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Jeff Blix, Supervisor	721-3194
Clay Cich, Supervisor	590-5005
Debra Pawlowicz, Supervisor	721-4350
Walter Rapp, Vice Chair	721-3761
James Ray, Chair & Road Foreman	721-5201
Bill O'Brien, Treasurer	721-3864
Diane Palmstein, clerk	721-3991
Mary Skafte, deputy 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
Email	Fredenbergtp@aol.com
Website	Fredenberg.org

## JANUARY 3, 2018 TOWN BOARD ACTIONS

The monthly meeting was CALLED TO ORDER at 7:00 pm by Chair Jim Ray. Walter Rapp, Clay Cich, Deb Pawlowicz & Jeff Blix were present, also treasurer and town clerks. 9 individuals stood with the Board to recite the Pledge of the Allegiance. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Reviewed by Board, 1 correction under Treasurers Report: Bear Island Road Project, \$48,813.79 deposited into township checking account. Jeff Blix made motion to accept minutes with corrections, Clay Cich seconded. **MOTION PASS UNANIMOUSLY.** TREASURER'S REPORT: Payment from St. Louis County made in December. CD had \$10,000.00 added and was rolled over for 19 month term at .08% interest. Presented monthly reconciliation of township funds available \$579,639.97 as of 12/12/17. CORRESPONDENCE: 20 items received and reviewed by Board, 2 mail and 18 e-mail. REVIEW OF BILLS: No corrections, Jeff Blix made motion to accept checks #9130 to 9148, totaling \$116,734.89, Clay Cich seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Mary Skafte also provided total quarterly salary expenses for last quarter 2017 (per MAT recommendation) for \$9,382.36.

**REPORTS**: **Clerk** –working on Web site, specifically the Fire Department and pictures of town hall rentals, having issues with our computer programs being old and outdated and not compatible versions used, requested to look for new office and treasurer computers, will check what other townships use and recommend. All new toilet and paper towel dispenser in but custodians will use up surplus of old supplies first. Requesting annual reports for Annual Meeting to clerks by Feb. 1, reminder will be sent out. **Road Report** – quiet month, no road work done. County and State have been contacted about signage/barriers for causeway on Bear Island Road, no decision made. **Fire Department** – responded to 5 calls in December, including 1 mutual aid structure fire and 4 medical calls. Initial flooding of skating rink done (5000 gallons). Members paid last respects to Vern Anderson, a charter member of the department, firefighters served as casket honor guards, escorts and participated in final tolling of the bell and siren send off. Reminder to check smoke alarms and Carbon Monoxide (CO) detectors in home, cabin & ice fishing houses, do maintenance on furnaces and boilers, do not run generators or grills in attached garages and PLEASE check on welfare of home-bound neighbors. Smoke alarms and installation still available at [www.getasmokealarm.org](http://www.getasmokealarm.org). Call Linda Bergstrand at 218-349-2668 for more information. Fire Department contract with Township presented but error found and clerk will return for correction to Fire Department and present again at February meeting. **Law Enforcement** - nothing **Cemetery** – nothing

**Parks & Rec** – rink flooded, rink attendant working. Light timer and heater are running. Consulted with Steve Fenske/MAT attorney regarding signage at Township Park, nothing is legally required. Jim Ray will put together possibilities/ideas for signage and present to Board in the future but with winter temperatures/weather it will not be changed right now. **Community Center** –furnace specs were presented, discussion about our current system and needs, also water was tested and within standards. Only 2 quotes were submitted, the Board felt because more contractors came and assessed the furnace that they should be contacted about submitting a quote. Jeff Blix made a motion to have Jim Ray contact contractors that came and looked at our unit and find out if they were going to submit a quote, if so quotes would be extended for 1 more month, if not then the lowest quote will be accepted if it meets all requirement/specs by Jim Ray. Deb Pawlowicz seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** **Recycle Center** – an extra dumpster will be left at center because of need. Letter of resignation from Gordy Jensen, attendant presented. Deb Pawlowicz contacted MAT about filling vacancy and in accordance with regulations, a person can be hired without posting, Fran Williams would like the position. Deb Pawlowicz made motion to hire Fran Williams as recycle attendant to replace Gordy Jensen immediately, Jeff Blix seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Fran Williams was present and accepted, there are some dates she has conflicts, but it will be worked out with staff and Deb Pawlowicz. There is a WLLSD attendant education on Monday, January 15, 2018 to comply with our grant requirements and Connie will attend.**Other Meetings** – none

OPEN FORUM: no one

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Township Comprehensive Plan, meeting set for Monday January 8, 2018 at 7pm
- B. Broadband Update: no new information but a Public Informational meeting will be held
- C. Fredenberg Lake Road & Birch Acres Road Improvement Project: Resolution 18-001 Approving Plans and Specifications and Ordering Advertisement for Bids for Fredenberg Lake Road Project presented, Clay Cich made motion to adopt resolution, Jim Ray seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Resolution 18-002 Approving Plans and Specifications and Ordering Advertisement for Bids for Birch Acres Road and Usiak Road Project presented. Clay Cich made motion to adopt resolution, Deb Pawlowicz seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Advertising for bids will be placed in Duluth News Tribune on January 9, 16 & 23, 2018 with bid opening at 10am on Jan. 30, 2018, they will also be advertised at an on-line site. SEH will present bids at Feb. 7, 2018 Town Board meeting.
- D. Hi-Banks CUP: nothing submitted

NEW BUSINESS:

A. WLLSD grant application: received grant information, needs to be submitted by Feb. 28, 2018. Clay Cich made motion for clerks to complete application and submit, Deb Pawlowicz seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. PEO letter from their attorney, Jared M. Goerlitz: Board requested PEO settlement, which clerk provided, they reviewed. Board has no objections and intend on following the intent and terms of the settlement agreement. Clerks to inform Steve Overom/ attorney so he can submit this response.

ADJOURNMENT: Jeff Blix made motion to adjourn meeting, Jim Ray seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

**The Annual Budget meeting and Salary Review Meeting** was called to order at 8:50pm by Board Chair, Jim Ray. Bill O'Brien, treasurer presented packet to each board member of Cash Basis of Accounting for 2017, which was reviewed, and questions answered. Books for 2017 will be closed out by the end of January. Reviewed also: expenses for 2017 by fund, budget for 2018 and possible budget for 2019. Wages were presented for board members and township employees. Clay Cich made a motion to accept wage changes listed in #3, Walter Rapp seconded. 4 YEA 0 NAY 1 ABSTAIN (Jim Ray).

#3 -Changes made:

additional hours for supervisor to \$15.00/hour

additional hours for treasurer to \$19.00/hour

clerks to \$19.00/hour

custodian to \$14.00/hour

recycle attendant to \$14.00/hour

rink attendant to \$12.00/hour

road foreman to \$17.00/hour

Jim Ray made motion to adjourn meeting, Clay Cich seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, meeting-closed at 9:25 pm.

The **ANNUAL REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING** was **CALLED TO ORDER** at 9:26 pm. Board members present: Jeff Blix, Clay Cich, Deb Pawlowicz, Walter Rapp, Jim Ray. Also present were: Bill O'Brien/treasurer, Mary Skafte & Diane Palmstein/clerks. **SELECT A CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR:** The board elected Jim Ray as Chair and Jeff Blix as Vice Chair **ADOPT A SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:** The monthly meeting will continue the first Wednesday of the month, the board will continue with a second monthly meeting on the third Wednesday of the month, that meeting will then be posted in the required time and place and cancelled if it isn't needed. The meetings for the Board of Audit, Budget and Salary Review and Reorganizational meeting were also set. **DESIGNATE AN OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER AND POSTING PLACES:** The Duluth News Tribune will remain our official newspaper. The encased bulletin board outside of the Town Hall and Recycling Center are the official posting places. **DESIGNATE A TOWN BANK:** Township will remain with Wells Fargo for our financial business. **PRICE OF CEMETERY:** remain the same **NEWSLETTER:** remain with Proprint for production **AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY:** Areas of responsibility: Jeff Blix – road & bridge, Jim Ray – fire department & parks and rec, Clay Cich – public safety & community center, Deb Pawlowicz – recycle center & parks & rec and Walter Rapp – cemetery. **TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY:** Steve Overom of Maki & Overom will remain legal counsel. **FACILITY RENTAL FEES:** increase in fees and deposits as listed

**Resident: Town Hall**

Large gathering	\$100.00 + \$100.00 cleaning deposit
Small gathering	\$40.00 + \$100.00 cleaning deposit
Upstairs classrooms	\$30.00 + \$50.00 cleaning deposit

**Non Resident: Town Hall**

Large gathering	\$200.00 + \$100.00 cleaning deposit
Small gathering	\$50.00 + \$50.00 cleaning deposit

Clay Cich made motion to accept rental fee changes, Jim Ray seconded. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**  
Old Firehall – no change in agreement with Tommy Archer

Adjournment: Jeff Blix made motion to adjourn meeting, Deb Pawlowicz seconded. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**  
Meeting adjourned at 9:50pm.

***CORRESPONDENCE:  
TO READ OR  
MORE INFORMATION,  
CONTACT  
CLERK AT 218-721-3991***

*Fredenberg Township  
&  
Fire Department  
would like to extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Vern Anderson, who recently passed away. He served our community as a charter member of the Fredenberg Volunteer Fire Department and held several offices during his service to our community. He will be deeply missed. Thanks to Vern's family for being so gracious to share Vern with the Community.*

**UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED CLASSES HELD AT THE  
FREDENBERG COMMUNITY CENTER  
*CHECK OUR FACEBOOK PAGE***

**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: \$4/class**

**Monday YOGA 8:15 am (Sandy C., \$5 /class)**

**Monday**

**Cardio/Toning/Core 7:00 am**

**Tuesday**

**Cardio/Toning/Core 5:30 pm**

**Wednesday**

**30/30 Cardio & Core 7:00am**

**Wednesday & Friday**

**Toning/Core (no cardio) 8:10 am**

**Thursday YOGA 8:15am (Sandy C., \$5/class)**

**Friday**

**Step/Toning/Core 7:00 am**

**Toning/Core (no cardio) 8:10 am**

**Saturday**

**Cardio/Toning/Core 8:00 am**



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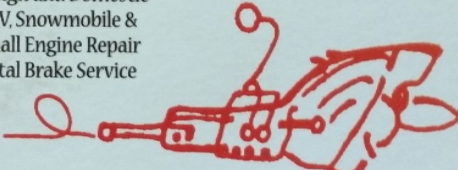
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starting at 9 a.m.*


*Quilting, knitting, scraping, a good time to work on unfinished projects.  
Please bring a snack or dish to share.*

*We are asking \$5/person to cover the rental cost of the town hall.*

*Any questions, please contact  
Vicki Scheer at [l.lv.quilting2@gmail.com](mailto:l.lv.quilting2@gmail.com)*



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**RECYCLING NEWS**

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Hours for the Center are:  
 Wednesday 5-8pm  
 Saturday 9am to 1pm

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**THE ANNUAL FREDENBERG TOWN MEETING  
IS SCHEDULED FOR  
TUESDAY - MARCH 13, 2018  
AT 7 PM  
AT THE FREDENBERG TOWN HALL**

(This is a correction from posting for 2017 on posting sites for community as Annual Meeting is the second Tuesday in March each year)

**TOWN HALL / COMMUNITY CENTER RENTALS**  
Just a reminder that the Town Hall and two upstairs classrooms are a perfect place to hold an event. Kitchen facilities are available, tables/chairs and handicap accessible.

Just contact the clerks at  
218-721-3991  
for information  
Fredenberg residents rent at reduced cost.

**The next town board  
meeting will be  
Wednesday  
January 17, 2018  
7pm  
Followed by  
Board of Audit  
  
Wednesday  
February 7, 2018  
7pm**