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FREDENBERG TOWNSHIP NEWS

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Office Hours: Every Tuesday
2 pm to 5:30pm

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The monthly meeting was **CALLED TO ORDER** at 7 pm by Chair Clay Cich. Also, present were: Deb Pawlowicz & Tim Wagner. Walter Rapp & Jim Ray were absent. Diane Palmstein/clerks present, Mary Skafte/clerk & Bill O'Brien/treasurer were absent. 10 individuals stood with the Board to recite the Pledge of the Allegiance. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** January 2, 2020 meeting minutes reviewed by the Board, Clay Cich made motion to accept without corrections, Tim Wagner seconded. 3 YEAS 2 ABSENT. **MOTION PASSED.** January 2, 2020 Reorganizational Meeting minutes were reviewed by the Board, clerk made correction, under assignments, Jim Ray – Roads added, Clay Cich made motion to accept with correction, Tim Wagner seconded. 3 YEAS 2 ABSENT. **MOTION PASSED.** January 15, 2020 Board of Audit minutes reviewed, Deb Pawlowicz made motion to accept without corrections, Tim Wagner seconded. 3 YEAS 2 ABSENT. **MOTION PASSED.** **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Clerk presented from Treasurer: Check balance as of 1/13/2020, totals: \$508,170.94, which includes \$201,164.70 invested in CD's. The CTA's version of the funds was not available as the year end in CTA's has not been processed yet. Bill O'Brien asked that the Board be informed that he would like to phase out of the Treasurer position, he wanted the Board to know that he is willing to do this over this course of several months in order to have the new appointment trained completely. The clerk was asked to place a notice of the vacancy in the newsletter to start with. **CORRESPONDENCE:** 16 total: 6 mail and 10 e-mails were received and reviewed by the Board. **REVIEW OF BILLS:** No corrections. Clay Cich made motion to accept check #9896 to 9909, totaling \$6,180.26, Deb Pawlowicz seconded. 3 YEAS 2 ABSENT. **MOTION PASSED.** **REPORTS:** Clerk – clerks have contacted Steve Overom and St. Louis County Sheriff's Department regarding fine sharing with the Dept., it will cost approximately \$1,500.00 to set up but according to Canosia and Midway, they recouped costs quickly, the Board decided to table this until April or May. The office PC is running on Windows 7, we need to upgrade to Windows 10 in order to receive from County and State, in addition Windows 7 is going to expire and not be supported soon (Township needs Windows 10 to get payments/banking), clerks are comparing costs of upgrade with Best Buy (we have contract with Geek Squad), up to \$200 to upgrade and \$300 - \$600 for a new computer, we are unsure how old this one is, no records. Clay Cich made a motion for clerks to purchase a new PC for the office, not to exceed \$600.00, Tim Wagner seconded. 3 YEAS 2 ABSENT. **MOTION PASSED.** Training for election judges for upcoming Presidential Primary is Thurs. Feb. 6, 2020 or online through the county, Gloria Pothast has agreed to be one of our new Chief Election Judges as Mary Larson is no longer in the area. Annual Township Meeting is on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 7pm in our town hall. MN Red Cross no longer has AED grants available, they recommended we contact MN Power Foundation for an AED on Jan. 31, 2020. All taxes are done, W2's in each

supervisors mailbox. **Road Report** – recent warm & now cold temperatures caused icy conditions on East and West Cook Lake roads, the County was contacted & working on sanding. **Fire Department**- responded to 7 calls in January. 2 mutual aid (auto accident and one structure fire), five medical which included 1 dogsled accident. Department replacing 2-man doors in hall (warped & decaying). The gas boiler is no longer working & needs replacement. We have been working on it for about a year and a half to keep it working, many parts have been replaced & adjustments made to no avail. Members attended Arrowhead EMS conference at DECC, the conference provides continuing education for our EMT's. Reminder to please keep your address signs visible so the department & emergency responders can see them in the event of an emergency. The Department wants to thank the "snow angels" who have been keeping the hydrant at Fish Lake open & helping with the snow removal at the fire hall. It is so appreciated. We know of at least five or six people who have been helping out. The 2020 Fredenberg Township/Fredenberg Volunteer Fire Department contract was presented & reviewed by the Board. Clay Cich made a motion to approve and sign 2020 contract, Deb Pawlowicz seconded. 3 YEAS 2 ABSENT. **MOTION PASSED.** Tim Wagner spoke with Linda Bergstrand tonight, the Fire Hall is without heat and using electrical sources, they called several heating contractors for quotes and only 1 returned call and gave a quote. Quote was reviewed, the Board decided that this was an emergency situation and needed to be addressed immediately. Clay Cich made a motion to accept quote from Solem for a total of \$9,693.00 for boiler/installation/water lines to washing bays, Deb Pawlowicz seconded. 3 YEAS 2 ABSENT. **MOTION PASSED.** Tim Wagner will contact Fire Department tonight to inform them to go ahead with project.

Cemetery – now closed. **Parks & Rec** - skating rink and sliding hill have been well used so far this winter. **Community Center**- Clay Cich will be checking tables/chairs to check if they are causing snags in carpet in Town Hall. **Recycle Center** – 2020 WLLSD grant application was signed tonight and will be submitted. Hazardous Waste Day for Township on June 6, 2020 will be adding sharps recycling also. Deb Pawlowicz presented information on Cold Weather Policy for township. At the annual WLSSD meeting, a policy need was brought up by her but currently the WLSSD doesn't have a blanket policy & suggested each township do it. She found guidelines for local school districts and cities, a wind chill of -40, actual temperature -25 was found to be norm, clerks will draft a policy for Board review next meeting. It was suggested that township web site & Next Door Fredenberg be used to notify residents as well as sign by center. Also, attendants will first call Deb Pawlowicz before closing. **Other Meetings**- DAT January 16, 2020 meeting attended by Clay Cich, biggest concern for area townships was how to get Broadband in their townships. OPEN FORUM: Patty Monson Geertz informed the Board that Mark Harmon from Team Lab will be able to do a presentation in March, she requested dates that supervisors could attend. Clerk asked her to send optional dates for presenter & supervisors will be emailed those dates to pick from. Kathy Pearson gave a report on Beaver River Road: the constant drifting, high banks ice rocks, the length of the field has been only one lane wide and dangerous on the hill. Jim Ray was contacted. Ben Pearson widened the road on his own. She informed the Board of a near accident with a family member & mailman because of the narrowness & snow on the road. She asked the Board to consider contacting mail service, garbage haulers, truck/delivery drivers about the road also. She has also spoken with a St. Louis County Plow Driver, Deb Pawlowicz asked for that drivers' name to contact directly, but only his first name is known. OLD BUSINESS: East Cook Lake Road Paving Request: Pete Emerson spoke with neighborhood captains; it was decided to do 2 petitions: 1 for Fredenberg Residents only and 1 for residents in unincorporated part of the road (non-township). He is also working with MN Power on possible options. NEW BUSINESS: Resolution 2020-001 Donation Request for Hermantown High School All Night Grad Party. Board reviewed Resolution 2020-001, Deb Pawlowicz made a motion to donate \$100.00 for Resolution 2020-001, Tim Wagner seconded. **YEAS: 3 ABSENT: 2, MOTION PASSED.** Resolution 2020-002 Appointment of Election Judges for March 3, 2020 Presidential Nomination Primary. Board reviewed Resolution 2020-002, Clay Cich made a motion to accept trained judges for 2020 Presidential Nomination Primary Election as stated in resolution, Tim Wagner seconded. **YEAS: 3 ABSENT: 2, MOTION PASSED.** Cancellation of Feb. 19, 2020 second Town Board Meeting of the month: Clay Cich made a motion to cancel the Feb. 19, 2020 Town Board Meeting, Tim Wagner seconded. **YEAS: 3 ABSENT: 2. MOTION PASSED.** OTHER MEETINGS: February 6, 2020, Presidential Nomination Primary Judges training at Rice Lake Town Hall, 10 am for clerks/election judges. Public Testing for Election machine on February 28, 2020 at 2 pm in the Fredenberg Town Hall. ADJOURNMENT: Deb Pawlowicz made a motion to adjourn meeting, Tim Wagner seconded. **YEAS: 3 ABSENT: 2. MOTION PASSED.** Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

Bill O'Brien, Fredenberg Township Treasurer since 2007 has informed the Town Board that he will be leaving the position. He has agreed to phase out slowly over the next several months once his replacement is found. He has been a GREAT asset to Fredenberg and he has helped bring the township into a sound financial position as well as being a strong advocate for Fredenberg itself.

If you or someone you know in the Township is interested in this position as Treasurer
PLEASE contact the Township Office at 218-721-3991 or email: fredenbertwp@gmail.com
for more information or to discuss the position further with Bill, himself.

FEBRUARY 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

BOOK CLUB IN FEBRUARY



The Fredenberg No Shame & No Guilt Book Club
will be meeting on the MONDAY:
FEBRUARY 24, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the
1st.classroom of Fredenberg Town Hall.
We are reading "Where the Crawdads Sing"
By Della Owens.
PLEASE JOIN US

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED CLASSES HELD AT THE FREDENBERG COMMUNITY CENTER

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Yoga Instructor: Anita Anderson \$5 per class.

Wednesdays - 6:00 – 7:00 pm

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Monday

Cardio/Toning/Core 7:00 am

Low Impact Tabata/Stations 8:10 am

Zumba 6:00pm

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

2020 Fredenberg-Gnesen Christmas Bird Count



We had GREAT results for the Fredenberg-Gnesen Christmas Bird Count! On January 4, 2020, a record number of birds were counted. The total was 3,062 birds from 35 species! The count included Northern Saw whet and Great Gray owls, waxwings, kinglet and 6 kinds of woodpeckers! The birds most sadly missed were the Pine Grosbeaks. This was our best year ever! Thank you to all the volunteers who helped!



Please Join Us for Family Movie Night!
FRIDAY, March 6 2020 at 6:00pm
MOVIE: Despicable Me
Free Pizza and Popcorn
Anchor Point Church
5069 Fish Lake Road

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

**CAUCUS ON FEBRUARY 25, 2020
FREDENBERG DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN HELD AT THE FREDENBERG
COMMUNITY CENTER
DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM
CAUCUS AT 7:00 PM**

WHY THE LOCAL PRECINCT CAUCUSES ARE IMPORTANT:

PURPOSE: Precinct caucuses are a fundamental pillar of our MN party system. A caucus is a gathering of neighbors for the purpose of discussing issues and organizing the local party unit.

WHY HOLD CAUCUSES?: Yes, we have a Presidential Primary in 2020 still much of the grass roots work is done at the caucuses. At the caucuses we will:

1. Discuss issues and ideas for the party to support
2. Choose volunteers who will organize political activities in the precinct
3. Choose delegates who will endorse candidates at future conventions

WHAT IS DIFFERENT THIS YEAR; Minnesota will hold its first Presidential (only) Nomination Primary since 1992 on March 3, 2020. The primary will bind the election of presidential delegates in each party. Voting by absentee ballot started on January 17, 2020.

All other offices with a primary will be included on the August 11, 2020 ballot.

Written by Randy Docauer

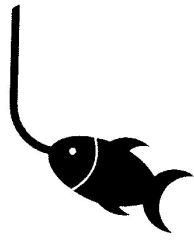
**PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION PRIMARY
TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2020
FREDENBERG TOWN HALL
5104 FISH LAKE ROAD, DULUTH, MN 55803
POLLS OPEN FROM 7:00 AM TO 8:00 PM**

Voters will be required to designate a political party (Democratic or Republican) to vote for and will only receive that ballot, as required by MN Statute for this election. If you have questions, please contact St. Louis County Elections Office at 218-726-2385.



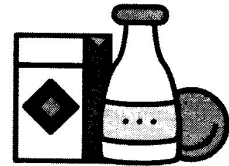
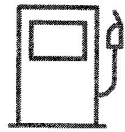
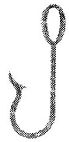
**FREDENBERG FIRE DEPARTMENT
FUNDRAISER**

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 7 pm to purchase your mug at the Fire Hall.



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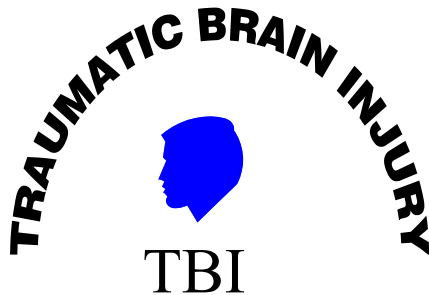
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February is a fun packed month.

We have a Meat Raffle planned for 2 PM every Sunday in February. Join us & sign up for our CHILI COOK OFF on Super Bowl Sunday. Judging at halftime. We will have LIVE MUSIC by Brian Fodstad on February 21st. Then on February 22nd, Enjoy the **FISH LAKE CLASSIC SNOWMOBILE CHALLENGE**. We are open for breakfast at 8 AM.

There is more info on Facebook at "Fish Lake Classic Snowmobile Challenge Reunion". Karaoke to follow that evening. Get your team together & sign up for the **30th Annual Bob Maas Golf on Ice Event** on March 14th. Breakfast starts at 8 AM.

Email the Eagles Nest for a sign up form at eaglesnestduluth@gmail.com. Please follow us on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/Eaglesnestresortduluth>. We post all of our music, food & drink special & other events weekly.

Thank you!!!

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.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020
7:00 PM
IN THE FREDENBERG TOWN HALL
5104 Fish Lake Road
Duluth, MN 55803**

**REALLY FREDENBERG RESIDENTS
WE DID NOT RECEIVE ONE RESPONSE TO THIS
QUESTION!**

(we are just not sure the answer from the Blue Max &
Eagles Nest is correct)

**Why is the bridge on Lavaque Road at Fish Lake called
"The Three Mile Bridge"?**

If you know, drop us an email at
Fredenbergtpw@gmail.com or
leave a message with the answer at: 218-721-3991

**NEXT FREDENBERG
TOWN BOARD MEETING:
WEDNESDAY**

**March 4, 2020
At 7:00pm
In the Fredenberg Town Boardroom**