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## FREDENBERG TOWNSHIP NEWS

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## DECEMBER 4, 2019 TOWN BOARD ACTIONS

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The monthly meeting was CALLED TO ORDER at 7 pm by Chair Jim Ray. Also, present were: Deb Pawlowicz, Walter Rapp, Clay Cich, Tim Wagner. Mary Skafte & Diane Palmstein/clerks present, Bill O'Brien, Treasurer was present. 20 individuals stood with the Board to recite the Pledge of the Allegiance. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Nov. 6, 2019 meeting minutes reviewed by the Board, Jim Ray made motion to accept without corrections, Clay Cich seconded. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** TREASURER'S REPORT: as of 11/13/19 the check book is not reconciled as a correction is being made to investments in CTAs, there are 4 CD's totaling \$201,164.70. New ending balance of \$226,064.23. Road & Bridge only appears in the red because funding hasn't been received yet for the second half of the year. CORRESPONDENCE: 15 total: 6 mail and 9 e-mails were received and reviewed by the Board. REVIEW OF BILLS: No corrections. Jim Ray made motion to accept check # 9850 to 9862, totaling \$51,141.00. Deb Pawlowicz seconded. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** REPORTS: Clerk – Century Link account has been credited refund which will appear on next month billing. Monies owed Sherrie Armstrong can not be sent to State of MN Unclaimed Funds until she is notified of this check by certified mail over the period of 2 years, a certified letter was sent to her in Nov. MAT Attorney, Steve Fenske was contacted to clarify if Township is liable if snow fence not installed and informed, they are not. Also, he clarified that Board meetings can have date/day of meeting changed, with 5-day notice posted. Clerks were asked by residents why there is no AED at Town Hall, contacted Fire Dept. and units cost about \$1200.00 but grants may be available, Board directed clerks to get more information. Clerks contact Quinn Carlson at St. Louis County Auditor office and discussed payments of special Township road assessments, he stated the easiest process is to have it done down at their office as the Township would have to get payment information from them as there is accrued interest to pay, then payment would have to be entered from their office so it's off the tax statement. He also had not heard of issues or concerns from his office. Clerks will work on updating Township job descriptions for Board to review. Also spoke with school bus drivers regarding drop off spot for students if parking lot not plowed, the buses just move over to Minnow-ette to pick up or drop off. **Road Report** – Jim Ray reported that it took a couple of days for township roads to be plowed. ATV tore up end of Miller Lane that had just been repaired. Jeff Blix stated large piles of snow being left in driveways from Lavaque Road plowing by the County. **Fire Department**- responded to five medical call including one mutual aid. The yearly service & pump testing was completed on all trucks by Emergency Apparatus Maintenance. 2 members completed the 24-hour FEMA Incident Command System (ICS) 300 class. Department wants to

remind you the Holiday season is a dangerous time for house fires. Keep your smoke alarms & carbon monoxide detectors working and check batteries. If smoke alarms are more than 10 years old, consider getting new ones. The American Red Cross will provide new smoke alarms and the department will install free of charge. Visit [www.getasmokealarm.org](http://www.getasmokealarm.org) to register. A member of the department will call you to arrange an appointment to install. Half of holiday decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to heat source. It's fun to decorate for the winter holidays but it can increase your risk for a home fire. Deck the halls but be fire smart. Safety tips: Inspect lights, throw away strands with frayed or pinched wires, water your tree every day, consider using battery-operated flameless candles, if you do light candles make sure they are in stable holders and placed where they can't be knocked over. Reminder get your Fire Department Supporter Mugs for \$20 at the fire hall on Thursday evenings or at [fredenbergfd@aol.com](mailto:fredenbergfd@aol.com). A flyer on holiday safety will also go in the Township Newsletter. **Cemetery** – now closed. **Parks & Rec** - flooding will begin soon, A& T Pump Service installed a new pump for the rink and then informed Jim Ray that there was no charge. Lakehead Trucking plowed snow at the sliding hill parking area and pushed back banks at Town Hall. **Community Center**- Town Hall Garden Club put up the holiday decorations at the Town Hall. Breakfast with Santa is this Saturday. Carlson came and checked flow valves and adjusted them. **Recycle Center** – Deb Pawlowicz stated that the snowstorm over the weekend made operations difficult and recycling pick up will be delayed. She requested that the attendants contact her right away regarding issues of weather/closing... She also has contacted surrounding townships about cold weather policy and no written policies in place, she spoke with Lori Blais at WLSSD about this and she will speak to management about a blanket weather policy from WLSSD. Clerks directed to contact Lake County Power to have burnt out light fixed. Walter will make a "CLOSED" sign for Center. Deb Pawlowicz also asked Board about advertising for on call recycle attendant, several Board members volunteered to fill in if need be, so advertising wasn't warranted at this time. **Other Meetings**- Informational Meeting for possible paving of East Cook Lake Road, Jim Ray, Tim Wagner, Clay Cich and Walter Rapp attended. **OPEN FORUM**: Kathy Pearson voiced concerns about no snow fencing on Beaver River Road & Chesney Road. She had stated at Oct. meeting that her boys would put the fence up on their property, but Board members had concerns about Township liability, so by Nov. meeting it was too late. She had concerns about drifting and safety of residents on the road. County came to plow and had to use a grader. She would like the Board to reconsider having the snow fence installed next year. Patti Wheeler also spoke with Quinn Carlson with St. Louis County Auditor, she stated Fredenberg is the only Township that does assessments this way(payment through the County), but she was able to pay her assessment. **OLD BUSINESS**: Township Road Request for Amundson/Sunset Ridge: Clerks presented signed Right of Way Dedication from MN Power and Resolution 19-013 Establishing Amundson Road, Sunset Road East & Sunset Road West as Town Roads for Board to review. Jim Ray made a motion to accept Right of Way Dedication and Resolution 19-013, Clay Cich seconded. **YEAS 5. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** East Cook Lake Road Paving Request: Patti Monson Geerts provided written information on Base 1, (information available at Town Hall office). She discussed case studies, costs, applications and use, showed a short video on product. Pete Emerson provided written update on information regarding paving of road based on information learned from County and residents on road (information available at the Town Hall office). Bob Smith had questions about locked gate on the end of Northwest Island Lake Road and who controls use. Nancy Kensley inquired about if Base 1 used would that be with a special road assessment. Dennis Eckstrom questioned if Base 1 would hold up with the amount of traffic on the road. Patti Monson Geerts will arrange a time for the rep. from the Base 1 company to speak to the Township. **NEW BUSINESS**: Sandy Rock request for exercise equipment for township classes: Sandy Rock requested money for equipment for Township exercise classes. 32-34 residents participate in classes, equipment being used is loaned from participants and herself, new equipment purchased through the Township is marked, belonging to the Township. Deb Pawlowicz made a motion to authorize up to \$300 (estimates presented by Sandy were approximately \$277.00 but were over 1 month old), Tim Wagner seconded. **YEAS 5. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** January Township Meeting Date: Walter Rapp asked the Board to consider changing the meeting on January 8, 2020 to Thursday, January 2, 2020 at 7 pm in the Town Board Room, he made a motion to change the January Meeting to Thursday, January 2, 2020 at 7pm, Tim Wagner seconded. **YEAS 5. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Clerks will post in accordance with MN Statute. Resolution 19-012, Accepting a Donation for the Fredenberg Skating Rink: clerks presented Resolution 19-012 for the Board to review. Jim Ray made a motion to accept Resolution 19-012, Clay Cich seconded. **YEAS 5. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** **OTHER MEETINGS**: Township Annual Budget and Salary Meeting, Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2019 at 7 pm in the Boardroom of the Town Hall. **ADJOURNMENT**: Walter Rapp made a motion to adjourn meeting, Tim Wagner seconded. **YEAS 5. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Meeting adjourned at 9:09 pm.



A BIG, BIG THANK YOU  
TO THE FREDENBERG TOWN HALL GARDENERS  
FOR DECORATING THE OUTSIDE OF THE TOWNHALL.  
IT'S VERY FESTIVE AND APPRECIATED.

## DECEMBER ACTIVITIES HAPPENING IN FREDENBERG

**DID YOU KNOW THAT THERE IS A  
GROUP  
PLAYING MAHJONG EVERY TUESDAY  
AT 1:00PM  
IN THE  
UPSTAIRS CLASSROOM AT THE TOWN-  
HALL.**

PLEASE COME AND JOIN US  
NEW PLAYERS AND EXPERIENCED PLAYERS  
WELCOME

Every Tuesday at 1:00pm

### NO BOOK CLUB IN DECEMBER



The Fredenberg No Shame & No Guilt Book Club will not be meeting in December. We will resume on the MONDAY, January 27, 2020 at 7 pm in the upstairs classroom at the Town Hall. Our book for the month will be "Flight" by Olga Tocarczuk.

### UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED CLASSES HELD AT THE FREDENBERG COMMUNITY CENTER

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—discount 10 classes for \$35  
for all classes listed below: \$4/class

**Monday**

Cardio/Toning/Core 7:00 am

Low Impact Tabata/Stations 8:10 am

**Tuesday**

Cardio/Toning/Core 5:30 pm

**Wednesday**

30/30 Cardio & Core 7:00am

Toning/Core (no cardio) 8:10 am

Yoga (Anita Anderson) 6 pm

**HELD at Reservoir Riders Building**

**Friday**

Step/Toning/Core 7:00 am

Toning/Core (no cardio) 8:10 am

**Saturday**

Cardio/Toning/Core 8:00 am



All the Fredenberg Exercise Classes would like to THANK Noel Pearman for giving hand weights to add to the equipment at the Town Hall.



**ANCHOR POINT  
COMMUNITY CHURCH**

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE AT 4:00 PM  
PLEASE JOIN US TO CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS!  
ANCHOR POINT CHURCH, FREDENBERG  
5069 FISH LAKE ROAD**

## We cannot accept for recycling:

Hard plastic items like: (there is little or no demand for recycled hard plastics)

Deli food containers, rotisserie chicken containers

Clamshells (take out or “doggie bag” food containers)

Berry baskets, lettuce, spinach, salad containers

Electronics packaging

Drinking cups, plates utensils, “dixie cups”, straws

Buckets, lighters, flashlights, desk organizers, tape dispensers etc.

Toys

Automotive fluid containers (oil, antifreeze, grease)

Batteries

Styrofoam of any kind

Aluminum foil

Scrap metal (we do accept cans, but **not** tanks or wire or appliances)

Glass (other than bottles and jars, which we do accept – leave caps on)

No window glass

No drinking glasses

No eye glasses

No ceramics

No nick-nacks/vases

Medical items of any kind

No syringes or needles

No tubing

There are environmentally friendly ways to dispose of some of the items we cannot accept at the local recycle center. Pick up a WLSSD listing from inside the recycle shed to learn how.



## FREDENBERG FIRE DEPARTMENT FUNDRAISER

The Fire Department is holding a fundraiser to purchase a new Thermal Imaging Camera (TIC) to replace our older camera. A TIC is a tool to help firefighters find temperature differences when fighting and investigating fires. A TIC is very valuable in helping to search for any victims who may be in a burning structure. The Department is selling **RTIC thermal mugs for \$20 each**, PLEASE contact any Fire Dept. member or drop in on Thursday evenings at 7pm to purchase your mug at the Fire Hall.



# 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 52** 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](http://www.usfa.fema.gov/winter) and [www.nfpa.org/winter](http://www.nfpa.org/winter).

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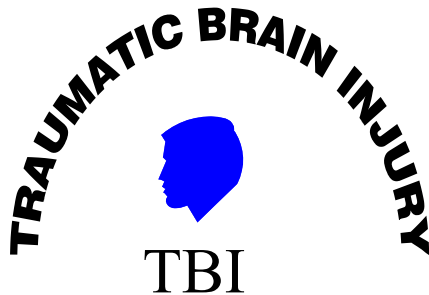
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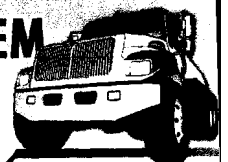


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**NEW MENU  
ALERT**

After receiving feedback from the community & a lot of hard work & input by the staff & friends, we would like to thank you & present to you our **New Menu** at the **Eagles Nest Resort**. **YES**, you heard right! We have brought back the **Eagle Burger & Fredenburger**. We are also introducing new **homemade soups** each week & have new sandwiches & appetizers such as **shrimp with bang bang sauce** & **jumbo chicken wings**. Please stop & try a new menu item.

## RECYCLE NEWS

The outside dumpsters are for cardboard, news-papers/paper and glass/plastic/tin cans. There are no longer bins for recycling inside the garage.

**PLEASE** rinse & clean all containers.

Cardboard needs to be segregated & has designated dumpsters.

Hours for the Center are:

Wednesday 5 to 8 pm

Saturday 9 am to 1 pm

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**NEXT FREDENBERG TOWN BOARD MEETING:**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2019 AT 7:00pm  
ANNUAL BUDGET & SALARY MEETING  
&  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 2020 AT 7:00pm  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING &  
REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

**IN THE FREDENBERG TOWN BOARD ROOM**

**REMINDER**

***THE TOWN HALL OFFICE WILL BE  
OPEN ON CHRISTMAS EVE  
FROM  
11 TO 1 PM***

***REGULAR 2 TO 5:30PM  
ON NEW YEARS EVE***