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Editor: Ellen Hanson

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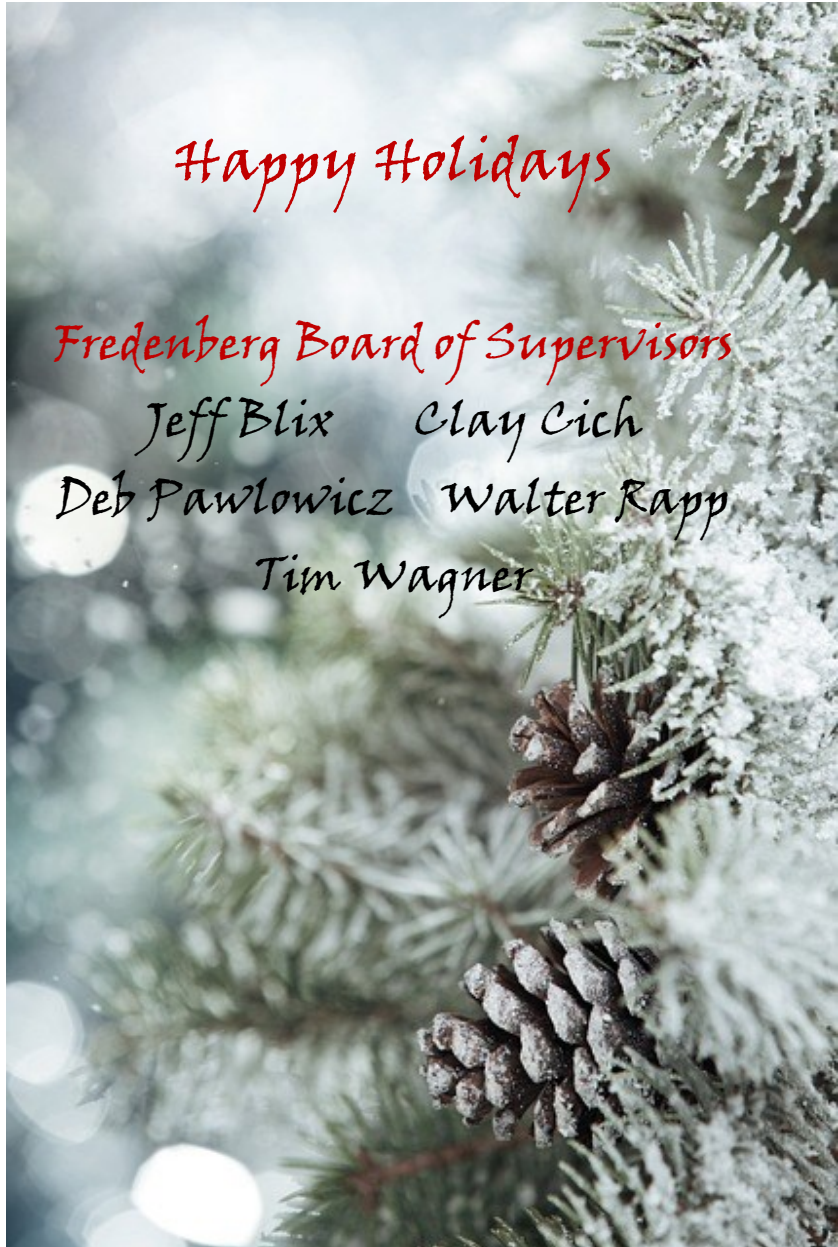
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APPROVED TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES for NOVEMBER 6, 2024

The regular Board meeting of the Town of Fredenberg, Minnesota, St. Louis County was held in the Fredenberg Town Hall on Wednesday, November 6, 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 6 others in attendance.

Call to order the Regular meeting: Chair Wagner called the meeting to order 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: Diane Palmstein reported on the in-person voting election results in Fredenberg. There were 851 voters out of the 1159 registered voters at 7:00 AM on November 5. She thanked the election judges for their assistance with the election. Blake Cazier, Positive Energy Outdoors, (PEO): He asked the Board to discontinue the \$750 annual fee. Since the town and PEO have a current contract which requires the \$750 annual fee be paid, it cannot be waived. Also, the contract requires the PEO to provide a certificate of liability annually for the business to operate.

There was a motion by Chair Wagner to continue with the annual fee and seconded by Supervisor Blix. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. Mr. Cazier submitted a \$750 check for payment and stated he will have his insurance company send the certificate of liability insurance. Jeff Monsaas spoke about a St Louis County grant to assist with invasive species outreach by constructing signs at boat landings displaying instructions/directions on invasive species. He recommended the town partner with other townships to meet the minimum dollar requirements of the grant and to apply for it in 2025.

Approval of the Minutes: Regular meeting of October 2, 2024: There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to approve the October 2, 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 agrees 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 treasurer's report and seconded by Chair Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. The October 31, 2024, the ending balance in the checking account was \$227,687.65 and the outstanding checks total was \$590.48.

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 \$224,567.63. Hanson pointed out there is a \$6,878.17 balance in the ARPA Fund. The grant requires funds to be allocated by the end of December 2024. She recommended transferring the funds to the Roads & Bridges fund and apply it to a road repair invoice. There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to transfer the ARPA funds to Roads & Bridges and apply the funds to a repair invoice and seconded by Supervisor Cich. 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 Blix to accept claims 10907-10920 for a total of

\$23,804.45, and claim 10903 and 10906 each \$1,900 for a grand total of \$27,604.45 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 8 emails during the month. The town received a request from the St Louis County Board of Commissioners to host the May 27, 2025, board meeting at the Fredenberg Town Hall/Community Center. The town will provide coffee and water. There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to host the board meeting on May 27, 2025, and seconded by Supervisor Cich. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.

Reports for October 2024: Fredenberg Law Enforcement statistics: Deputy Sheriff Sergeant Nick Voltzke was not present; however, his report was sent the next day. There were 20 incidents and one arrest in the township.

Roads/Bridges report: Supervisor Blix reported the roads are in good condition. Grading was recently completely.

Fire Department report: Chief Bergstrand reported during October, the fire department responded to four calls, including two medical, one structure fire, and one traffic accident.

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

Parks and Recreation and Pavilion: Supervisor Rapp reported the skating rink boards installation is going well and it is a labor intense job. He expects it to be completed soon. A special thank you to Dave Happy and the 9 other volunteers that helped out.

Community Center report: Furnace/boiler issues: Supervisor Rapp reported there were issues with the furnace that were fixed. The ongoing issue is that every thermostat has its own zone and with the water constantly being heated it is an inefficient way to operate. In the spring, the issue will be reviewed and resolved. Deputy Clerk Wagner reported there were 3 rentals in October. Recycling report: Supervisor Pawlowicz reported the Recycling Center is operating well.

Other Monthly meetings: Clerk Hanson attended the October 19th DAT meeting.

Old Business: Update on Fire Hall repairs: Supervisor Rapp reported the repairs were completed.

New Business: Resolution 2024-04 Accepting Donations for NNO: There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to accept Resolution 2024-04 and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. **Resolution 2024-05 Accepting a Donation from Hermantown Youth Baseball Association:** There was a motion by Supervisor Cich to accept Resolution 2024-05 and seconded by Supervisor Blix. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution 2024-06 Delegating Cannabis Retail Registration to the County: There was a motion by Supervisor Cich to accept Resolution 2024-06 and seconded by Supervisor Blix. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.

Second monthly meeting: 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 Chair Wagner to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM and seconded by Supervisor Blix. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.

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

During November members responded to eight calls, including medical calls, a report of an unattended fire outside, and two days assisting the St. Louis County Rescue squad in searching for a missing individual from Bear Island Road.

Members also attended the St. Louis County Fire Chief's meeting, met with Minnesota Power to update the Island Lake and Fish Lake Emergency Action plan books, and met with insurance investigators.

As we transition to winter, please keep home safety in mind.

Heat your home safely

- Have chimneys and vents inspected and cleaned by a qualified professional at least once a year
- Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away from any heat source, including fireplaces, radiators, space heaters, wood stoves or candles.
- Turn space heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed

- Never use an oven to heat your home
- Be sure furnace vents are not covered in snow and ice
- Store cooled ashes in a tightly covered metal container and keep it outside at least 10 feet away from your home and any nearby buildings.


Install Smoke Alarms and Carbon Monoxide (CO) Detectors

- Test the Alarms at least once a month
- Use portable generators wisely
- Keep portable generators outside, away from windows and as far away from your home as possible.

Cook safely

- Stay in the kitchen while cooking
- Establish a safe zone while cooking to keep children and pets safe

The Fire Department meets every Thursday evening at 7 PM. We have room on our roster for a few more dedicated people. Please stop by any Thursday evening to learn more. We also have room for a few more Junior (ages 16-17) members as well.



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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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.

Movie Night
Veggie Tales Movie
Esther and Daniel and the Lions Den
Pizza and Popcorn
Friday, December 20th, 6:30 - 8 pm

Anchor Point Church - Fredenberg Campus
5069 Fish Lake Road, Duluth MN
Please e-mail Melissa Bell at fredenberg@anchorpointchurch.org

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Tuesday, December 24th from 4 - 5 pm
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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 November 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 November 2024 total of 27 incidents that occurred in Fredenberg Township.

Response_Date	Problem	Call_Disposition
11/3/2024	SHOTS-SOUND OF SHOTS	REF-REFERRED
11/3/2024	DOMES-DOMESTIC	RPT-REPORT TAKEN
11/5/2024	ORDERV-ORDER VIOLATION	CLR-CLEARED
11/5/2024	ANIMAL-ANIMAL DISTURBANCE	MOR-MATTER OF RECORD
11/6/2024	CB-CALL BACK	CLR-CLEARED
11/9/2024	PUBLIC--PUBLIC ASSIST	PS-PAPERS SERVED
11/9/2024	T - TRAFFIC STOP	TAG-TICKET ISSUED
11/10/2024	CIVMTR-CIVIL MATTER	RPT-REPORT TAKEN
11/10/2024	DOMESP-PHYSICAL DOMESTIC	JAIL-ARRESTED/LODGED JAIL
11/11/2024	SUIC-T-SUICIDE THREATS	MOR-MATTER OF RECORD
11/12/2024	DAMP-DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	RPT-REPORT TAKEN
11/12/2024	CHILD-NEGLECTED CHILD	RPT-REPORT TAKEN
11/14/2024	ATTPU-ATTEMPT PICK UP	JAIL-ARRESTED/LODGED JAIL
11/15/2024	SUSPA-SUSP ACTIVITY	UTL-UNABLE TO LOCATE
11/17/2024	EXPAT-EXTRA PATROL	CLR-CLEARED
11/17/2024	EXPAT-EXTRA PATROL	CLR-CLEARED
11/17/2024	EXPAT-EXTRA PATROL	CLR-CLEARED
11/19/2024	T - TRAFFIC STOP	CLR-CLEARED
11/22/2024	ATL-ATTEMPT TO LOCATE	ADV-ADVISED
11/23/2024	T - TRAFFIC STOP	REP-WARNED OR REPRIMANDED
11/24/2024	SHOTS-SOUND OF SHOTS	REF-REFERRED
11/24/2024	DIST-DISTURBANCE	MOR-MATTER OF RECORD
11/24/2024	DOA-DEAD BODY	RPT-REPORT TAKEN
11/24/2024	BURG-BURG REPORT	JAIL-ARRESTED/LODGED JAIL
11/29/2024	CB-CALL BACK	RPT-REPORT TAKEN
11/29/2024	POR-PREDATORY OFFEND	MOR-MATTER OF RECORD
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Fredenberg Town Board Meetings

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Meetings are in-person and held in the Board room, second floor.

The next scheduled meetings are:

January 8, 2025
February 5, 2025



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