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(email is slow and NOT recommended)

TOWN BOARD ACTIONS

The February meeting was called to order at 7:0pm by Chairman Jeff Blix - 9 individuals joined the board in the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes were approved with three typed corrections in the regular minutes and none in the Reorg and Budget/Salary meetings. The correspondence was reviewed and bills paid in the amount of \$31,265.30. Reports were made by the various department heads.

The clerk reported a busy month with various reports and certifications to file. She asked that everyone check their W-2s for the correct social so she can finish filing them. She reported that she has been working with the treasurer to complete the reconcile on the books. She spent a lot of time talking to several individuals, one from a neighboring township about township functions. We had 2 conceal and carry classes and will be hosting both the Democratic and Republican caucuses in March. She reminded the board of items needed to compile the Annual Report.

The treasurer was not present but had his monthly reconciliation report available. Total funds available as of 13 January are \$422,834.07, which included the \$80,000 in CD.s the township holds.

The Road Foreman patchy bad roads due mostly to the crazy weather and how the plows are getting out. There hasn't been enough snowfall to see if the spot on E. Birch Acres Rd.makes a difference

when he plows, but as he is driving a truck rather than a grader, the consensus is that it probably won't. The patch done on the Bear Island Road last fall is settling—probably due to frost heaving. A new process was used to fill it so we will see what happens when spring arrives. The speed limit sign on Bear Island Road also looked to be a victim of the snow plow.

Fire Department - had a busy January with 3 medical, 1 mutual aid medical, 2 fires and a mutual aid fire calls. Members attended training and the Arrowhead EMS Conference and Expo at the DECC. New gear lockers were purchased and installed as well as a new radiator for the rescue truck. The department prepared for their Insurance Services review.

Nothing from Law Enforcement or the Cemetery

Parks & Rec - the rink attendant has been doing a great job getting the rink ready.....and then the weather screws it all up. He has hours posted for when the skating shack and rink will be attended.

Community Center - the zone is still not heating correctly in the board room, but as long as we open the doors prior to meetings it will be fine.

Recycling Center - the attendants have decided against having a new window installed, so the clerk will submit the improvement grant for just the streetlight at the entrance.

Other Meetings - Supervisor Jeff Blix attended the Reservoir

Riders business meeting.

Under Old Business: - Ordinance - Mark Toms read just the revised sections of the ordinance. The board set a new Public Hearing for February 17 from 7-8pm in the basement.

Shredding Day - have made some initial phone calls, but have nothing definite at this time.

Website - the clerk has several resources for a new website, so she will begin work on that

Hall rental fees— the clerk apprised the board of surrounding townships prices. They will take it under advisement and item was tabled.

Under New Business: Resolution #16-001 Concerning the moral character of business owners with beer/liquor licensees - passed.

Request from Residents- the board has decided that a form will be created to streamline the process and to create a paper trail. The admin policy adopted already allows for charges for information requests, but this will allow residents to give a written request to the board for information and a reply with the information back in a more timely manner.

Harassment - Belle Littler came to the board to let them know she had been ordered off the trail in recent weeks while walking her dog to allow dogsleds through. She also stated she had been contacted by law enforcement over some of the confrontations. She will be filing formal complaints and wanted the board to know of her actions and asked if they were prepared to back their intentions with regard to the park. Deb Pawlowicz asked if the rules and regulations for the park had been posted.

With no further business, we adjourned at 8:30pm

Happy
Valentines
Day

CORRESPONDENCE

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

1. From Minnesota LTAP – Newsletter
2. PERA Association - Newsletter
3. From Lake Country – Postcard on efficiency and rebates
4. From St. Louis County Planning and Community Development Department – Letter in response to copy of a letter sent to PEO on trespassing
5. **Email** - From Individual seeking permission to shoot off fireworks at the Vintage Run the end of February.

Learn to Shoot Safely

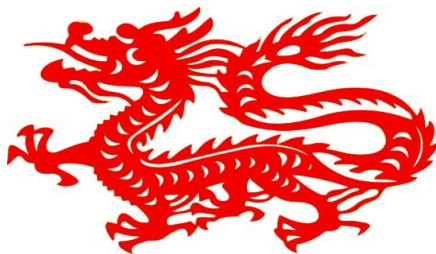
The Northwestern Gun Club invites all youth and their parents to join them at the range on East Hunter Lake Rd the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month.



Event is free of charge.

For

more info, contact Gordy Adams at 590-2926.



Happy Chinese New Year!

We welcome the
Year of the Monkey
on February 8th

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UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED
CLASSES HELD AT THE
FREDENBERG COMMUNITY
CENTER

CHECK OUR FACEBOOK PAGE
Exercise classes - wear comfortable clothes and bring a mat. Pay per class or purchase a punch card. The card will be kept at the Community Center.

For more info call Anita at
729-0450 more info.

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GROUP EXERCISE

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Tues/Thursdays 7:00 - 8:00 am



Arrowhead Bookmobile

Stops at the Fredenberg
Community Center from
1:15 - 1:45

Mar 7

**No February date due to
President's Day**

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or 1-800-257-1442



**Curl up with a
good book
today!**



Monday, February 01, 2016

The Saturday melt and Saturday night freeze created extremely icy trails on Sunday. John has been hard at work - grooming both Sunday and today. He got rid of most if not all of the "ice glaze".

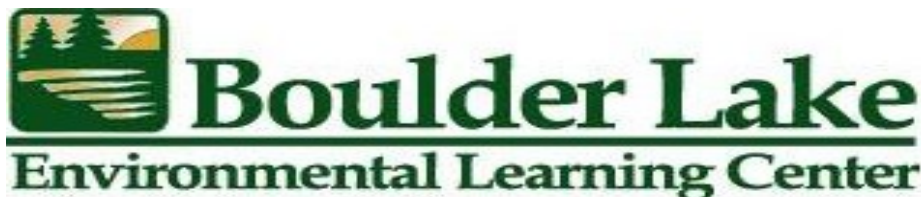
SKIING IS GREAT AT BISKEY

Curious which direction to go once on the trails? The trails ski clockwise with the exception of the loop on Wolf Run that flows counterclockwise. The paper maps at the trailhead have directional on them. Trail signage marking these directions will be incorporated in the future.

Overflow parking is available at the dam just beyond the ski trail parking lot. If you park at the dam you can put your skis on just across the road where you will find the groomer's tracks parallel to the road. They lead you to the trailhead.

Contributions for our volunteer maintained trail system are always welcome and put to good use. Checks can be sent to: FREDENBERG FLYERS SKI CLUB: at 5325 Fish Lake Dam Road Duluth, MN 55803. If you are not on the ski club email list but would like to be, and for all other inquiries, please contact Joan Sutliff at 721-5045 or email her at sutliff@cpinternet.com

We have the best trails in the area!



How about one last winter fling before spring hits us?

Check out the
Polar Vortreks Winter Adventure 3K Fun Run
Saturday March 12, 2016 10:00 a.m.

Cost is \$40, but there are lots of events to enjoy:
Space is limited!

Crazy fun! Fire building challenge, 200' tube slide, snowball slingshots, snowman building challenge, tree pull, and more.

All proceeds support outdoor education and recreation at Boulder Lake Environmental Learning Center.

Family Fun - (Ages 8 and up) - Ages 8-16 must be accompanied by adult throughout adventure.

For more info or to register, email jdgeiss@d.umn.edu or call 721-3731; They are located at 7328 Boulder Dam Rd, Duluth, MN 55803

GROUNDS NEWS

Just a reminder the warming shack is open 4 hours a week with an attendant as posted on the warming shack door. For any other times the shack will only be open when there is a responsible individual (over the age of 18) in attendance to check out the key.

The sledding hill located on the corner of W. Pioneer and Lavaque Roads has been seeing a lot of use this year. Recently there were some snowmobiles seen in the area. While parking at the bottom of the hill isn't a problem, please don't use the hill to run your sleds up and down on.

We ask that everyone keep the shack and grounds tidy at both places. Remember that the rink and hill are for the enjoyment of all, so please share.

Thank you!

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Worship Schedule

Sundays - 10:30 am

Praise worship with Holy Communion
Coffee Fellowship following the service

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February 10<sup>th</sup> - Ash Wednesday Service - 5:30 pm  
Weekly Wednesday Lenten Services - 5:30 pm  
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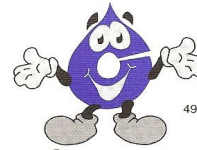
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Fish Lake Vintage Snowmobile Show and Go

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Saturday February 27th

Registration starts 9am

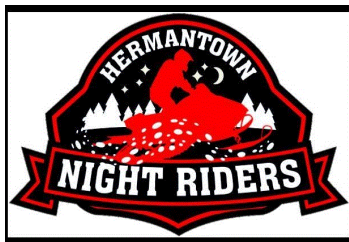
Ride at noon

Prizes awarded at 4pm

\$10 entry fee gets multiple chances to win raffle prizes.

1st & 2nd place trophies to vintage sleds, ATV's and UTV's that enter and complete the ride.

**Coffee, hot chocolate, hot dogs, brats and more will be available
And don't miss the fireworks display that will cap off the event.**



Call Jim at 390-0228 or Buddy at 343-2583 for more info or check them out on Facebook or

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JUST A REMINDER:

IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER THE RECYCLING CENTER WILL BE CLOSED OR CLOSE EARLY IF THE SITUATION WARRANTS IT.

Also newsletter will go out one week later next month to allow for the Annual Meeting.

2015 FREDENBERG-GNESEN CBC COUNT

chickadee black capped	534
chickadee boreal	5
crossbills red	2
crossbills White winged	2
crow American	57
dove rock	58
eagle bald	26A/ 1lcw
goldeneye common	66
grosbeak pine	13
grouse ruffed	4
hawk sharp shinned	2
jay blue	15
jay gray	6
kinglet goldencrowned	1
Mallard	1cw
merganser common	2cw
nuthatch red breasted	95
nuthatch white breasted	8
raven common	108
redpoll common	100/7cw
shrike Northern	2
siskin	1cw
solitaire Townsend	1
sparrow white throated	1
starlings european	13
turkey wild	8
woodpecker downy	33
woodpecker hairy	17
woodpecker pileated	7
woodpecker three toed	3

Totals:
39 bird species
1,199 total birds—
including 12
cw birds.

Notes:

Also spotted were 2 porcupine and 3 red squirrels—one in a squirrel proof feeder!

Also of interest is the white throated sparrow which has been at the feeder all season.

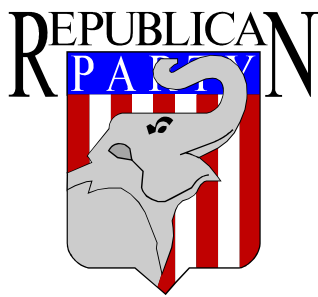
Many thanks to all who participated.

There will be a Public Hearing to allow for public review/comment on the revised and final draft of the park ordinance.

**Wednesday February 17, 2016 7-8pm
at the Community Center**

The purpose of the Ordinance is to secure the quiet, orderly, suitable use and enjoyment of public park reserves, town recreation areas, township-wide trail systems, wildlife sanctuaries, forest, historical sites and waysides established by Fredenberg Township and to further the safety, health, comfort and welfare of all persons in the use thereof. Anyone wishing to view the entire ordinance may do so at our official posting places or by requesting a copy from the clerk at 721-3991 (leave a message and info) or email at fredenbergtwp@aol.com

Please note time for this hearing is limited to 1 hour and will only address the ordinance as written



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Ever wonder how and why the political parties are represented by a donkey and an elephant?

Look below for the answers gotten from:

Author - Elizabeth Nix

Website Name -

Htory.com

Year Published—2015

Title:

How did the Republican and Democratic parties get their animal symbols?

URL:

<http://www.history.com/news/ask-history/how-did-the-republican-and-democratic-parties-get-their-animal-symbols>

Publisher A+E Networks

The Democratic Party's donkey and the Republican Party's elephant have been on the political scene since the 19th century. The origins of the Democratic donkey can be traced to the 1828 presidential campaign of Andrew Jackson. During that race, opponents of Jackson called him a jackass. However, rather than rejecting the label, Jackson, a hero of the War of 1812 who later served in the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate, was amused by it and included an image of the animal in his campaign posters. Jackson went on to defeat incumbent John Quincy Adams and serve as America's first Democratic president. In the 1870s, influential political cartoonist Thomas Nast helped popularize the donkey as a symbol for the entire Democratic Party.

The Republican Party was formed in 1854 and six years later Abraham Lincoln became its first member elected to the White House. An image of an elephant was featured as a Republican symbol in at least one political cartoon and a newspaper illustration during the Civil War (when "seeing the elephant" was an expression used by soldiers to mean experiencing combat), but the pachyderm didn't start to take hold as a GOP symbol until Thomas Nast, who's considered the father of the modern political cartoon, used it in an 1874 Harper's Weekly cartoon. Titled "The Third-Term Panic," Nast's drawing mocked the New York Herald, which had been critical of President Ulysses Grant's rumored bid for a third term, and portrayed various interest groups as animals, including an elephant labeled "the Republican vote," which was shown standing at the edge of a pit. Nast employed the elephant to represent Republicans in additional cartoons during the 1870s, and by 1880 other cartoonists were using the creature to symbolize the party.

Along with the donkey and elephant, the German-born Nast is associated with another political animal, the ferocious Tammany Tiger, which the crusading artist famously featured in an 1871 Harper's Weekly cartoon that attacked New York's William "Boss" Tweed and Tammany Hall, his corrupt political machine. Not all of Nast's work was about politics, though; he's also credited with creating the modern image of Santa Claus.

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Annual Meeting for the Town of Fredenberg
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in the basement of the Community Center
(In case of inclement weather, the meeting will be
moved to the following week, March 15th)*

*Reports from department heads, 2017 levy and
donation requests are on the agenda.*

*This meeting is your chance
to make your voice heard.*

Come help direct the future of your township.

The next board
meeting will be

Wednesday
March 2



7pm