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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.

Candidates for Town Supervisor

The candidate filing period took place July 14, 2026 until July 28, 2026 at 5 p.m. There are three open positions. Listed below are the candidates that filed. They will be on the general election ballot.

Supervisor A: Tim Wagner

Supervisor B: Jeff Blix

Supervisor C: Bruce A. Anderson



What's on the General Election Day ballot in 2026?

All voters will have these races on their general election ballot:

- U.S. Senator
- U.S. Representative
- Governor & Lt. Governor
- Secretary of State
- State Auditor
- Attorney General
- State Senator
- State Representative
- Judicial Seats

Voters may have one or more of these races on their ballot:

- County Officials
- School Board Members
- Township Officers

APPROVED TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES for JULY 1 2026

The Town of Fredenberg, Minnesota, St. Louis County, held the regular Board meeting in the Fredenberg Town Hall on Wednesday, July 1st, 2026, at 7:00 pm.

Board members present: Chair Tim Wagner, Supervisor Deb Pawlowicz, Supervisor Jeff Blix, Supervisor Clay Cich, Supervisor Walter Rapp, Clerk Ellen Hanson, Deputy Clerk Kim Wagner.

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 Cich motioned to approve the agenda, and Supervisor Pawlowicz 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 June 3rd, 2026: Supervisor Blix motioned to approve the June 3rd, 2026, Board of Supervisors meeting minutes as presented, and Chair Wagner seconded the motion. The members took a roll call vote and approved the motion.

Financial Reports: Treasurer Mahr was not present; Clerk Hanson reported and presented the financial reports.

Clerk's Report: Clerk Hanson balanced with the bank and provided the claims list and cash balance reports. On June 30th, 2026, the ending balance in the checking account was \$183,165.72. The total of outstanding checks is \$44,223.26. The investment balance amounts to \$316,150.02. Supervisor Cich motioned to approve the financial reports, and Chair Wagner seconded the motion. The members took a roll call vote and approved the motion unanimously. The board reviewed the claims list. Claims numbered from 11176 to 11188 totaled \$23,425.15. Supervisor Blix motioned to approve claims 11176-11188 for \$23,425.15 for payment as presented, and Supervisor Cich seconded the motion. The members took a roll call vote and approved the motion unanimously.

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

Reports for June 2026: Fredenberg Law Enforcement Statistics: Deputy Sergeant Nick Voltzke was not present to give his report; however, he had submitted it earlier. In the township, 24 incidents occurred, resulting in no arrests.

Roads/Bridges report: Supervisor Blix gave an update on the road work that occurred in June. The general condition of the roads is quite good. He had removed trees and branches from the roads after the recent storm. Roads were treated with calcium chloride to suppress dust.

Fire Department report: Chief Bergstrand submitted her report earlier. The fire department responded to six calls: three medical incidents, two water emergencies, and one auto alarm.

Cemetery report: Supervisor Rapp stated the cemetery remains open.

Parks/Recreation/Pavilion: According to Supervisor Rapp, everything is going well with the parks and recreational areas, except for the sliding hill. Motorbikes race up and down it.

He's currently dealing with the matter.

Community Center report: Deputy Clerk Wagner confirmed four rentals in June.

Recycling report: Supervisor Pawlowicz reported that all is going well at the center. It will be closed on Saturday, July 4th, for holiday observance. Neighborhood Night Out is on August 4th, and there is a need for volunteers to help make it a successful event.

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

Unfinished Business: Roadside mowing: Supervisor Blix motioned to approve the Rodda quote for \$4,300 to mow the town's roadsides for 2026, and Supervisor Cich seconded the motion. The members took a roll call vote and approved the motion unanimously.

Supervisor Pawlowicz requested a \$2,000 transfer from the General Fund to the Neighborhood Night Out Fund for 2026 expenses. Supervisor Cich motioned to transfer \$2,000 from the General Fund to the Neighborhood Night Out Fund, and Chair Wagner seconded the motion. The members took a roll call vote and approved the motion unanimously.

Update on the LRIP grant: Jeff Monsaas reported he had a conversation/debriefing with key people involved in the grant application process. He presented his findings to the board, and they discussed ways to improve the next application.

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

Adjourn: The meeting adjourn at 7:36 pm.

Fredenberg Election Results

The candidates with the most votes in Fredenberg listed below.
(Rep=Republican candidate; DFL=Democratic-Farmer-Labor)

US Senator

Rep: Michele Tafoya, 94 votes

DFL: Peggy Flanagan, 143 votes

US Representative, District 8

Rep: Pete Stauber, 156 votes

DFL: Trina Swanson, 180 votes

Governor/Lt. Governor

Rep: Mike Lindel/Parrish, 74 votes

DFL: Amy Klobuchar/Schierer, 198 votes

Secretary of State

Rep: Wendy Phillips, 85 votes

DFL: Steve Simon, 204 votes

State Auditor

Rep: Scott Jensen, 117 votes

DFL: Zack Filipovich, 203 votes

Attorney General

Rep: Ronald Schutz, 146

DFL: Keith Ellison, 183

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

In the Township, there were 45 incidents and no arrests. The annual tobacco compliance checks have been conducted, and businesses selling tobacco in Fredenberg Township passed with no underage sales.

7/2/26 9:51	911 DISCONNECT - HANG UP	CLR-CLEARED
7/4/26 14:03	ANIMAL-ANIMAL DISTURBANCE	MOR-MATTER OF RECORD
7/4/26 16:16	CB-CALL BACK	REF-REFERRED
7/4/26 16:31	911 DISCONNECT - HANG UP	CAN-CANCEL
7/6/26 16:15	HOTROD-HOTRODDERS	ADV-ADVISED
7/7/26 10:57	ATL-ATTEMPT TO LOCATE	AIR-AIRED
7/8/26 18:23	ATL-ATTEMPT TO LOCATE	MOR-MATTER OF RECORD
7/9/26 6:56	ANIMAL-ANIMAL DISTURBANCE	UNF-UNFOUNDED
7/9/26 7:14	PDAN-MVA W/ANIMAL	UTL-UNABLE TO LOCATE
7/9/26 20:00	ATL-ATTEMPT TO LOCATE	AIR-AIRED
7/10/26 6:58	PDAN-MVA W/ANIMAL	RPT-REPORT TAKEN
7/10/26 13:09	EXPAT-EXTRA PATROL	MOR-MATTER OF RECORD
7/10/26 19:30	DIST-DISTURBANCE	ADV-ADVISED
7/10/26 21:43	TRBNBR-NEIGHBOR TROUBLE	MOR-MATTER OF RECORD
7/10/26 22:20	ANIMAL-ANIMAL DISTURBANCE	CLR-CLEARED
7/11/26 12:33	EXPAT-EXTRA PATROL	CLR-CLEARED
7/12/26 16:50	911 DISCONNECT - HANG UP	FAL-FALSE
7/12/26 17:18	T - TRAFFIC STOP	REP-WARNED OR REPRIMANDED
7/13/26 15:48	911 DISCONNECT - HANG UP	CAN-CANCEL
7/13/26 20:17	911 DISCONNECT - HANG UP	CAN-CANCEL
7/14/26 14:43	911 DISCONNECT - HANG UP	CANCELLED CALL
7/14/26 16:08	HOTROD-HOTRODDERS	ADV-ADVISED
7/15/26 16:47	TRSPSS-TRESPASS	ADV-ADVISED
7/17/26 19:04	T - TRAFFIC STOP	REP-WARNED OR REPRIMANDED
7/18/26 21:27	FC-FIRECRACKER/WORKS	UTL-UNABLE TO LOCATE
7/20/26 23:48	CKWEL-CHECK WELFARE	MOR-MATTER OF RECORD
7/21/26 6:25	ANIMAL-ANIMAL DISTURBANCE	MOR-MATTER OF RECORD
7/22/26 10:51	PS-PAPER SERVICE	UTL-UNABLE TO LOCATE
7/22/26 13:26	TRBKID - JUVENILE OFFENSE	UTL-UNABLE TO LOCATE
7/23/26 11:07	PS-PAPER SERVICE	CIV-CIVIL
7/25/26 16:13	CIVMTR-CIVIL MATTER	MOR-MATTER OF RECORD
7/25/26 17:02	SUSPA-SUSP ACTIVITY	MOR-MATTER OF RECORD
7/27/26 9:02	TOBCK-TOBACCO COMPLIANCE	CLR-CLEARED
7/27/26 9:04	TOBCK-TOBACCO COMPLIANCE	CLR-CLEARED
7/27/26 21:48	DOA-DEAD BODY	RPT-REPORT TAKEN
7/28/26 11:48	PI-PERSONAL INJ	CLR-CLEARED
7/28/26 13:57	DIST-DISTURBANCE	REP-WARNED OR REPRIMANDED
7/29/26 7:07	T - TRAFFIC STOP	REP-WARNED OR REPRIMANDED
7/29/26 9:10	RSAST-RESCUE SQUAD ASSISTS	CAN-CANCEL
7/30/26 12:15	THEFT-THEFT	PEND-PENDING

Fire Department Report, July 2026, Fire Chief Linda Bergstrand

In July, department members responded to 8 medical calls and 1 public service call. Engine 2 supported operations at the Camp fire near Ely for 5 nights, and Brush 6 assisted for 1 night. Med Compass completed the department's required SCBA fit testing and physical exams.

TPCC replaced the leaking expansion tank on the fire hall heating system and will return soon to repair leaks on the electric boiler. Thank you to everyone who visited our trucks at National Night Out, and special thanks to those who donated to the LUCAS 3 Automatic Compression System fundraiser. We are now more than halfway to our \$25,000 goal. Donations can be sent to: Fredenberg Volunteer Fire Department 6367 Lavaque Road, Duluth, MN 55803.

Drought update from MNICS (Minnesota Incident Command System)

It's been a dry summer in northern Minnesota. With moderate to extreme drought across much of the region, we didn't get nearly the rainfall we typically count on. (And yes... the mosquitoes are still thriving!) Each month, national wildland fire analysts release a map showing where significant fire potential is expected throughout the United States. Northern Minnesota has been highlighted for August — and the outlook keeps us on the map through September, October, and November. That means our dry conditions are likely to continue until we get enough rain or at least 6 inches of snow covering and sticking to the ground. Fall is already one of Minnesota's most active fire seasons, averaging nearly 200 wildfires and about 3,800 acres burned each year. Some of our state's largest historic fires — Hinckley fire (1894), Moose Lake and Cloquet fires (1918), and Pagami Creek fire (2011) — all happened in late summer and fall. Wildfires from lightning are still being managed in and near the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW), and analysts are also watching the 2025 blowdown area in and near Bemidji, which left behind down trees that provide additional dry fuels to the landscape. Tools like the National Significant Fire Potential Outlook help wildland fire managers plan and prepare for what could be a more active fall fire season. You can help too — stay aware of current fire danger, follow any local burning restrictions in place, and avoid burning on warm, dry, or windy days. Also take a moment to review your county's Ready-Set-Go emergency evacuation information. Staying alert, being prepared and preventing human-caused wildfires keeps our communities and beloved natural outdoor spaces safer during these extended dry periods.



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

Insert: \$80 per month

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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Neighborhood Night Out

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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:

September 2 and 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.

GENERAL ELECTION

The General Election is on Tuesday, **November 3, 2026**. The polls are open from **7 am to 8 pm** at the Fredenberg Town Hall/Community Center. See a sample ballot here: <https://myballotmn.sos.state.mn.us>. Absentee voting at: <https://www.sos.mn.gov/elections-voting/other-ways-to-vote/vote-by-mail-in-us/>