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FREDENBERG TOWNSHIP NEWS

A monthly newsletter

Editor: Ellen Hanson

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APPROVED TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES for OCT. 5, 2022

The regular Board meeting of the Town of Fredenberg, Minnesota, St. Louis County was held in the Fredenberg Town Hall on Wednesday, October 5, 2022, at 7:00 PM. **Board members present:** Chair Jim Ray, Supervisors Deb Pawlowicz, Walter Rapp, Tim Wagner, and Clerk Ellen Hanson and Treasurer Pam Blekestad.

Others in Attendance: There were 17 others in attendance and none on Zoom.

This was a hybrid meeting which was held in-person with a Zoom connection.

Call to order the Regular meeting: The meeting was called to order by Chair Ray at 7:00 PM.

Pledge of allegiance: All present stood and cited the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of the Agenda: There was a motion by Chair Ray to approve the agenda and seconded by Supervisor Cich. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously.

Open Forum: There were no speakers.

Approval of the Minutes: Regular meeting of September 7, 2022: There was a motion by Chair Ray to accept the September 7, 2022, Board of Supervisors meeting minutes as amended and seconded by Supervisor Cich. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously. Amendments to the minutes are: Add Supervisor Cich as present at the meeting; Under open forum add Shawn Reinarz and Andy Olson, volunteers, spoke to the Board about the skating rink maintenance and making ice.

Treasurers Report – Pam Blekestad: Blekestad reported the Clerk and Treasurer balance with the bank. There was a motion by Supervisor Cich to approve the Treasurer's report and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously. Blekestad has been communicating with Wells Fargo about correcting signatures on the bank account. The CD's held at NBC will renew in March 2023.

Clerks Report – Ellen Hanson: Hanson presented the Cash control statement for Board review. The Board reviewed the claims list. There was motion by Chair Ray to pay claims 10528-10532, 10551-10555, for a total of \$1,838.96 and seconded by Supervisor Cich. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously. Hanson stated she had certified the levy with the County. Hanson requested a policy/procedure for the digital town sign that will outline the messages that are put on it. Clerk Hanson will check with other townships for a policy.

Correspondence: The correspondence was read by Clerk Hanson. There were 12 total received: 3 mail and 9 emails.

Reports: Roads report September 2022: Chair Ray reported that Beaver River Road was graded. Fire Department report for September 2022: Supervisor Wagner read the Fire Department report from the Chief. There were 9 calls in September for fire, medical, public assist, and mutual aid. Training for September included landing zone, missing person search, planning and practicing GPS use. The annually required hoses and ladders was completed. The department is hosting the Fire Prevention/Halloween open house on October 23 from 2-4 PM Annual Trunk and Treat. Their ad will be placed in the newsletter and a notice on the digital sign. Cemetery report for September 2022: Supervisor Rapp stated the cemetery will be open 2 more weeks. The grass is green and looks beautiful. Parks and Recreation report for September 2022: Chair Ray ordered the sweeper for the skating/hockey rink. Volunteers helped with the rink's boards. There is a need for push shovels. Permission by the Board to approve the purchase of the shovels. Chair Ray put a lock box on the shed for building

and water keys. The work on the berm at the sliding hill continues. Chair Ray stated Gunnar Johnson, Attorney, continues to work on the agreement/contract with Reservoir Riders. Property taxes for the building the Reservoir Riders rent: The Board discussed the past and future payments of the property taxes. The issue will be addressed in the new contract. The Board recently paid the back taxes. Supervisor Cich stated the paperwork needs to be filled out by the club in order to proceed. Community Center & Pavilion report for September 2022: Security mailbox: Clerk Hanson ordered a new town security mailbox. She also contacted the Post Office in regard to relocation of the town's mailbox and has not heard back from them. No rentals in September and so far in October there are two. Supervisor Rapp questioned if the Vessel bill was revised with deductions for painting not completed and new hardware not added. Supervisor Cich will talk with the contractor. Recycling report for September 2022: Supervisor Pawlowicz reported the Center is operating very well.

Other Meetings for September 2022: Supervisor Cich attended three County Commissioners meetings regarding gravel pit inspections. Supervisor Pawlowicz stated she had attended some of the Commissioners meetings. Chair Ray had attended a Commissioners meeting in June.

Dan Svercl spoke to the Board about supervisors speaking at the Commissioners meetings.

Kathy Pearson spoke to the Board about supervisors speaking at the Commissioners meetings.

Ann Cich spoke to the Board about supervisors speaking at the Commissions meetings.

Old Business: County Gravel Pit inspections update: Chair Ray stated Matthew Johnson had sent a report on the inspections and it was in Board packets. Chair Ray explained the inspection process and results.

New Business: Update on Resolution to accept Neighborhood Night Out donations: Clerk Hanson reported there is a state statue for National Night Out. She stated there is no need for a resolution accepting the donations as they were not funneled through the town. Head/foot stone in recycling building: The stone is for Art Weller. Supervisor Rapp will check the cemetery for a grave marker for him.

Demolition Landfills: Supervisor Cich suggested there be a Resolution addressing the prohibition of demolition landfills of any type in the township. Chair Ray will research and gather more information on demolition landfills and so will Supervisor Pawlowicz.

Second monthly Board meeting for October 19, 2022: There was a motion by Chair Ray not to have a second meeting and seconded by Supervisor Cich. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously.

Fire department Report by Linda Bergstrand: The fire department is requesting an increase in their PERA funding to \$1,800 per years of service. The Board had a discussion on the liability for the town. She will send the PERA financial reports to forward to the Board for review. An approved Board resolution is required if the increase is approved. The Board will take action at the next meeting.

Adjourn: There was a motion by Chair Ray to adjourn meeting at 8:35 PM and seconded by Supervisor Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously.



The Town Office will be closed on the following days: November 24 (Thanksgiving Day) and December 22 & 29. Email will be checked: fredenbergtpw@gmail.com,

Results for Selected Contests in 22508 - Fredenberg Township

Town Supervisor Seat A (Frendenberg Township) [Results By Precinct](#) 1

Party	Candidate	Totals
Nonpartisan	Daniel Svercl	132
Nonpartisan	Clayton Cich	448
WRITE-IN	WRITE-IN	281

Town Supervisor Seat B (Frendenberg Township) [Results By Precinct](#) 1

Party	Candidate	Totals
Nonpartisan	Melissa Bell	328
Nonpartisan	Jeff Blix	522
WRITE-IN	WRITE-IN	8

Town Supervisor Seat C (Frendenberg Township) [Results By Precinct](#) 1

Party	Candidate	Totals
Nonpartisan	Bruce A. Anderson	287
Nonpartisan	Tim Wagner	566
WRITE-IN	WRITE-IN	5

The election results above are from the November 8, 2022 General Election, Minnesota Office of Secretary of State website.

Thank you for voting. Turnout was high with about 70% of eligible voters voting.

A friendly reminder for voters: Minnesota Statute 204C.06 Subd. 2, Individuals allowed in the polling place; identification, states in part the following: (a) Representatives of the secretary of state's office, the county auditor's office, and the municipal or school district clerk's office may be present at the polling place to observe election procedures. Except for these representatives, election judges, sergeants-at-arms, and challengers, an **individual may remain inside the polling place during voting hours only while voting or registering to vote**, providing proof of residence for an individual who is registering to vote, or assisting a disabled voter or a voter who is unable to read English. **During voting hours no one except individuals receiving, marking, or depositing ballots shall approach within six feet of a voting booth, ballot counter, or electronic voting equipment**, unless lawfully authorized to do so by an election judge or the individual is an election judge monitoring the operation of the ballot counter or electronic voting equipment.

During this election Fredenberg township had a few incidents where residents violated the above State Statute by 1. reentering the polling place and, 2. these people then stood within the six foot area of the ballot counter.

Election judges are very busy during elections making it difficult to monitor everyone. It is the voters responsibility not to reenter the polling place after voting. Thank you.



Exercise Classes

Classes held at the Community Center/Town Hall

Instructors: Sandy Rock: \$4/class,
Sheila Wix: \$5/class, Anita Anderson: \$5/class

Monday

Cardio/Toning/Core: **7:00 AM**

Low Impact Toning/Core: **8:10 AM**

Wednesday

Fun floor & Core: **7:00 AM**

Weights and Core: **8:10 AM**

Wednesday

Yoga: **5:45 PM** (Reservoir Riders Clubhouse)

Thursday

Zumba Class: **6-7 PM** Beginning January 26, 2023

\$45/8 week session

<https://ph.ce.eleyo.com/> and search Zumba

Friday

Step Class: **7:00 AM**

Movement & Weights: **8:10 AM**

Saturday

Cardio/Toning/Core: **8:00 AM**

ALL CLASSES PAY AT DOOR except Zumba

Mahjong (National Mahjong rules)

Played every Tuesday upstairs at the town hall from 1-4 PM. New comers welcome. Will also teach if folks are interested contact Maxine Proetz at mproetz@hotmail.com.

Fredenberg Art Weller Recycle Center News

The Center is sponsored by an annual grant from Western Lake Superior Sanitary District (WLSSD).

Hours: Wednesdays: 5 to 8 PM and Saturdays: 9 AM to 1 PM

There will not be a 2022 Hazardous Waste Day for Fredenberg Township.

Chesney Auto Salvage, 6250 Beaver River Road, will accept batteries and waste oil.

Please use WLSSD Household Hazardous Waste Facility and Product Reuse Center, 2626 Courtland St. (take the S 27th Ave W freeway exit), for other household hazardous waste and yard waste materials.

Below are a few rules to follow when using the Fredenberg Recycle Center.

1. The Center will only accept rinsed/cleaned & emptied cans, bottles & containers.
2. Styrofoam, in any form, is not recycled at this Center.
3. The Center does not accept household garbage of any kind and it is NOT to be dumped at the Center or the dumpster. Dumping garbage of any kind at the Center is illegal.
4. The Center does not accept any metal or plastic gas cans.
5. The Center does not repurpose any form of electronics. They can be brought to WLSSD Materials Recovery Center, 4587 Ridgeview Road, off the Rice Lake Road. For more information, check out the website at wlssd.com.
6. The Center does not accept take out containers, fruit/vegetable plastic containers or deli clam containers.
7. The outside dumpsters are for cardboard, newspaper/paper and glass/plastic/tin cans.

Please be respectful of the rules when using the Center. The Town may be charged for dumpsters/bins containing non-recyclables. Thank you very much for your cooperation.



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CAMPFIRE SAFETY

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- Keep a bucket of water nearby to put out the fire.
- Keep a kid-free zone of three feet around the campfire.
- Never leave your campfire unattended.
- Check burning restrictions with the DNR before starting your campfire.



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Election Judges Appreciation

A very special thank you goes out to all the election judges for serving the township and contributing to Fredenberg's successful elections!



If you are interested in becoming an election judge, please contact the office at 218-721-3991 or email at fredenbergtwp.org. You would need to complete a two hour online training session.



Fredenberg Outdoor Ice Rink (before ice)

The organizers of the outdoor ice rink are looking for volunteers to assist with flooding the rink, to clear snow off ice, other duties, and skaters. Check out the facebook page at Fredenberg Ice Rink. If you are interested, send an email to: fredenbergicerink@gmail.com. Great ice results in great skating!

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Fredenberg Town Board Meetings

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Hybrid meetings in-person with a Zoom connection. See the website for Zoom connection information.

The next 2022 scheduled meetings are:
November 16-Canvass
December 7



Fredenberg Community Center

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