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## FREDENBERG TOWNSHIP NEWS

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## JANUARY 2, 2020 TOWN BOARD ACTIONS

The monthly meeting was **CALLED TO ORDER** at 7:01pm by Jim Ray. Also, present were Tim Wagner, Walter Rapp and Clay Cich, Deb Pawlowicz was absent. Mary Skafte & Diane Palmstein/clerks present, Bill O'Brien, Treasurer was absent. 5 individuals stood with the Board to recite the Pledge of the Allegiance. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Dec. 4, 2019 meeting minutes reviewed by the Board, Clay Cich made motion to accept with correction: Old Business, East Cook Lake, Nancy Kienzle, Jim Ray seconded. **4 YEAS, 1 ABSENT. MOTION PASSED.** Dec. 18, 2019 Annual Budget & Salary Meeting Minutes were reviewed by the Board, Jim Ray made a motion to accept without correction, Tim Wagner seconded. **4 YEAS, 1 ABSENT. MOTION PASSED.** **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Checkbook reconciled as of 12/11/19, funds available \$570,143.94, including 4 CD's. Board also reviewed reconciled checkbook statements from Oct., Nov. & Dec. 2019 submitted by Treasurer. **CORRESPONDENCE:** 12 total: 2 mail and 10 e-mails were received and reviewed by the Board. At request of Sandy Rock, her letter thanking Board, was read aloud. **REVIEW OF BILLS:** No corrections. Jim Ray made motion to accept check #9873 to 9884, totaling \$83,381.60, Walter Rapp seconded. **4 YEAS 1 ABSENT. MOTION PASSED.** Mary Skafte/clerk also clarified that Century Link credit was received, \$1,051.59, and it will be credited over the course of the next months' billings. **REPORTS:** **Clerk** – clerks connected with State Red Cross Association, regarding purchase of AED, informed that Red Cross no longer has grants but directed to contact MPL Foundation for grant for purchase of unit. A letter was sent today to MPL Foundation. Presidential Primary is on March 3, 2020, costs of election will be reimbursed to the township from the State. There is an article from Nancy Nilsen/ County Auditor with information pertaining to the election in the January newsletter. Clerks will be working on many financial reports dues for end of year, closing out year files, upcoming election, WLLSD grant and Annual Meeting report. Amundson/Sunset Ridge Roads were recorded as Township roads on 12/31/19. Newsletter advertisers were mailed out yearly statements this week. **Road Report** – Jim Ray reported continued snow accumulation and storms with heavy wet snow and rain caused issues on gravel Township Roads for St. Louis County Plowing Crews. The wet snow prevented traction and was heavy to plow and push off roads. **Fire Department-** no report **Cemetery** – closed. **Parks & Rec** – weather making flooding impossible and caused rink closure with recent rain, as weather gets colder, more flooding will occur. Inconsistent water supply issues at times. **Community Center-** nothing to report **Recycle Center** – meeting on Jan. 9, 2020 at 3:30 at WLLSD. Plow driver backed into garage door and it will be replaced.

**Other Meetings-** Mary Skafte and Diane Palmstein attended mandatory Election Training on Dec. 14, 2019 with St. Louis County Election Office. OPEN FORUM: no one OLD BUSINESS: East Cook Lake Road Paving Request: Pete Emerson informed the Board that Bob Smith had surveyed residents of West Island Lake Road about becoming a township road and the majority did not want the Township to take over so it will not be pursued. Presented some estimates on costs for paving with 44 township residents and possibly 4 outside township contributing, approximately a \$5,000-\$6,000/property assessment. He is anticipating another petition for road paving. The petition would be for informational purposes, proposing a price range for assessments, with residents deciding YES or NO, if that were the cost would they be in favor or opposed. This is to gauge interest in paving the road. NEW BUSINESS: none OTHER MEETINGS: January 15, 2020, Township Board of Audit Meeting at 7pm in Fredenberg Boardroom. Duluth Area Township Meeting at 6:30pm, Rice Lake Town Hall on Thurs. January 16, 2019. ADJOURNMENT: Jim Ray made a motion to adjourn meeting, Clay Cich seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Meeting ad-

The Reorganizational meeting was CALLED TO ORDER at 8:21 pm by Chair Jim Ray. Also, present were Walter Rapp, Clay Cich, Tim Wagner. Deb Pawlowicz was absent. Mary Skafte & Diane Palmstein/clerks present, Bill O'Brien, Treasurer was absent. 5 individuals were present.

**Select a Town Chair & Vice Chair:** Tim Wagner & Walter Rapp nominated Clay Cich for Town Chair, **3 YEAS, 1 ABSENT, 1 ABSTAIN. MOTION PASSED.** Clay Cich is 2020 Town Board Chair. Walter Rapp nominated Jim Ray for Vice Chair, **3 YEAS, 1 ABSENT, 1 ABSTAIN. MOTION PASSED.** Jim Ray is 2020 Town Board Vice Chair.

**Adopt a Schedule of Meetings:** Jim Ray made a motion to continue with 2 x monthly meeting, changing the Annual Road Review to occur during the May 6, 2020 Regular Board Meeting, with Road Foreman & Contractor, that is chosen to do Township road work, completing a road review prior to meeting and present to the Board at that meeting and the 2021 Annual Board of Audit to take place following the Feb. 3, 2021 Regular Board Meeting. Tim Wagner seconded. **4 YEAS 1 ABSENT. MOTION PASSED.**

**Designate an official newspaper and posting places:** Duluth News Tribune and posting at Town Hall Board and Recycle Center Board, no change.

**Designate a town bank:** Remain with Wells Fargo for checking.

**Price of cemetery lots:** No changes

**Newsletter:** No change, Pro Print to remain newsletter processor/mailer

**Areas of Responsibility:** Cemetery: Walter Rapp Community Center: Clay Cich Fire Department: Tim Wagner Parks & Rec: Jim Ray Recycle Center: Deb Pawlowicz

**Township Attorney:** No change, remain Overom Law of Duluth

**Facility Rental fees (Town Hall & Old Fire Hall):** No changes, rental fees and cleaning deposit remain the same

**Adjournment:** Clay Cich made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Tim Wagner seconded. **4 YEAS 1 ABSENT.**

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Every Tuesday at 1:00pm

### BOOK CLUB IN JANUARY



The Fredenberg No Shame & No Guilt Book Club will be meeting 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  
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Yoga Instructor: Anita Anderson \$5 per class.

Wednesdays - 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Instructor: Sandy Rock—discount 10 classes for \$35  
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**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

### *ARROWHEAD LIBRARY SYSTEM BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE FOR FREDENBERG TOWNSHIP MONDAYS IN 2020 AT THE FREDENBERG COMMUNITY CENTER PARKING LOT*

*From 1:15 to 1:45 pm*

*January 13*

*February 3 & 24*

*March 16*

*April 6 & 27*

*May 18*

*June 8 & 29*

*July 20*

*August 10 & 31*

*September 21*

*October 12*

*November 2 & 23*

*December 14*

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### **REMEMBER**

**Businesses listed in our newsletter  
help lower costs of publishing this  
monthly newsletter, PLEASE  
thank them and support them  
locally.**

## 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.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING MARCH 3, 2020 PRESIDENTIAL  
PRIMARY ELECTION  
FROM: NANCY NILSEN, ST. LOUIS COUNTY AUDITOR**

As you may or may not be aware, the process for voting in Minnesota for which candidate you want to be your party's nominee for president has changed this year. On March 3, you will have the opportunity to vote in the first Presidential Nomination Primary held in Minnesota since 1992.

Since 1992, the vote was taken as part of party caucus events. In 2016, legislation was passed establishing a Presidential Nomination Primary (PNP). This primary is an additional statewide election that will be held in years in which a president and vice president are to be nominated and elected (every four years). The Presidential Nomination Primary has requirements and procedures that differ from state primary elections. Here's what you should know:

Only presidential candidates from a major party will appear on the Presidential Primary ballot; all other offices with a primary will be on the Primary ballot in August. Both the Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party and the Republican Party will be participating in this primary.

Instead of one ballot that contains all of the offices and candidates, each party participating in the Presidential Nominating Primary will have a ballot specific to their party. Because of this, voters must declare their party preference prior to receiving a ballot. A voter's choice of party ballot will be recorded and is private data. However, be aware that a list of who voted in a presidential nomination primary and the political party each voter selected will be provided to the chair of each major political party by the Minnesota Secretary of State, as required by Minnesota Statute 201.091, Subdivision 4a. How a voter voted on their ballot will be secret. If a voter refuses to select a party, they will not be able to vote in the Presidential Nomination Primary.

Registered voters will be able to vote at their polling place on presidential primary day or by absentee ballot starting on January 17, 2020. If you are an unregistered voter, you can preregister to vote in the election prior to February 11, 2020 or you can register at your polling place on election day.

The Democratic Farmer Labor Party will have an "uncommitted" option on their ballot. If you select this option, you are telling the party that they wish for the delegates to be sent to their national nominating convention without being "bound" to cast their vote(s) for any one of their party's candidates. If you would like further information about your party's choosing of delegates and/or their national nominating convention, please speak with your party's representatives.

The Minnesota Secretary of State's Office estimates that it will cost approximately \$11.9 million to administer the Presidential Nomination Primary statewide. Costs associated with the election are reimbursed to counties and municipalities. Current election law specific to the Presidential Nominating Primary can be found in Minnesota Statutes Chapter 207A and Minnesota Rules Chapter 8215.

One final and important note – while the Presidential Nomination Primary replaces preferential polls that previously were conducted at precinct caucus meetings, precinct caucus meetings will still be held on February 25, 2020.

**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.

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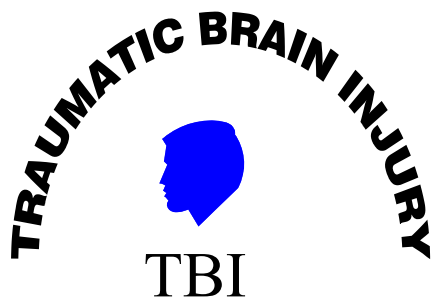
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If you know, drop us an email at [Fredenbergtwp@gmail.com](mailto:Fredenbergtwp@gmail.com) or  
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**NEXT FREDENBERG TOWN BOARD MEETING:**

**Board Of Audit**

**Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 7 pm  
in Fredenberg Town Board Room**

**NEXT MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING  
WEDNESDAY**

**FEBRUARY 5, 2020 AT 7 PM  
IN THE FREDENBERG TOWN BOARD ROOM**