



Fredenberg Township News



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FREDENBERG TOWNSHIP NEWS

A monthly newsletter published by the Fredenberg Town Board Editor Sherri Armstrong

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- Assessor, County 726-2304
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- email Fredenbergtwp@aol.com

TOWN BOARD ACTIONS

The January meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Chairman Jeff Blix - 10 individuals joined the board in the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes from last month were approved with the correction of road name in the Road Report. Correspondence was reviewed and bills paid in the amount of \$99,117.00. Reports were made by the various department heads.

The clerk reported a slow month which was frustrating as there was no heat in the building. She is working on all the year end reporting.

The treasurer gave his monthly reconciliation. Total funds available as of October 13 are \$407,193.91 which included the \$80,000 in CD. The treasurer mentioned that the date on the report corresponds to the date one the bank statement.

The Road Foreman reported that the roads were fine until the storm which created some very icy conditions. The foreman also did some research on culverts. We will just have to see how things go in the Spring.

Fire Department Fire department members responded to seven medical calls and one mutual aid fire call during December. Members completed the initial flooding of the skating rink, provided fire safety demonstrations, trained on medical and fire scenarios as well as hands on auto extrication techniques using our hydraulic tools and two cars donated by Chesney's auto salvage. They also welcomed Caleb James as a new member on the fire department.

Law Enforcement and Cemetery -

nothing to report.

Parks & Rec - the clerk received an application for rink attendant the night before the meeting—this was a different individual than before— the board voted to hire him.

Community Center - the furnace was down for most of the month and is just now coming back up to bearable standards. There are more issues to be resolved, but we will be able to have heat for the rest of the winter and work on a more through fix as the weather warms. Walter Rapp refinished the cabinets in the kitchen. The custodians are doing lots of prep work for the new installation of carpet and tile.

Recycling Center - the inside of the building will be for bottles, cans, plastics and glass and the outside is for all paper products. There is no longer a need to sort the items further than that.

Other Meetings - Jim Ray, Clay Cich and Deb Pawlowicz met with the attorney for an orientation meeting. Jeff Blix almost met with the attorneys over the lawsuit.

Under Old Business: - Lawsuit - the court decided to grant PEO their temporary injunction allowing them use of the park until the hearing in the Spring. The board will need to meet with the attorneys to see where we go from here. The board had information on returning the property back to the county. he snowmobile club has posted the trail.

Under New Business: Protocol
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- Jeff Blix asked about the meeting held with the attorneys without notification. Issues with quorums and the open meeting law posting could have resulted if the 2 individuals had taken their oath of office. The board was also reminded that there are issues with email and responses that could result in infractions of the opening meeting law.

Ed Proetz asked why his township portion of the tax statement went up and there was a big discussion on budget vs levy amounts. Ed feels that the levy should be redirected.

With no further business, we adjourned this meeting 8:50pm.

There were 2 additional meetings after this one. The budget and salary meeting was recessed until next month when the treasurer could be present. The Reorg meeting was held after that; the final meeting ending at 9:55.

Would Your Children be Interested in Joining 4H?

What is 4H? 4H is a unique, learn-by-doing model for teaching youth essential skills such as problem solving, decision making and communication through programs and activities. Whether the youth are building rockets, baking cookies, doing crafts, raising chickens or playing a game, 4H helps build skills and friendships for life: In the next few months the local club is planning these events:

January 14 2 pm - DIY chap sticks and healing salve

February 12, 2 pm—build a terrarium

March 12, time TBD - visit a swine farm

April 9, 2pm - bonsai trees

May 14, 2 pm - woodworking

June 11, all day - livestock workshop

July, time TBD - showmanship practice game

August - State fair

September 10, 2 pm - bring animals to nursing home.



Youth from kindergarten through 1 year past high school can participate in 4H. The local group is known as The Fireflies and is made up of children from ages 4-16. If you know a child that would be interested in trying 4H, please give Stacia Donovan a call at 218-728-2483 or send her an email at

stacia_donovan@yahoo.com.

“Our daughters have benefitted greatly from being involved in 4H,” says Gunnar Johnson. “We live north of Duluth and for ten years, our girls have had so many wonderful opportunities with 4H. Projects, animals, fairs, science and friends.....the opportunities are endless with 4H“

**WE ARE WORKING TO GET THE SKATING RINK
UP AND READY. PLEASE BE PATIENT**

CORRESPONDENCE

The following items were received and reviewed at the January meeting. Anyone wishing to read this correspondence, or seeking more information, may do so by calling the clerk at 721-3991.

1. From St. Louis County, Planning and Community Development Dept – Final decision on variance hearing for Shawn Webster
2. From Minnesota Pollution Control Agency – Letter announcing comment period on proposed amendments to MN Rules, Chapters 7050 (Water Quality Standards for Protection of Waters of the State.)
3. From St. Louis County, Planning and Community Development Dept – Variance request for Jim Jantzen for lake setback.
4. From Lake Country Power – Letter on district meeting locations and dates

NEW FREE LIBRARY - TAKE A BOOK, LEAVE A BOOK

Thanks to Walter Rapp and Clay Cich, the township now has a free library right at the Fredenberg Community Center. It is a little house attached to the new Fredenberg sign on the end closest to the Center entrance. All are welcome to take a book to enjoy. No need to sign anything! You can also leave books there to share with others. The goal is to have books available for all ages and to see a constant replenishment of good reads. Thanks also to the Dam Divas Book Club which has volunteered to keep an eye on our new library. Check it out today!

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED CLASSES HELD AT THE
FREDENBERG COMMUNITY CENTER

CHECK OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

Wear comfortable clothes and bring a mat. Pay per class or
purchase a punch card. For more info call Anita at 729-0450

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Yoga Instructor: Anita Anderson \$5 per class.

Wednesdays - 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Instructor: Sandy Rock for all classes listed below:

Monday

Cardio 7:00 – 8:00 am

Wednesday

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Thursday

Cardio /Toning 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Friday

Cardio 7:00 – 8:00 am

Saturday

Cardio/Toning 8:00 - 9:00 am

Come work out with other motivated community members—men
and women. Suggested class donation is \$3, but is not required.

Have an idea, suggestions for a different type of exercise or time?
Call Anita Anderson and let her know. 729-0450

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Curl up with a
good book to-
day!

Former Fredenberg Chapel begins life anew!

Don't forget the old chapel has opened its
doors. They celebrated Christmas services
this year and continue to grow. Stop by on a
Monday evening 6:30 - 8pm to visit and get
to know more!

Got questions?

Call Pastor Josh (763)218-3707 or
Gordy Mesdahl (218) 391-6702



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before you ski to familiarize yourself with the system. Much information about
the trails can be found at

<https://biskeypondskitrails.wordpress.com>

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Checks can be sent to: FREDENBERG FLYERS SKI CLUB at
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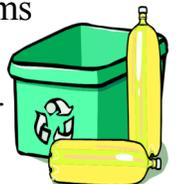
If you are not on the ski club email list but would like to
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please contact Joan Sutliff via phone or text at 348-3905 or
email her at sutliff@cpinternet.com



RECYCLING NEWS

WLSSD now has a
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will be cardboard, news-
papers and paper but
items do not need to be
segregated. Any dump-
ster can be used for
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for the other.



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will now be the  
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Wednesday of  
the month.at  
7PM. The first  
Wednesday will  
be constant, the  
third will be held  
unless posted  
otherwise on the  
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