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WELCOME TO ELLEN HANSEN OUR NEW TOWN CLERK

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve the Town Board and the Fredenberg community as your Town Clerk. I look forward to spending time in Fredenberg and getting to know the township and residents. UMD Library was where I worked full time for 42 years. It was an energetic place full of wonderful staff and students. Normanna Township is my hometown and I have been the Clerk/Treasurer for 14 years. It is a small township with very nice folks and beautiful wildlife (eating up my gardens). I currently serve as the Town of Lakewood Treasurer. I have been the Clerk in Lakewood for 11 years and am transitioning out of that position as soon as the Board hires a new clerk. Keeping busy with community service has been a lifetime goal of mine and I enjoy the work of serving the townships and the town boards. Happy Holidays Everyone! Ellen

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 3, 2021 TOWN BOARD MEETING

The monthly meeting was CALLED TO ORDER at 7:06 pm by Chair Jim Ray. Also present were Supervisors: Deb Pawlowicz, Walter Rapp, Tim Wagner, Clay Cich (on zoom) & Pam Blekestad, Treasurer were present. 10 attended the meeting and 2 attended via Zoom. The Board recited the Pledge of the Allegiance. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Oct. 6, 2021 meeting minutes reviewed, Walter made motion to accept without correction, Jim seconded. **5 YEARS MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. TREASURER'S REPORT:** as of 10/18/2021, checking account is reconciled. Checking account balance is \$327,475.84. Total funds are \$526,416.21, which includes 4 CDs totaling \$202,917.51. Walter made a motion to accept treasury report, Tim seconded. **5 YEARS, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. CORRESPONDENCE:** 15 total: 1mail and 14 e-mails were received. Deb made a motion to contact St. Louis County Planning & Community Development regarding incomplete CUP application for Lee Older Construction (Clearwater Pit) as noted in attachments, Jim seconded. **5 YEARS MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Clay will draft a letter to St. Louis County Planning & Community Development. **REVIEW OF BILLS:** Jim made a motion to approved claims #10533 to #10550, totaling \$32,604.17, Deb seconded. **5 YEARS MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Community Garden Club account balance was clarified and current with 3rd quarter taxes. **REPORTS: Clerk** – basic newsletter will be going out for November **Road Report** – holding off on “No Dump Sign” on Fredenberg Lake Road, roadside mowing complete & final road grading done. Jim updated Board on need for new County snow plowing turnaround on Stevens Road. Jim made a motion to approved funds to make a new turnaround on Stevens

Road for County plowing not to exceed \$10,000.00, Tim seconded. **5 YEAS MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** **Fire Department** – responded to 11 calls: 9 medical, 1 motor vehicle, 1 structure. 3 of the calls were mutual aid calls. Training in first aid provided to Boy Scouts. Members training in hunting accidents, GPS use and 3 members attended MN State Fire Chief's conference. Nov. 1 there was a phone/internet outage in Fredenberg necessitating the department to staff the fire hall for calls. Information on placement of 911 numbers, Preventing Turkey Fryer Fires & getting smoke alarms installed in Fredenberg. **Cemetery** – closed and gates locked. **Parks & Rec** – Board reviewed Rink Attendant application, Jim made a motion to hire Aiden Votzke as rink attendant, Walter seconded. **5 YEAS MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Hose and nozzle ordered for rink use. **Community Center** – Clay repaired vent cover, custodian cleaned carpets, griddles will be ready for Santa Breakfast use. Clay will get quotes for window repairs in all windows in Townhall. Jim reported that MN Power rebate for LED lights will be approximately \$900.00, quote for replacing LED lights approximately \$500.00. Jim made a motion to upgrade lighting in Townhall, Walter seconded. **5 YEAS MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** **Recycle Center** – no issues, windows and magnifier working well for attendants. **Preparedness Plan Update** – no updates **Other Meetings** – Jim attended DAT Oct. meeting. **OPEN FORUM:** Patty Wheeler: suggested masks be worn by all at the Santa Breakfast, thanked Pam, Mary & Diane during the recent office transition. **OLD BUSINESS:** **Open Clerk Position:** Jim & Clay interviewed Ellen Hansen (who was present) and recommended her for open Town Clerk position. Jim made a motion to increase clerk pay to \$24.00/hour, Walter seconded. **5 YEAS MOTION PASSED ANIMOUSLY.** Jim made a motion to appoint Ellen Hansen as Fredenberg Town Clerk, start date of Dec. 1, 2021, Tim seconded. **5 YEAS MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Ellen accepted the position. **Dam Lighting:** Deb contacted MN Power; she is willing to move forward with research on light if there is Board support. Discussion followed. Deb will research motion sensor lighting/costs. **Rink Attendant:** addressed in Parks & Rec. **NEW BUSINESS:** **Resolution 2021-011, Designating Township Election Polling Place:** Board reviewed. Jim made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-011, Walter seconded. **5 YEAS MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** **Resolution 2021-012, Accepting Donations for Fredenberg Neighborhood Night Out:** Board reviewed. Deb made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-012, Jim seconded. **5 YEAS MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** **Welcome Signs for Entering Fredenberg Township:** Clay working on signs for 4 entrances into Fredenberg, he will provide estimate of costs in early 2022. **Santa Breakfast:** At the Townhall on Saturday, Dec. 4, 2021 from 9-11 am. Volunteers needed on Saturday, Nov. 27, and Dec. 4, 2021 (notice in Nov. newsletter). Duluth Women of Today will be in charge of Santa Store. A request was made for the Township to provide donation, it was clarified that the township cannot provide funds unless approved by township residents at the Annual Meeting. **Second Meeting of the Board on Nov. 17, 2021 at 7:00 pm:** Jim made a motion to cancel, Tim seconded. **5 YEAS MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** **ADJOURNMENT:** Jim made a motion to adjourn meeting, Walter seconded. **5 YEAS MOTION PASSED.** Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.



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THERE HAS BEEN ILLEGAL DUMPING OF GARBAGE WHICH INCLUDED APPLIANCES AND OTHER UNUSABLE TRASH AT THE INTERSECTION OF FREDENBERG LAKE ROAD AND FISH LAKE ROAD.

THIS IS NOT PERMITTED AND VIOLATORS WILL BE REPORTED TO THE ST. LOUIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT !!!!

FREDENBERG BIRD COUNTERS

**If you are interested in volunteering for the annual
Fredenberg Audubon Christmas Bird Count
Please contact Frank at 218-591-0174.
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Tips for staying warm and safe this winter

There's no getting around it: Winter weather is inevitable, and you've had the heat on for at least a couple of weeks. Staying warm is good, whether it's from a furnace, fire in the fireplace, or space heater. But the very things that keep us cozy in the cold can endanger our lives. When the temperature drops, the number of fires typically spikes.

In 2020, for example, 421 fires occurred in Minnesota because of heating equipment. Almost half of those (197) were caused by heating units like boilers and furnaces. Next in line, causing 192 fires were fireplaces and chimneys.

Fortunately, like most fires, **wintertime fires are mostly preventable** if you just take a few precautions on the front end. For example, you should have a professional check your furnace annually to make sure everything is working properly. Ditto with the fireplace, and don't forget the chimney.

Space heaters, on the other hand, require your attention in the moment. Never leave them unattended or sleep with them on. Plug them directly into the wall; don't use an extension cord, as they draw a lot of power. And always abide by the three-foot rule: Keep them three feet from furniture, rugs, towels – anything combustible. That means you shouldn't use them to dry clothing or towels.

Kitchens get chilly too, but never use your oven as a heat source. Save it for cooking only.

Sometimes, despite precautions, fires can start. If that happens, keep in mind that you likely have about three to four minutes to escape. Modern homes and furnishings go up in flames incredibly quickly.

So how can you make sure you have the maximum amount of time possible to get out? **A working smoke alarm** can give you the critical seconds you need to escape safely. But a smoke alarm can only save your life if it works. That means you need to test your smoke alarms monthly and replace its batteries twice a year.

And while you're at it, **test your carbon monoxide alarms as well**. Fuel-burning appliances can malfunction and pump deadly levels of CO into your home, where the odorless and colorless gas has nowhere to go because all the doors and windows are sealed tight against the cold.

So by all means, crank up the thermostat or cozy up by the fire – just make sure you've taken the proper precautions so that you and your family are not only warm, but safe, too.

RECYCLING DROP OFF SITES



MIXED PAPER

- Paper of any color
- Pressboard boxes
- Junk mail
- Magazines
- Newspapers and advertisements
- Shredded paper (must be contained in a paper bag)



CORRUGATED CARDBOARD

- Cardboard with a wavy layer between two pieces of thick paper
- No waxed cardboard



MIXED CONTAINERS

- Rinse all food containers
- Plastic bottles, tubs, jugs, jars, and lids
- Glass bottles and jars
- Steel and aluminum cans
- No film or foam including Styrofoam and plastic bags
- No plastic cups, plates, or utensils
- No buckets
- No motor oil or antifreeze containers
- No take-out, deli, or clamshell containers
- No window glass, ceramics, or drinking glasses
- No scrap metal



FILM PLASTICS

- Film must be clean and dry
- Grocery and retail bags
- Newspaper bags
- Bread bags
- Produce bags
- Paper product packaging wrap
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Saturday
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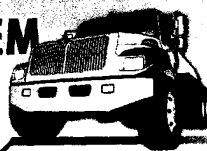
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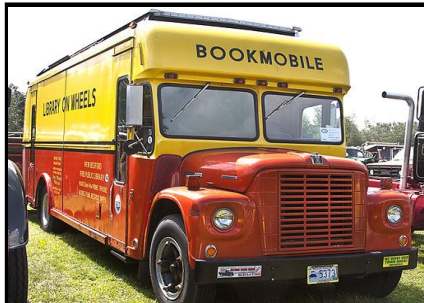
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MEETING
TOWNSHIP BUDGET & SALARY
MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 15, 2021
&
WEDNESDAY, JAN. 5, 2022
Regular Board Meeting at 7:00pm
Followed by Annual Reorganizational Meeting**

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