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December 5, 2018 TOWN BOARD ACTIONS

The monthly meeting was **CALLED TO ORDER** at 7:00 pm by Chair Jim Ray. Also, present were: Jeff Blix, Clay Cich, Deb Pawlowicz & Walter Rapp, Mary Skafte & Diane Palmstein, clerks, also present, Bill O'Brien, treasurer was absent. 9 individuals stood with the Board to recite the Pledge of the Allegiance. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** November 7, 2018 Town Board Minutes reviewed by Board, Jim Ray made a motion to accept minutes without correction, Jeff Blix seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Presented monthly reconciliation, funds available as of 11/13/18: \$345,530.61 which includes \$150,000.00 in CD's. Mary Skafte presented information from Todd Hagen at Ehlers regarding reinstatement of bond rating from S&P Global, there is a fee involved and Ehlers is cost sharing as they felt partly responsible for the issues, so Township will be invoiced for \$3000.00 not the original \$5000.00. **CORRESPONDENCE:** total: 9 6 mail and 3 e-mails were received and reviewed by the Board. **REVIEW OF BILLS:** No corrections. Jeff Blix made motion to accept check #9457-9488, totaling \$51,422.20. Deb Pawlowicz seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Jim Ray & Jeff Blix commented on snowplowing amount, snow has been less than 2 inches at times, Jim Ray will contact Mark Toms about plowing at 2 inches and Jim contacting him for plowing if less and there is an event at Town Hall. Clerks will follow up with letter to him. **REPORTS:** **Clerk** – Resolution 18-025, Designating Annual Polling Place reviewed, Clay Cich made motion to accept Resolution 18-025, Deb Pawlowicz seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Clerks received information on reinstatement of Fredenberg Local Board of Appeal & Equalization in 2019, currently 4 Supervisors are certified also, St. Louis County requires resolution to reinstate, Resolution 18-026 To Reinstate Local Board of Appeal & Equalization reviewed, Deb Pawlowicz made motion to accept Resolution 18-026, Jim Ray seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Request by Fredenberg Community Exercise group, Sandy Rock/rep read to Board for up to \$200.00 for new equipment as program has grown so much, equipment will be ordered through clerks, Clay Cich made a motion to order up to \$200.00 of exercise equipment for Township, Jeff Blix seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** ARDC letter for voting new commission member presented but Board opted not to reply. **Road Report** – FYI County will plow County Roads first before doing any Township Roads. Work done on curve on Fredenberg Lake Road completed. Dahlberg Road: County notified Township that a driveway is being put in at turn around, Jim Ray will meet with owner of property to resolve but it may require Township to have fill brought in.

Fire Department – responded to 7 medical calls and one fire call, which involved power lines down on Bear Island Road after a boom truck traveled with boom extended. Dept provided traffic control for MN Power to repair damage. Also Dept. worked on discarding old fire hoses and flooded skating rink. A flyer present regarding Holiday season safety. **Cemetery** – now closed **Parks & Rec** – rink flooding continues slowly, will look at a better hydrant/hose system for next year. Warming shack addition beginning this week. Received an email from Steve Overom/Township Attorney from PEO Attorney regarding trails and easement from MN Power, Jim Ray will talk to Reservoir Riders as trails are the Clubs responsibility. Board does not wish to respond to PEO as mediated settlement is in place. Also, Board requests Steve Overom be informed that Township does not wish to incur any further attorney fees from him regarding PEO and/or their attorney and PEO should contact Township directly. **Community Center** – significant response from residents about starting new activities at Town Hall. Mahjong started Tuesdays at 1 pm, wood crafting every third Wed. of month at 2 pm, Book Club every fourth Monday of month at 7pm, also Arrowhead Library System having a holiday music program on Monday, Dec. 10 at 2pm. Door locks are repaired, Walter Rapp insulated pump room and radiator on stairs making noise, hopefully will be solved soon. **Recycle Center** – running well, all bins were emptied by Thanksgiving. Looking into doing another 1 or 2 Hazardous Waste Days in Township and possibly a shredding day, Deb Pawlowicz will be getting more information. **Other Meetings-** Jim Ray and Clay Cich attended MAT conference at DECC in mid November. **OPEN FORUM:** letter from Patty Wheeler read aloud: thanking Jeff Blix for his service as a town supervisor. Noel Pearman offered kettle bells to exercise group for free as he is downsizing, clerks will inform Sandy Rock. **OLD BUSINESS:** Birch Acres Roads and Fredenberg Lake Road projects, all paperwork to St. Louis County was completed by 11/30/18 by clerks. On Dec. 4, 2018 at 4pm, Matt Bolf/SEH contacted clerks to inform them that he had discussion/negotiations with Northland Constructor regarding specs on road and cost of project was reduced, which in turn lowered assessment on each road. St. Louis County accepted new assessment amounts today for those who are being assessed over 10 years, resolutions will be presented at Dec. 19, 2018 meeting to refund residents who paid assessments to Township before 11/24/18: Fredenberg Lake Road parcels will be refunded \$215.74, Birch Acres Road only will be refunded \$122.23 and First 900ft will be refunded \$24.59. A letter of explanation will be included. Broadband: written update from Michael Coughlin read aloud. They are continuing to finish fiber placement and will do until end of Dec. then splicers will continue to be put in but some of work may need to be completed in the Spring. Century Link will notify Township when service can be provided. They will continue to clean up areas also, but weather and frost may be issue. Call Township office if you need to contact him with issues. **NEW BUSINESS:** Township Road request from Sunset Ridge Road & Amundson: Jim Ray and Lakehead Trucking inspected road and about half done but not up to Township Road standards currently. Clerks informed Board that Chris Vold/Road Rep. was contacted and given timeline and asked if road association had contacted MN Power about doing easement/conveyance of road to Township. There will be a second Board Meeting on Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at 7pm in Fredenberg Town Hall, Board Room which include Annual Budget and Salary Meeting. **ADJOURNMENT:** Jeff Blix made a motion to adjourn meeting, Jim Ray seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm

THE ANNUAL FREDENBERG CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT IS DECEMBER 29, 2018

Keep those bird feeders filled to invite in our feathered friends! If you're interested in helping count at your feeder, or in the field, call Frank at 218-591-0174 to get information to participate.

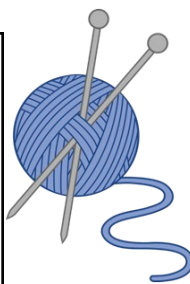
NEW, NEW, NEW 3RD WEDNESDAY OF MONTH

Fredenberg Woodcarvers & Hobby Group will begin meeting at the Fredenberg Town Hall, upstairs classroom.

From 2pm to 5pm

this month on December 19, 2018.

We want to invite everyone to come share and discover your talents.



Anyone interested in **TEACHING** a knitting or crocheting class? It could be set up at the Fredenberg Community Center and open to all in the community.

Call Clerks at 218-21-3991 or Email at Fredenbergtw@aol.com

BUSINESS OF THE MONTH
TBI RESIDENTIAL & COMMUNITY SERVICES
HOMES AND DAY PROGRAM LOCATED
IN FREDENBERG TOWNSHIP & NEIGHBORING TOWNSHIPS

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4:00 PM

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January 28, 2019
No Book Club in December Due to Holidays



The **Fredenberg No Shame & No Guilt Book Club** will be meeting the **FOURTH MONDAY OF** each month from 7-8 p.m. in the first upstairs classroom at the Fredenberg Town Hall. Dec./Jan.'s book is "A Man Called Ove" By Fredrik Backman, a charming & witty story of a curmudgeon of an old man who gets unexpected new neighbors. Backman is a noted Swedish writer. Please join us for book talk& treats. Everyone is welcome.

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

Cardio/Toning/Core 7:00 am

Tuesday

Cardio/Toning/Core 5:30 pm

Wednesday

30/30 Cardio & Core 7:00am

Toning/Core (no cardio) 8:10 am

Thursday

YOGA 9:00-10:00am (Claire, \$8/class)

Friday

Step/Toning/Core 7:00 am

Toning/Core (no cardio) 8:10 am

Saturday

Cardio/Toning/Core 8:00 am

**BROADBAND UPDATE
FROM MICHAEL COUGHLIN/CENTURY LINK**

Here is an update of what I know for the Broadband Project:

We will be continuing to finish the placement of the fiber. Where we placed the orange duct, we need to blow the fiber through and place pedestals. Once that is complete we will come through with splicers to splice the MST. We need to complete the splicing at the (3) new FSAI boxes located at the Townhall, East Cook Lake Road and Taft, and the final one at Lavaque and Usiak. MP&L should complete their work to make ready for the pole line that runs along Island Lake and feeds the Bear Island Road area. Once that is complete we can begin our process to attach the new fiber along that run. Once the fiber is attached we will need to splice in the MST locations at that area.

We are starting splicing along areas that the fiber and pedestals are placed in the NW corner of the Township. The splicers will follow along the route. Once the fiber is placed in the entire Township, we can then add more splicers along all routes. We anticipate having the fiber all placed by the end of December. The splicing will continue until complete.

We will notify areas in the Township once we are able to provide service. Keep in mind that some areas will be turned up first, there is no set route. We are working where fiber is placed and into pedestals.

CLEAN UP: As you know the ground has frozen. We will continue to clean up areas as we complete the work. Please understand that some cleanup will need to be complete in the Spring when thaw is complete. If there are areas of concern, please let us know. We will address everything that we can at this time and keep a running list of areas of concern. Then we will be back to complete in the Spring. Please keep in mind that I will catch as much as I see. If I have missed anything or it is felt that it needs more attention, then let us know.

Thanks for your assistance and patience while we complete this project in your Township.

****PLEASE CALL FREDENBERG TOWN OFFICE, 218-721-3991 AND REPORT CONCERNS AND CLERKS WILL GET IN TOUCH WITH CENTURY LINK.**

RECYCLING NEWS

The inside shed is for plastics, glass and cans.
The outside dumpsters are for cardboard, newspapers and paper. Cardboard needs to be segregated & has designated dumpsters.

Hours for the Center are:

Wednesday 5-8pm
Saturday 9am to 1pm

**Don't forget
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Our township website for
everything you need to know about what's
happening up here and more!

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

Put a **FREEZE** on Winter Holiday Fires

It's fun to decorate for the winter holidays, but holiday decorations can increase your risk for a home fire. As you deck the halls this season, be fire smart.



More than half of the home decoration fires in December are started by candles.



More than 1/3 of home decoration fires are started by candles.



The top 3 days for home candle fires are **Christmas Day, New Year's Day** and **New Year's Eve**.



Keep candles at least **12 inches** away from anything that burns.



Although Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they are dangerous.

On average, **1 of every 45** reported home Christmas tree fires resulted in death.



A heat source too close to the Christmas tree causes **1 in every 4** winter fires.



Read manufacturer's instructions for the number of light strands to connect.



Make sure your tree is **at least 3 feet away** from heat sources like fireplaces, radiators, space heaters, candles or heat vents. Also, make sure your tree does not block exits.



Get rid of your tree after Christmas or when it is dry.



For more information on how to prevent winter fires, visit www.usfa.fema.gov/winter and www.nfpa.org/winter.



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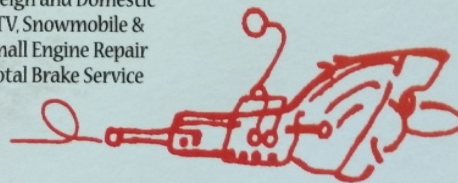
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Thank you to the community for supporting this wonderful event. Please give our local businesses your support throughout the coming year.

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BUDGET & SALARY REVIEW
MEETING AT FREDENBERG TOWN
BOARD ROOM AT 7 PM
ON WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER 19, 2018**

**NEXT FREDENBERG
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WEDNESDAY
January 2, 2018
AT 7:00PM
IN THE
FREDENBERG TOWN BOARD ROOM**