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FREDENBERG TOWNSHIP NEWS

A monthly newsletter
Editor: Ellen Hanson

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Township Roads Reporting

Jeff Blix is the Town Road Foreman, if there are any issues with roads, he should be contacted at 218-393-3011. Thank you.

Neighborhood Night Out

This year’s Neighborhood Night Out will be held on Tuesday, August 4 from 5:00-7:00 pm. It is an annual nationwide event designed to promote community building, neighborhood camaraderie, and police-community partnerships to make neighborhoods safer places to live. Community members will enjoy refreshments, bouncy house for the children, and there will be drawings for donated items from local businesses. This event will be held at the Fredenberg Community Center/Town Hall. Volunteers are needed to make this a successful event. Please call Deb Pawlowicz (218) 428-4539.

Candidate Filing Notice

Affidavits of Candidacy to be filled at the November 3, 2026 Town Election need to be filed with the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, 5104 Fish Lake Road from **July 14, 2026 to July 28, 2026 at 5:00 pm**. Office hours are Thursday from 12:00 pm—4:00 pm. The Clerk will be available at the town hall on the last day of filing, July 28, 2026 from 1:00-5:00 pm to accept affidavits. The filing fee is \$2.00

- Candidates for an elected township office must.
- *be eligible to vote in Minnesota
 - *be at least 21 years old upon assuming office
 - *have maintained residence in the town for at least 30 days before the general election
 - *have not filed for another office at the upcoming primary or general election (unless authorized by Minn. Stat. 204B.06, subd. 9)

Candidates when filing, this will be the first statewide candidate filing period where local candidates are required to show a photo ID and provide proof of residence to the filing officer when submitting their affidavit.

The open positions are: **3 (three) Supervisors to serve 4 (four) year term.**

APPROVED TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES for MAY 6 2026

The Town of Fredenberg, Minnesota, St. Louis County, held the regular Board meeting in the Fredenberg Town Hall on Wednesday, May 6th, 2026, at 7:00 pm.

Chair Tim Wagner, Supervisor 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: Six others were 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 recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Agenda: Supervisor Pawlowicz motioned to approve the agenda, and Supervisor Cich seconded the motion. The members took a roll call vote and approved the motion unanimously.

Open Forum: There were no speakers

Special Presentation: DNR Groundwater Observation Well presented by Jacob Kolke. The DNR would like to construct a groundwater observation well on town property. Supervisor Blix motioned to approve the installation of the DNR observation well on town property, and Chair Wagner seconded the motion. The members took a roll call vote and approved the motion unanimously. The board will review the contract and possibly sign it at the next meeting.

Approval of the Minutes: Regular meeting of April 1st, 2026: Supervisor Blix motioned to approve the April 1st, 2026, Board of Supervisors meeting minutes as presented, and Supervisor Cich seconded the motion. The members took a roll call vote and approved the motion. Due to her absence from the meeting, Supervisor Pawlowicz abstained from voting.

Financial Reports: Treasurer Mahr stated she agreed with the bank balance. On April 30th, 2026, the ending balance in the checking account was \$46,558.34. The total of outstanding checks is \$536.49. The investment balance amounts to \$316,150.02. Chair Wagner motioned to approve the financial reports, and Supervisor Cich seconded the motion. The members took a roll call vote and approved the motion unanimously.

Clerk's Report: Clerk Hanson balanced with the bank and provided the claims list report. The board reviewed the claims list. Claims numbered from 11148 to 11163 totaled \$58,296.58. Supervisor Blix motioned to approve the claims 11148-11163 for \$58,296.58 for payment as presented, and Supervisor Cich seconded the motion. The members took a roll call vote and approved the motion unanimously. She reported the fire hall bond was paid off on April 23rd, 2026, with the last payment being \$115,862.50 including a \$40 wire fee.

Correspondence: The correspondence Clerk Hanson read included one piece of mail, and six emails received during the month.

Reports for April 2026: Fredenberg Law Enforcement Statistics: Deputy Sergeant Nick Voltzke presented his report. In the township, 19 incidents occurred, resulting in zero arrests.

Roads/Bridges report: Supervisor Blix gave an update on the road work that occurred in April. The general condition of the roads is quite good. Bringing the road grade up to standard on East Hunter Lake Road may solve the road flooding issue. Supervisor Blix estimates that this project will cost \$10,000. Supervisor Blix is waiting for the road restriction to be lifted to begin road work.

Fire Department report: Chief Bergstrand submitted her report earlier. The fire department responded to eight calls: seven medical and one motor vehicle accident. Fredenberg and Gnesen fire departments are coordinating their events for the Fire Wise program.

Cemetery report: Supervisor Rapp reported the cemetery is open.

Parks/Recreation/Pavilion: According to Supervisor Rapp, everything is going well. Nets were put up for the tennis and pickleball courts. Supervisor Rapp put up a fence at the sliding hill. The gate is likely in need of repair.

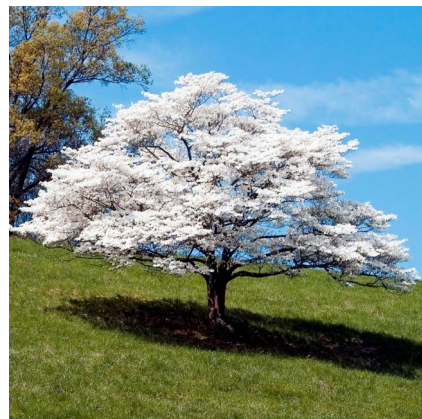
Community Center report: Deputy Clerk Wagner confirmed two rentals in April. Supervisor Rapp received one quote for the repair work on the town hall zone valves. Supervisor Cich will get one more quote.

Recycling report: Supervisor Pawlowicz reported that all is well at the center. She picked up a box of locks that are keyed the same way for the recycling bins. No hazardous waste day in 2026; however, there will be one in 2027.

Other monthly meetings: There were no other meetings in April.

Unfinished Business: Fire/EMS Services contract for 2026: Clerk Hanson reported that a meeting took place concerning the 2026 Fire/EMS Services contract, attended by two supervisors, two fire department members, herself, and the town attorney. The tentative agreement was shared with supervisors ahead of this meeting for their assessment. Supervisor Blix motioned to accept the 2026 contract as written, and Supervisor Cich seconded the motion. The members took a roll call vote and approved the motion unanimously.

New Business: Propane quotes for 2026: The town's current Como propane contract has expired. The board requested that Clerk Hanson seek quotes from other vendors. They will review quotes at the June meeting. Local Board of Appeal and Equalization: Wednesday, May 13th, 2026, 1 to 2 pm. Second monthly meeting: Supervisor Blix motioned to cancel the second monthly meeting, and Supervisor Cich seconded the motion. The members took a roll call vote and approved the motion unanimously. **Adjourned** at 7:54 pm.



PLEASE DO NOT PUT SIGNS ON TOWNSHIP PROPERTY. They will be taken down and disposed of in the trash. Thank you.

TRUE CRIMES

Fredenberg Crime Statistics, May 2026 Patrol Sergeant Nick Voltzke St. Louis County Sheriff's Office

In the Township, there were 26 incidents and one arrests.

5/2/26 7:53	TRBKID - JUVENILE OFFENSE	AST-ASSISTANCE RENDERED
5/5/26 4:15	TRBUNK-UNKNOWN TROUBLE	FAL-FALSE
5/5/26 18:32	T - TRAFFIC STOP	REP-WARNED OR REPRIMANDED
5/5/26 23:11	TRBUNK-UNKNOWN TROUBLE	MOR-MATTER OF RECORD
5/6/26 14:26	ANIMAL-ANIMAL DISTURBANCE	RPT-REPORT TAKEN
5/8/26 11:32	PS-PAPER SERVICE	PS-PAPERS SERVED
5/9/26 8:18	WATEM-WATER EMER	CLR-CLEARED
5/9/26 9:57	DETAIL-DETAIL	CLR-CLEARED
5/9/26 13:48	ATL-ATTEMPT TO LOCATE	MOR-MATTER OF RECORD
5/9/26 14:43	INFO-INFORMATION	AIR-AIRED
5/9/26 16:57	CHILD-NEGLECTED CHILD	MOR-MATTER OF RECORD
5/9/26 22:35	SUSPA-SUSP ACTIVITY	GOA-GONE ON ARRIVAL
5/11/26 8:36	ATTPU-ATTEMPT PICK UP	MOR-MATTER OF RECORD
5/11/26 13:50	FMISC-MISC FIRE CALL	MOR-MATTER OF RECORD
5/15/26 15:05	CB-CALL BACK	ADV-ADVISED
5/17/26 16:40	SUSPA-SUSP ACTIVITY	MOR-MATTER OF RECORD
5/21/26 16:15	CB-CALL BACK	ADV-ADVISED
5/23/26 18:49	T - TRAFFIC STOP	JAIL-ARRESTED/LODGED JAIL
5/23/26 20:25	T - TRAFFIC STOP	REP-WARNED OR REPRIMANDED
5/23/26 21:14	PSYCH-PSYCH PROBLEM	MOR-MATTER OF RECORD
5/24/26 10:30	SIFA-FIELD ACTIVITY	CLR-CLEARED
5/24/26 21:43	OUTW-ONVIEW OUT WITH	MOR-MATTER OF RECORD
5/25/26 8:14	HOTROD-HOTRODDERS	UTL-UNABLE TO LOCATE
5/26/26 17:41	PI-PERSONAL INJ	MOR-MATTER OF RECORD
5/27/26 17:18	FVEH-VEHICLE FIRE	RPT-REPORT TAKEN
5/28/26 10:00	T - TRAFFIC STOP	REP-WARNED OR REPRIMANDED

Fire Department Report, May 2026, Fire Chief Linda Bergstrand

May was a busy month for emergency response activity. Members answered 19 calls, including medical incidents; fires involving vehicles, grass, wildland areas, and power lines; a water emergency; a vehicle/phone crash alert; and four days assisting at the Stewart Creek Fire near Two Harbors.

The Fire Department hosted an emergency evacuation planning meeting focused on evacuation timing, procedures, routes, and high-risk areas in the township. St. Louis County Emergency Management, the National Weather Service, St. Louis County GIS, and the Gnesen Fire Department helped develop the plan for our area.

Available resources for learning more about emergency notification and evacuation planning can be found on the St. Louis County website under Emergency Management. Please be sure to sign up for Northland Alert to receive emergency notifications.

St. Louis County uses an **emergency notification system** to alert the public about emergencies and other important community news. Through NorthlandAlert, anyone can subscribe to receive emergency notices by phone, text and/or email. NorthlandAlert enables officials to provide essential information quickly when there is a threat to the health and safety of residents. To receive notices from NorthlandAlert, you must sign-up and provide the contact information you wish us to use. All information will be kept strictly confidential.

Register for NorthlandAlert: <https://www.stlouiscountymn.gov/departments-a-z/sheriff/emergency-support-services/emergency-management#101541059-register-for-emergency-alerts>

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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: Wednesday: 5-8 pm and Saturday: 9 am-1 pm. **Closed when the district schools are closed.**

Chesney Auto Salvage, 6250 Beaver River Road, will accept batteries and waste oil.

Please use Resource Renew 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.

Town Hall/Community Center Exercise Classes

Classes held at the Community Center/Town Hall, Reservoir Riders Clubhouse, Pavilion

Instructors: Sandy Rock: \$4/class

Anita Anderson: \$5/class

Sandy Rock classes are held through out the week. Please call her at 320-766-2902 for information.

Yoga: June-September

Tuesdays 7 - 8 am at the tennis courts (in inclement weather we will move to the Reservoir Riders clubhouse)

Town Hall/Community Center Rentals

The Town Hall / Community Center is available to rent for township residents, non-residents, and events. 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 and a copy of homeowners insurance 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 scheduled meetings are:

July 1, 2026

August 5, 2026

September 2, 2026

Fredenberg Community Center

The Center is open to the public and available to rent.

For information on rentals and fees, please contact the Office at 218-721-3991, email at Fredenbergtwp@gmail.com or go to the website at Fredenberg.org.