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FREDEMBERG TOWNSHIP NEWS

A monthly newsletter
Editor: Ellen Hanson

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Office Hours: 12 (noon) to 4:00 PM on Thursday or by appointment.

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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.

This is a neighborhood event and we ask that you please consider not campaigning during this time. Thank you.

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, June 3rd, 2026, at 7:00 pm.

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

Others in attendance: Three 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 Blix 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.

Approval of the Minutes: Regular meeting of May 6th, 2026: Supervisor Blix motioned to approve the May 6th, 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. Local Board of Appeal & Equalization (LBAE) meeting of May 13th, 2026: Supervisor Blix motioned to approve the May 13th, 2026, Board of Supervisors LBAE meeting minutes as presented, and Supervisor Cich seconded the motion. The members took a roll call vote and approved the motion.

Financial Reports: Treasurer Mahr stated she agreed with the bank balance. On May 31st, 2026, the ending balance in the checking account was \$31,465.60. The total of outstanding checks is \$14,975.55. The investment balance amounts to \$316,150.02. Supervisor Cich motioned to approve the financial reports, and Supervisor Rapp 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 11164 to 11175 totaled \$43,753.73. Supervisor Cich motioned to approve the claims 11164-11175 for \$43,753.73 for payment as presented, and Chair Wagner seconded the motion. The members took a roll call vote and approved the motion unanimously. Clerk Hanson reported that she had requested an early distribution of the first property tax apportionment. On June 18th, the county will release 70% of the collected funds through May 15th, with the remaining funds to be paid out on July 3rd.

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

Reports for April 2026: Fredenberg Law Enforcement Statistics: Deputy Sergeant Nick Voltzke presented his report. In the township, 26 incidents occurred, resulting in one arrest. Roads/Bridges report: Supervisor Blix gave an update on the road work that occurred in May. The general condition of the roads is quite dusty. Supervisor Blix reported that road work began with grading the roads. The next step is adding gravel to the roads where needed. Dust control is planned to be applied in the middle of June.

Fire Department report: Chief Bergstrand submitted her report earlier. The fire department responded to 19 calls, including medical and fire involving a motor vehicle, grass, wildland area, and power lines; a water emergency; a vehicle/phone

alert; and four days assisting at the Stewart Trail fire near Two Harbors. Supervisor Cich motioned to put a dead-end sign on all dead-end roads. Supervisor Blix seconded the motion. The members took a roll call and approved the motion unanimously.

Cemetery report: Supervisor Rapp reported the cemetery is open.

Parks/Recreation/Pavilion: According to Supervisor Rapp, everything is going well. Supervisor Rapp completed the crack sealing on the pickleball court. Supervisor Rapp repaired the gate at the sliding hill.

Community Center report: Deputy Clerk Wagner confirmed two rentals in May. 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 was not present to report.

Other monthly meetings: Supervisor Rapp and Clerk Hanson attended the DAT meeting.

Unfinished Business: DNR Observation Well: The board approved the installation of the DNR observation well at the May meeting and requested that the contract be sent for their review prior to signing. At this meeting, their only task is to sign the contract, provided it's suitable. The signing of the contract is complete.

New Business: Propane quotes for 2026: The town received two propane quotes. One from Como for two years at \$1.299 per gallon (6/1/26-5/31/28). The second quote came from Superior Fuel for three to five years at \$1.399 per gallon with the first fill at \$1.099. Supervisor Blix motioned to contract with Como for two years at \$1.299 and Supervisor Cich seconded the motion. The members took a roll call vote and approved the motion unanimously.

Election Judges: Clerk Hanson submitted a list of certified election judges to serve at the primary and general elections in 2026. Supervisor Cich motioned to approve the election judges, and Chair Wagner seconded the motion. The members took a roll call vote and approved the motion unanimously.

Second monthly meeting: Chair Wagner motioned to cancel the second monthly meeting, and Supervisor Blix seconded the motion. The members took a roll call vote and approved the motion unanimously.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm.

PRIMARY ELECTION

The Primary Election is on Tuesday, **August 11, 2026**. The polls are open from **7 am to 8 pm** at the Fredenberg Town Hall/Community Center. When voting at the Primary Election you must vote for one party only or your ballot will be spoiled. See a sample ballot here: <https://myballotmn.sos.state.mn.us>.

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, June 2026 Patrol Sergeant Nick Voltzke St. Louis County Sheriff's Office

In the Township, there were 24 incidents and no arrests.

1	6/1/26 21:52	T - TRAFFIC STOP	MOR-MATTER OF RECORD
2	6/3/26 18:43	CE-COMM ENGAGEMENT	MOR-MATTER OF RECORD
3	6/4/26 8:19	MEDIC-MEDIC	AST-ASSISTANCE RENDERED
4	6/6/26 19:17	DOA-DEAD BODY	RPT-REPORT TAKEN
5	6/7/26 17:06	SIFA-FIELD ACTIVITY	CLR-CLEARED
6	6/7/26 17:26	SIFA-FIELD ACTIVITY	CLR-CLEARED
7	6/8/26 14:45	911 DISCONNECT - HANG UP	MOR-MATTER OF RECORD
8	6/9/26 10:14	911 DISCONNECT - HANG UP	MOR-MATTER OF RECORD
9	6/9/26 12:35	CKBIZ-BUSINESS CHECK	MOR-MATTER OF RECORD
10	6/10/26 18:07	T - TRAFFIC STOP	REP-WARNED OR REPRIMANDED
11	6/11/26 17:19	ALRMS-SECURITY ALARM	CAN-CANCEL
12	6/12/26 8:06	T - TRAFFIC STOP	REP-WARNED OR REPRIMANDED
13	6/12/26 13:38	BURG-BURG REPORT	MOR-MATTER OF RECORD
14	6/12/26 22:04	ATL-ATTEMPT TO LOCATE	AIR-AIRED
15	6/13/26 1:24	CKHAZ-CHECK HAZARD	MOR-MATTER OF RECORD
16	6/13/26 18:03	T - TRAFFIC STOP	AST-ASSISTANCE RENDERED
17	6/18/26 17:10	CE-COMM ENGAGEMENT	MOR-MATTER OF RECORD
18	6/19/26 20:35	ANIMAL-ANIMAL DISTURBANCE	AST-ASSISTANCE RENDERED
19	6/20/26 10:00	T - TRAFFIC STOP	REP-WARNED OR REPRIMANDED
20	6/20/26 10:35	ANIMAL-ANIMAL DISTURBANCE	UTL-UNABLE TO LOCATE
21	6/23/26 20:23	SHOTS-SOUND OF SHOTS	UTL-UNABLE TO LOCATE
22	6/26/26 18:01	CB-CALL BACK	REF-REFERRED
23	6/26/26 18:32	SHOTS-SOUND OF SHOTS	REP-WARNED OR REPRIMANDED
24	6/30/26 14:48	PUBLIC--PUBLIC ASSIST	AST-ASSISTANCE RENDERED

Fire Department Report, June 2026, Fire Chief Linda Bergstrand

Members responded to six calls: three medical incidents, two water emergencies, and one automatic alarm.

Monthly training included a simulated propane truck and passenger vehicle accident hosted by the Canosia Fire Department. Members also trained on treating hyperthermia during medical training night and scene size-up during fire training night.

Members again staffed the Lakewood Road Medical and drop-out station during Grandma's Marathon. Another highlight of the month was helping welcome home members of the 148th, who had been deployed since fall 2025.

We have a few membership openings for EMS or Fire or both. Stop by the fire hall any Thursday evening at 7 PM to learn more about the department.

The fire department is raising funds to purchase a LUCAS 3 Chest Compression System for use in cardiac arrest situations. The LUCAS is a portable, automated mechanical CPR device that delivers continuous, guideline-consistent chest compressions for cardiac arrest patients. The device frees up responders to perform other life-saving interventions. Donations are accepted by mail at the Fredenberg Fire Department, 6367 Lavaque Road Duluth, MN 55803.

Summer Safety Tips:

- Check on your neighbors-are they safe and healthy.
- Swimming Safety: Adults need to stay with children; Always swim with a buddy; Use a Coast Guard approved life jacket in your watercraft.
- Biking Safety: Always wear a bike helmet & bright clothing so people can see you; Ride with both hands on the handlebars; Ride in single file with the traffic.
- Campfires, fire rings and grills: Always be sure a three (3) foot area is cleared around your fire; Keep children and pets at least three feet away from fire pits and grills; Completely extinguish fires with water before leaving them unattended.
- Beat the Heat: Drink water consistently throughout the day, even before you feel thirsty to avoid heat exhaustion; Avoid peak sun hours (11 AM to 3 PM) when possible, and seek shade



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.

Newsletter Advertising Rates

Business Card Size: \$10 per month

Full page: \$80 per month

Half page: \$40 per month

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Send your ad request to Clerk, fredenbergtwp@gmail.com or call 218-721-3991, by the last day of month for printing. The newsletter is available on the Fredenberg.org website.



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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:

August 5, September 2, & October 7

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.

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