



# Fredenberg Township News

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## FREDENBERG TOWNSHIP NEWS

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Editor Sherri Armstrong

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Jeff Blix, Supervisor	721-3194
Clay Cich, Chairman	590-5005
Debra Pawlowicz, Supervisor	721-4350
Walter Rapp, Vice Chair	721-3761
James Ray, Supervisor & Road Foreman	721-5201
Bill O'Brien, Treasurer	721-3864
Sherri Armstrong, Clerk	721-3991

## DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

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Virginia, MN 55729  
Nelsonk@co.st.louis.mn.us

## DEPARTMENTS

Fire Chief, Linda Bergstrand	349-2668
Recycling Center	721-3991
Assessor, County	726-2304
Town Hall	721-3991
FAX	721-3991
email	Fredenbergtpw@aol.com

## TOWN BOARD ACTIONS

The February meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Chairman Clay Cich - 17 individuals joined the board in the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes from last month were approved with two corrections. Correspondence was reviewed and bills paid in the amount of \$36,184.06. Reports were made by the various department heads.

The clerk continues to work on all of the year end reporting, she filed the recycling report and operating grant for 2017. She thanked those individuals who had turned in their reports for the annual meeting.

The treasurer gave his monthly reconciliation. Total funds available as of February 10 are \$430,023.68 which included the CD.s. The board gave him direction to turn our current 3 month CD into one of longer duration with a better interest rate.

The Road Foreman reported that the warm spell created quite a few potholes.

Fire Department responded to 5 medical calls and 1 mutual aid structure fire in Normanna Township.

Law Enforcement and Cemetery - nothing to report.

Parks & Rec - the rink is through for the season, the key to the snow-blower has gone missing.

Community Center - the hall is in the process of being painted and the carpeting and tile will be laid soon. There was talk of leaving the rreads on the back stair well for safety and the stage will remain downstairs, and the entire open area will be carpeted.

Jim Ray has been researching the boiler and found that the system should have been flushed prior to installing the new system and there are screens that can be installed to help collect any system debris. Curtis is coming back to flush the system again. The custodians will be working on the kitchen sink which took a beating when it was moved.

Recycling Center - WLSSD has asked that we track the customers still and keep an eye on the fullness of the containers.

**Other Meetings - none**

**Under Old Business:** - Lawsuit - the board is meeting with the lawyers tomorrow. Deb Pawlowicz will be meeting with them individually prior to that meeting with further info as a private citizen.

Clerk - Mary Skafte and Diane Palmstein both expressed an interest in the position and spoke to Clay Cich about it. As both women were present at the meeting they introduced themselves to the audience and were hired by the board. They plan on attending the next short course.

**Under New Business:** LBAE (Local Board of Appeals and Equalization)—will be held May3 from 1-2pm in the Board Room. A trained supervisor and quorum must be present. Currently Jeff Blix is the only certified board member.

Rex Greenwell - spoke on the research he had done on the law-  
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suit and where he felt the township stood with regards to it. He also stated he was starting his own newspaper and website of the township. With no further business, we adjourned this meeting 8:48pm.

## 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 Lake County Power – Letter of Capitol Credit Allocation
2. From St. Louis County, Planning and Community Development Dept. – Variance application for Jeffrey and Annette Benson, 6140 N Birch Acres Rd.
3. From SLATCO – Minutes from January 25<sup>th</sup> meeting
4. From City of Rice Lake – newspaper
5. From St. Louis County, Planning and community Development Dept. – Public Hearing notice for Jeffrey and Annette Benson, 6140 N Birch Acres Rd.
6. From St. Louis County, Planning and community Development Dept. – Public Hearing notice for Mary and Paul Ostman, 4792 Breezy Point Rd.
7. From National Night Out Headquarters – Fliers on this year's event

## RECYCLING NEWS

The inside the shed is for plastics, glass and cans. The outside dumpsters will be cardboard, news-papers and paper but items do not need to be segregated.

Hours for the shed are:

Wednesday 5-8pm

Saturday 9am—1pm

The Town of Fredenberg is looking for quotes from contractors for the 2017 season for road work and mowing. All interested parties should have their own equipment and be prepared to present a Certificate of Insurance prior to acceptance of any contract.

Road work includes 13.9 miles of township roads and will be under the direction of the township's Road Foreman.

Mowing will include the cemetery, community center and the area around the front of the fire hall every two weeks or as needed. At a minimum the cemetery would be expected to be mowed prior to the Memorial Holiday even if all other property areas need to wait.

Please call 721-3991 and leave a message with contact info if there are any questions .

Quotes must be submitted to the clerk at 5104 Fish Lake Rd. Duluth, MN 55803 or fredenbergtp@aol.com **no later than 31 March 2017 to be eligible for consideration.**

*The Community Center has had a face lift—  
come see the new paint and carpeting*

## ***Smoke Alarms Save Lives!***

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**American  
Red Cross**

Recently there have been many fires in the Northland that have had fatal consequences. In light of these statistics, Fredenberg Fire Department is partnering with the American Red Cross in their ***Smoke Alarms Save Lives!*** Program. Fire Department members will install new smoke alarms in any home in the community. This is a free grant-funded program that provides high quality 10-year lithium ion battery smoke alarms to everyone who needs them. Please visit the website [www.getasmokealarm.org](http://www.getasmokealarm.org) to register for an appointment. They will do a walk through of your home to decide the best placement and number of alarms you need. They will also replace any alarms that are over 5 years old. Remember - if a fire starts in your home you only have as little as 2 minutes to escape. Please test your smoke alarms monthly and practice your fire escape plan.



**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**

**PAY AT THE DOOR AT RESERVOIR RIDERS**

**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**

**Tuesday**

**Cardio 5:30 pm (thru the end of March)**

**Wednesday**

**Cardio 7:00 – 8:00 am**

**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

**Arrowhead Bookmobile**

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

**Mar 20 Apr 10**

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or 1-800-257-1442



**Curl up with a  
good book to-  
day!**

**Proposed 2018 Levy**

General Fund	\$46,500.00
Township Buildings	67,000.00
Fire Department	65,000.00
Cemetery	1,500.00
Parks & Rec	10,000.00
Road & Bridge	150,000.00
Bond Repayment	61,000.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$401,000.00</b>

**What Can I do at the Annual Meeting as a member of the Audience?**

The annual meeting is a meeting of the town residents, not the town board. Town board members may vote as residents, and may make motions, provide information, etc., but supervisors can not legally take actions as the town board. Only eligible voters have the right to make motions and vote on actions at the Annual Meeting.

The board proposes a levy, but it is approved by the electors. As a general rule, the town board can not modify the levy after the voters have approved it at the annual meeting.

Making contributions to certain organizations. Is governed by statute and provides that the electors may authorize the town board to contract with a nonprofit organization for health, social, or recreational services not to exceed \$10,000. If approved, the town board is not mandated to enter into such a contract if it feels that it is not in the best interest of the township.

The process to open, vacate, or alter a township road can begin at the annual meeting. The approval of the proposed road opening, vacation, or alteration by the voters, however, does not actually establish a new road or alter or vacate an existing township road. This allows for bypassing a petition for these actions, but the rest of the process remains the same..

Minn. Stat. § 365.10 provides the general list of items that residents have the authority to take action on at the annual town meeting. The electors' power is generally limited to authorizing the town board to act and does not extend to requiring the town board to do something just because it is supported by the attendees of the meeting. There are a few assorted statutes that may require the town board to take certain action based on the outcome of a vote at the annual town meeting, or because of a ballot question approved at the election held on the same day as the town meeting, but these provisions are far and few between. This is still the best forum to make your voice heard for the future of your township.



## ADVERTISEMENTS

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APRIL 23

Doug Freeman, CRS, GRI  
The Freeman Team

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### Waters of Life Lutheran Church

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#### Worship Schedule

**Sundays – 10:00 am**

Praise worship with Holy Communion  
Coffee Fellowship following the service

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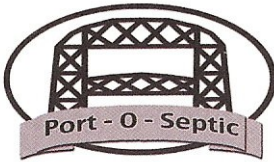


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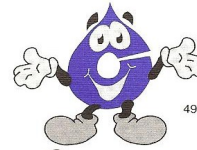
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Please make arrangements with the clerk ahead of time. Questions call 721-3991.

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*You are cordially invited to attend the  
Annual Meeting for the Town of Fredenberg  
to be held on Tuesday, March 14 2017, 7 pm  
in the basement of the Community Center  
(In case of inclement weather, the meeting will be  
moved to the following week, March 21st)*

*Reports from department heads, 2018 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

April 5



7pm