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FREDENBERG TOWNSHIP NEWS

A monthly newsletter

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APPROVED TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES for DEC. 7, 2022

The regular Board meeting of the Town of Fredenberg, Minnesota, St. Louis County was held in the Fredenberg Town Hall on Wednesday, December 7, 2022, at 7:00 PM. **Board members present:** Chair Jim Ray, Supervisors Clay Cich, Deb Pawlowicz, Walter Rapp, Tim Wagner, and Clerk Ellen Hanson, Deputy Clerk Kim Wagner. **Others in Attendance:** There were 16 others in attendance and 2 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. Chair Ray requested suspension of the agenda to allow Gunnar Johnson, town attorney, address the Board on the Reservoir Riders management agreement. It was Board consensus to suspend the agenda.

Chair Ray gave a background of the progress to date to obtain an agreement. Gunnar Johnson continued to inform the Board of the importance to take immediate action to complete the agreement. He recommended the Board approve the Reservoir Riders new land management agreement to conclude this business. Chair Ray made a motion to approve the new Reservoir Riders management agreement and seconded by Supervisor Cich. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously.

Open Forum

Melissa Bell stated the Santa Breakfast was a success, serving 77 kids. She suggested if someone feels they are being harassed in the township to contact the County sheriff. She shared her notes on the gravel pit inspections.

Approval of the Minutes

Regular meeting of November 2, 2022: There was a motion by Chair Ray to accept the November 2, 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. Amended under Road repair and replacement fund, add \$17,000 transfer approved from last year; and add under attendance; Supervisor Pawlowicz was on Zoom until the connection was lost.

Board of Canvas Meeting of November 16, 2022: There was a motion by Chair Ray to accept the Board of Canvass meeting minutes of November 16th, 2022 and seconded by Supervisor Rapp. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously.

Treasurers Report – Pam Blekestad

Blekestad was absent. Clerk Hanson reported the Clerk balances with the bank. There was a motion by Chair Ray to approve the Treasurer's report and seconded by Supervisor Cich. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously.

The Road and Bridge fund balance is \$53,000.

Clerk Hanson reported for Treasurer Blekestad that the Certificates of Deposit (CD) have been transferred to a higher interest rate CD.

Clerks Report – Ellen Hanson

Clerk Hanson presented the Cash control statement for Board review.

The Board reviewed the claims list. There was a motion by Supervisor Cich to pay claims 10556-10565 for a total of \$14,459.74 and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion

carried unanimously. Resolution to approve the town hall as the polling place for 2023: Clerk Hanson explained this is a mandatory resolution required by election law. There was a motion by Supervisor Cich to approve this resolution and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously. Hanson asked the Board if there was an interest in sponsoring a movie night for children at the town hall. It will be attempted in January. Hanson asked the office hours to be reduced for the winter. The Board agreed to reduce the office from Noon-5:30 PM to Noon-4:00 PM.

Correspondence

Chair Ray read the correspondence. There were 13 total received: 1 mail and 12 emails.

Reports

Roads report November 2022:

Chair Ray reported the roads are good condition.

There was a discussion about the cash control report regarding the road pavement/repair/replacement fund and the corresponding CD. Hanson reported she has not received instructions from the Treasurer to make the adjustments of transfers.

Fire Department report for November 2022:

Supervisor Wagner read the Fire Department Report from the Chief.

There were 12 calls in November for fire & medical.

Training for November included 3 members participating in CPR training.

Cemetery report for November 2022:

Supervisor Rapp stated the cemetery has been closed for the winter.

Parks and Recreation report for November 2022:

Tarps will be disposed/repurposed to make room for the new sweeper.

A new hose and shovels were purchased for the rink.

Flooding has started at the rink.

A port-a-potty was placed at the sledding hill.

Community Center & Pavilion report for November 2022:

Hanson reported there are a few rentals for December.

Chair Ray talked about the back flow preventer leaking. It should be checked often. He suggested the countertop in the kitchen be replaced and purchase a smaller griddle. trim on lower outside boards from weed cutter.

Recycling report for November 2022:

Recycling Center is operating well.

Clam shell containers are not recyclable. Better signage is needed.

Other Meetings for November 2022: Chair Ray and Supervisor Rapp attended the County Board meeting on November 15th.

Old Business:

Chief Bergstrand discussed the possibility of dispersing funds to the department in January and July instead of July and December/January. It was Board consensus to pay out in January and July.

New Business

Reservoir Riders Club Grant Contract agreement. An approved resolution is needed for this pass-through grant. There was a motion by Chair Ray to accepted Resolution 20221102-07 and seconded by Supervisor Cich. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously.

The Board agreed to pursue the purchase of a new mailing list from Barcode Plus.

Adjourn

There was a motion by Chair Ray to adjourn meeting at 8:30 PM and seconded by Supervisor Cich. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously.

Fredenberg Fire Department, Town Board Report, December 2022, Linda Bergstrand

December was a very busy month for calls. The department was paged to 12 calls which included eight medical calls three fires, two were mutual aid, and one gas leak.

We would like to welcome Charlie Skinner and Lindsey Mattson as new fire department members. Training is very important for the department members, every month we train on some aspect of both medical and fire responses. We have three members who are completing their Firefighter 1, 2 and Hazmat training and will be taking their State firefighter certification test in the near future.

We did not receive the Assistance to Firefighters grant from FEMA this year. We have ordered eight new MSA Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). These will be a start to upgrade all our SCBAs to meet the new NFPA and OSHA standards.

The fire department would like to remind everyone to be sure to check the vents for their heating sources. Be sure the snow is cleared away so your furnace can get the proper ventilation to burn properly and prevent possible carbon monoxide exposure. Please be sure to check your smoke and carbon monoxide alarm batteries to ensure they are working properly.

Heating Fire Safety



Follow these heating tips to help maintain a fire-safe home this winter.



Space Heater

- Keep anything that can burn, such as bedding, clothing and curtains, at least 3 feet away from the heater.
- Make sure the heater has an automatic shut-off, so if it tips over, it shuts off.
- Turn heaters off when you go to bed or leave the room.
- Plug portable heaters directly into outlets and never into an extension cord or power strip.
- Only use portable heaters from a recognized testing laboratory.



Fireplace

- Keep a glass or metal screen in front of the fireplace to prevent embers or sparks jumping out.
- Do not burn paper in your fireplace.
- Put the fire out before you go to sleep or leave your home.
- Put ashes in a metal container with a lid, outside, at least 10 feet from your home.



Wood Stove

- Make sure your wood stove is 3 feet from anything that can burn.
- Do not burn paper in your wood stove.
- Put the fire out before you go to sleep or leave your home.
- Have your chimney inspected and cleaned each year by a professional.



Furnace

- Have your furnace inspected each year.
- Keep anything that can burn away from the furnace.



Kerosene Heater

- Only use kerosene heaters from a recognized testing laboratory.
- Make sure the heater has an automatic shut-off, so if it tips over, it shuts off.
- Refuel your cooled heater outside.

For more information and free resources, visit usfa.fema.gov.





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

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.

Hiring: Recycling Attendant to work on Wednesday from 5:00-8:00 PM. Please call the office at 218-721-3991 or email at fredenbergtwp@gmail.com if interested.



FREDENBERG TOWNSHIP RECYCLE CENTER

MIXED BINS

PLASTICS #1-#7:

Check the bottom of containers to make sure they are labeled #1-7

Rinse all food containers

No FILM or PLASTIC BAGS in mixed -see **FILM PLASTICS**

No plastic cups, plates, or utensils

No buckets

No plastic that contained motor oil, antifreeze, or other automotive fluids

Caps and lids can be included

NO CLAMSHELL CONTAINERS (Bakery, strawberry, etc.)

MIXED PAPER PRODUCTS:

Press or pasteboard boxes and packaging (cereal and pop boxes, packing and clothing inserts, legal pad backing, etc.)

Paper of any color

Copy machine and un-coated fax machine paper

Envelopes with or without windows or self-adhesive

Tablets, legal pads and notebook paper

Junk mail

Glossy pamphlets and brochures

Manila

Newsletters

Newspaper

Shredded paper

Carbon-less paper

Paper ream wrappers

Phone books

Magazines

CARDBOARD BINS

CORRUGATED CARDBOARD:

Cardboard that has a wavy layer in between two pieces of thick paper

Cardboard with printing or color

No cardboard covered with paint, grease or other contaminants

No waxed cardboard

Paper bags

ORANGE BINS

FILM PLASTICS - BAGS

Film must be clean & dry

Grocery & retail bags

Newspaper bags

Bread bags

Produce bags

Napkin, Paper Towel, Bathroom Tissue, and

Diaper packaging wrap

Pallet and Case wrap

Food Storage bags

No black plastic bags

No bubble wrap



If you have a large amount of corrugated cardboard, please bring it to the WLSSD Materials Recovery Center at 4587 Ridgeview Road.

NO CLAMSHELL CONTAINERS

(Bakery, strawberry, etc.)



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.



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**

Tuesday

Zumba Gold: **9:30 AM**

Classes are held in 6 week sessions and registration is through Hermantown Community Education . For more information contact Judy Gordon 218-355-0677

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**

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Fredenberg Town Board Meetings

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The next 2023 scheduled meetings are:

February 1
March 1



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