voters of St. Louis County, Minnesota, that a State General election will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, in all election precincts within all cities, towns and unorganized areas of St. Louis County. Polling place hours will be from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., with the exception of townships having a population of less than five hundred residents that have adopted a resolution establishing a later poll opening, but in all cases polling places will open no later than 10:00 a.m. (M.S. 204C.05). The following Federal, State, County, and Judicial offices will appear on the ballot:

FEDERAL OFFICES

President and Vice President

One United States Senator

One United States Representative, District 8

STATE OFFICES

State Representative Districts 3A, 3B, 7A, 7B, 8A, 8B, 11A (offices will appear on ballots only in their respective districts.)

COUNTY OFFICES

County Commissioner Districts 2, 3, 5, and 7 (offices will appear on ballots only in their respective districts).

North Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisors for Districts 2, 4 and 5 (offices will appear on ballots only in their respective districts).

South Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisors for Districts 1 and 4 (offices will appear on ballots only in their respective districts).

JUDICIAL OFFICES

Supreme Court Chief Justice - One (1) Seat

Incumbent: Natalie E. Hudson

Supreme Court Associate Justice - Two (2) Seats

Seat 5 Incumbent: Anne McKeig

Seat 6 Incumbent: Karl Procaccini

Appeals Court Judge - Seven (7) Seats

Seat 2 Incumbent: Jon Schmidt

Seat 3 Incumbent: Sarah Wheelock

Seat 4 Incumbent: Tracy Smith

Seat 6 Incumbent: Renee L. Worke

Seat 8 Incumbent: Keala Christian Ede

Seat 12 Incumbent: Diane B. Bratvold

Seat 14 Incumbent: Elise Larson

District Court Judge - 6th Judicial District – Four (4) Seats

Seat 5 Incumbent: Michelle M. Anderson

Seat 6 Incumbent: none

Seat 12 Incumbent: Nicole L. Hopps

Seat 16 Incumbent: Jill A. Eichenwald

NOTE: Local city, town, hospital, and school district offices/questions may also appear on ballots within their respective jurisdictions.

NANCY J. NILSEN, COUNTY AUDITOR-TREASURER

BY: Phil Chapman, Deputy Auditor / Elections Supervisor

Register Online or Update Your Registration

It's quick and easy! To **register online** you will need:

- Your Minnesota driver's license or Minnesota identification card number, or the last four numbers of your Social Security number
- An email address
- To be eligible to vote in Minnesota

You will need to re-register if your name or address changes.





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Kids wear your Halloween costume.

A fun family activity!

Bring your decorated car trunks to give treats to the children

SUNDAY, OCT 27, 2024

2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Fredenberg Fire Hall

6367 LaVaque Rd



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Fredenberg's Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 7th from 9-11

At the Fredenberg Community Center
5104 Fish Lake Road, Duluth MN

Please come and join us for pancakes & sausage.



Hosted by Township Supervisor Deb Pawlowicz, Melissa Bell, and Claude Wenaas



Santa Store

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Kids, not sure what to get your mom, dad or both for Christmas? Shop the *Santa Store* to see what they have. No money need. We will have volunteers that will help you shop and wrap your gift. You can also help make a card for them.

Who can vote in Minnesota

To vote you must be:

- A U.S. citizen
- At least 18 years old on Election Day (16 & 17 year olds can pre-register)
- A resident of Minnesota for 20 days
- Not currently incarcerated for a felony conviction
- Not under a court order that revokes your right to vote

The [Who can vote](#) webpage has more details about eligibility.





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.
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.

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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 September 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 September 2024 incidents that occurred in Fredenberg Township.

T - TRAFFIC STOP	4
911 DISCONNECT - HANG UP	3
ANIMAL-ANIMAL DISTURBANCE	3
SHOTS-SOUND OF SHOTS	2
PUBLIC--PUBLIC ASSIST	2
CKBIZ-BUSINESS CHECK	2
ORDERV-ORDER VIOLATION	2
PS-PAPER SERVICE	2
SUSPA-SUSP ACTIVITY	2
FSTRUC-STRUCTURE FIRE	1
INFO-INFORMATION	1
DIST-DISTURBANCE	1
VINFO-VEH INFO	1
DAMP-DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	1
WATEM-WATER EMER	1
CE-COMM ENGAGEMENT	1
THREATS-THREATS	1
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Grand Total	30

GENERAL ELECTION

First day to vote early in person: Friday, September 20

Last day to vote early in person: Monday, November 4

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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 agree-
ment 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.

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Business Card Size: \$10 per month

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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:

**November 6
December 4**



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.

