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FREDENBERG TOWNSHIP NEWS

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Editor Diane Palmstein & Mary Skafte

January 2, 2019 TOWN BOARD ACTIONS

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The monthly meeting was **CALLED TO ORDER** at 7:00 pm by Chair Jim Ray. Also, present were: Clay Cich, Deb Pawlowicz, Walter Rapp and Tim Wagner, Bill O'Brien, treasurer, Diane Palmstein, Clerk, Mary Skafte, clerk was absent. 10 individuals stood with the Board to recite the Pledge of the Allegiance. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** December 5, 2018 Town Board Minutes reviewed by Board, Jim Ray made a motion to accept minutes without correction, Deb Pawlowicz seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** December 19, 2018 meeting minutes and Annual Budget and Salary Meeting minutes reviewed by Board, one correction Old Business costs of \$17,605.50. Deb Pawlowicz made motion to accept minutes with correction, Clay Cich seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Presented monthly reconciliation, funds available as of 12/12/18, \$471,497.46 which includes \$150,000.00 in CD's, but doesn't include slightly over \$200,800.00 from pre-paid road assessments, as they were deposited on 12/20/18. Board directed Treasurer to reinstate bond rating for Township. Budget for 2018 Road and Bridge overspent and will remain as deficit for 2019 beginning budget, which will be available at Jan. 16, 2019 meeting. **CORRESPONDENCE:** 18 total: 5 mail and 13 e-mails were received and reviewed by the Board. **REVIEW OF BILLS:** No corrections. Walter Rapp made motion to accept check #9502-9518, totaling \$9,001.84, Deb Pawlowicz seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Clerk informed Board of check #9501 as voided because it got stuck to another check in printer. Invoice for Mark Toms plowing will be paid at Jan. 16, 2019 meeting. **REPORTS:** **Clerk** – Claims for refunds of road assessments will be going out in the next week. **SEH** check for January will be held until issue, an error on their part, is resolved. **Ron Soumela**, one of the last Township Constables passed away this week. **Road Report** – Dahlberg Road turnaround, Jim Ray met with property owner, it will be made wider and have a culvert put in, the Township may end up paying for some gravel but unsure currently. **Jeff Blix**, resident had issues with County plowing his road the last storm, Jim Ray will contact County and discuss. **Fire Department** – quiet month, 3 medical calls and 1 carbon monoxide check. Generator and SCBA compressor both received their annual service. Dept. is looking for new members, please contact at 218-721-3614 or visit on Thurs. at 7pm. Make sure you check your furnace and water heater vents and clear them of snow, covered vents cause inefficiency and can cause Carbon Monoxide to back up in your home. Check the batteries in your CO detectors also. **Cemetery** – now closed

Parks & Rec – busy month for rink attendant. New snowblower being worked on and may need major repair, got old snowblower going but had to replace belts to get it going. Shed is complete and being used, will vent buildings better in the spring. **Community Center** – continue to have groups use facility, see web site or newsletter for activities to join in. **Recycle Center** – very busy Christmas week, check for improvement to driveway in the mail. Deb Pawlowicz checked into Hazardous Waste Day for Fredenberg and will sign up in January, also possible medicine disposal day for Township and Shred and Go offering a discount and Township will try and set up a day. **Other Meetings-** Jim Ray and Clay Cich attended MAT conference in November and appeared on the cover of the magazine. Clerks will check into DAT meeting schedule but all meetings at Rice Lake Town Hall. OPEN FORUM: Mark Toms requested clarification on his plowing contract for Township, he asked for some discretion regarding 2inches before plowing because if snow is matted on blacktop it is difficult to clear and causes issues. Board clarified their concerns which were mainly from higher bill in Nov. when there seemed to be less snow. Mark also requested that recycle center have corners tapered by community garden and may need Lakehead to push large building snow piles back. Board agreed that Mark did not need to call to check if he should plow and use his discretion. OLD BUSINESS: **Birch Acres Roads and Fredenberg Lake Road projects:** Resolution 19-001 present, authorizing the issuance of a General Obligation Certificate of Indebtedness and Levying a Tax for Payment, Board reviewed, Jim Ray made a motion to accept Resolution 19-001, which authorizes the 2019 Certificate of Indebtedness of \$147,309.00, Deb Pawlowicz seconded. **YEA - 4 NAY - 0 ABSTAIN -1. MOTION PASSED.** Broadband: no current update, Clay Cich will call our contact. **Township Road request from Sunset Ridge & Amundson Roads:** no representative present, no new information. NEW BUSINESS: none. Jim Ray recognized Jeff Blix for his many years of service on the Fredenberg Town Board, Jeff Blix present and acknowledged. ADJOURNMENT: Jim Ray made a motion to adjourn meeting, Clay Cich seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Meeting adjourned at 7:59pm

The Annual Reorganizational meeting was CALLED TO ORDER at 8:00pm by Board Chair, Jim Ray. Present were: Clay Cich, Deb Pawlowicz, Walter Rapp, Tim Wagner, supervisors, Bill O'Brien/ Treasurer, Diane Palmstein/Clerk and 10 residents. The Pledge of Allegiance was completed at the Monthly Meeting prior to this meeting.

SELECT A TOWN CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR: Clay Cich nominated Jim Ray as chair, Walter Rapp seconded.

YEAS 4 NAYS 0 ABSTAIN 1, Board elected Jim Ray as Board Chair and by flip of a coin, Clay Cich as Vice Chair.

ADOPT A SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS: The Board will continue with 2 x monthly meeting schedule, the first and third Wednesday of the month, cancelled second meetings will be posted at Township sites per MN Statute. A schedule of meetings/dates will also be posted for the year.

DESIGNATE AN OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER AND POSTING PLACES: Duluth News Tribune will be newspaper and Townhall and Recycle center posting boards will be official posting places.

DESIGNATE A TOWN BANK: Wells Fargo will remain township bank along with National Bank of Commerce, which township has a COI/loan with and CD.

PRICE OF CEMETERY LOTS: remain the same.

NEWSLETTER: Proprint will remain vendor for production of monthly newsletter.

AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY: Fire Dept: Tim Wagner, Parks & Rec: Jim Ray Recycle Center: Deb Pawlowicz Cemetery: Walter Rapp Road & Bridge: Jim Ray Community Center: Clay Cich.

TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY: Steve Overom of Law Duluth will remain legal counsel.

FACILITY RENTAL FEES (TOWN HALL & OLD FIRE HALL): no changes as they were adjusted last year.

ADJOURNMENT: Jim Ray made a motion to adjourn, Walter Rapp seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANI-**

**The Township would like to extend its sympathy to the family of
Ron Soumela, he passed away on Dec. 30, 2018. Ron served in many capacities
in Fredenberg Township. He was involved in our Fire Department, Town Constable, Road
Foreman and many other community service positions.**

**DID YOU KNOW THAT THERE IS A GROUP PLAYING MAHJONG EVERY TUESDAY
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**BUSINESS OF THE MONTH
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**DON'T FORGET
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 January 16, 2018.
We want to invite everyone to come share and discover your talents.

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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. 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
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Wednesdays - 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Instructor: Sandy Rock

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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

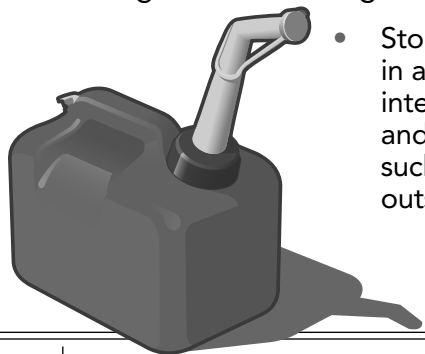
Cardio/Toning/Core 8:00 am



Generator Safety

Downed utility lines, power company blackouts, heavy snow falls or summer storms can all lead to power outages. Many people turn to a portable generator for a temporary solution without knowing the risks.

- Generators should be used in well ventilated locations outside at least 5 feet (1.5 metres) away from all doors, windows, and vent openings. Measure the 5-foot (1.5 metres) distance from the generator exhaust system to the building.
- Never use a generator in an attached garage, even with the door open.
- Place generators so that exhaust fumes can't enter the home through windows, doors or other openings in the building. The exhaust must be directed away from the building.
- Make sure to install carbon monoxide (CO) alarms in your home. Follow manufacturer's instructions for correct placement and mounting height.
- Turn off generators and let them cool down before refueling. Never refuel a generator while it is hot.



- Store fuel for the generator in a container that is intended for the purpose and is correctly labeled as such. Store the containers outside of living areas.

Just Remember...

When plugging in appliances, make sure they are plugged directly into the generator or a heavy duty outdoor-rated extension cord. The cords should be checked for cuts, tears and that the plug has all three prongs, especially a grounding pin.

If you must connect the generator to the house wiring to power appliances, have a qualified electrician install a properly rated transfer switch in accordance with the National Electrical Code® (NEC) and all applicable state and local electrical codes.

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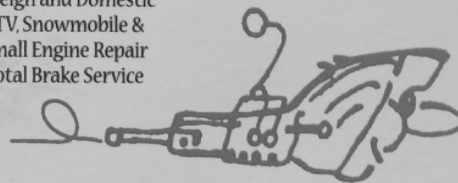
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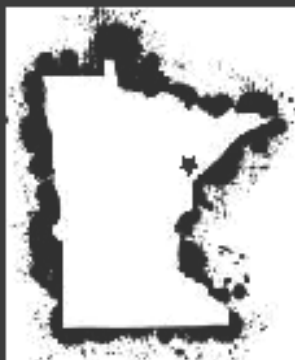
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2019 Fredenberg Board of Audit
will meet on
Wednesday, January 16, 2019
at 7:00pm
in the Fredenberg Town Boardroom

**NEXT FREDENBERG
TOWN BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY
February 6, 2019
AT 7:00PM
IN THE
FREDENBERG TOWN BOARD ROOM**