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A monthly newsletter

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NOTICE OF THE 2023 TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Fredenberg Township, County of St. Louis, State of Minnesota, that the Township Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 14, 2023. The Annual Meeting will commence at 7:00 PM to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law. In case of inclement weather, the meeting and election may be postponed until the third Tuesday in March.

The Annual Meeting will be held at the following location:
Fredenberg Town Hall, 5104 Fish Lake Road.

APPROVED TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES for JAN. 4, 2023

The regular Board meeting of the Town of Fredenberg, Minnesota, St. Louis County was held in the Fredenberg Town Hall on Wednesday, January 4, 2023, at 7:00 PM.

Board members present: Vice Chair Tim Wagner, Supervisors Jeff Blix, Clay Cich, Deb Pawlowicz, Walter Rapp, Clerk Ellen Hanson, Deputy Clerk Kim Wagner, and Treasurer Pam Blekestad. **Others in Attendance:** There were 8 others in attendance and 0 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 Vice Chair Wagner at 7:00 PM. **Oath of Office:** Supervisors Cich, Wagner, and Blix recited the oath of office. **Pledge of allegiance:** All present stood and cited the pledge of allegiance. **Approval of the Agenda:** There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to approve the agenda and seconded by Supervisor Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously.

Open Forum: Bruce Anderson- Thanked his supporters.

Approval of the Minutes: Regular meeting of December 7th, 2022: There was a motion by Supervisor Pawlowicz to accept the December 7th, 2022, Board of Supervisors meeting minutes as amended and seconded by Supervisor Cich. There was a roll call vote and Supervisor Ray, Wagner, Rapp and Pawlowicz all signified affirmatives. Blix abstain for vote because he was not a board member. This motion carried. **Financial Report** – Pam Blekestad

Blekestad reported the Clerk balances with the bank.

Treasurer Blekestad noted that the Certificates of Deposit (CD) have been transferred to a higher interest rate of 3.766%.

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 Pawlowicz to pay claims 10603-10609, 10626, 10628-10630 for a total of \$134,345.90 and seconded by Supervisor Rapp. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence: Clerk Hanson read the correspondence. There were 12 total received: 5 mail and 7 emails.

Reports: Roads report December 2022: Supervisor Rapp reported the roads are in good condition. Actions for the month were: clear tree branches from road, snow

banks from hall corner was pushed back, and fire hydrant be dug out. Fire Department report for December 2022: Supervisor Wagner read the Fire Department Report from the Chief. There were 3 calls in December. Training for December: 3 members completed firefighting 1 and 2. Cemetery report for December 2022: Supervisor Rapp stated the cemetery is closed for the winter. Parks and Recreation report for December 2022: The new sweeper cannot be bought this year, scheduled for fall purchase. Leave on order. Pawlowicz asked about renting a sweeper for this year. A port-a-potty was placed at the sledding hill. Community Center & Pavilion report for December 2022: Supervisor Cich reported there are no rentals for December. May need a smaller griddle for kitchen. In the spring Supervisor Cich will work on lower side of building. Recycling report for December 2022: Recycling Center is operating well. Pawlowicz suggested Clerk Hanson create a standard letter to be mailed out to those that are dumping non recycling items. There were questions about the snow removal contract. For next year, add shoveling for specific areas. Supervisor Rapp offered to plow after dumpsters are emptied. It was suggested that gate be added to the entrance of the recycling center. Instead, Supervisor Blix suggested a camera/sign on center. Clerk Hanson attended the Annual WLLSD meeting, where they discussed mostly the grant. Other Meetings for December 2022: Chair Ray and Supervisor Cich attended the County Board meeting.

Old Business: Reservoir Riders managers agreement is signed. Thermostat is missing from the upstairs women's bathroom.

New Business: Set Board Reorganization: The Board agreed to have the Budget/Salary, Reorganizational and Audit meeting on January 18, 2023. Elect Chair and Vice Chair: There was a nomination by Supervisor Rapp to elect Tim Wagner as Chair and seconded by Supervisor Blix. There were no other nominations. Tim Wagner was pronounced Chair. Elect Vice Chair: There was a nomination by Supervisor Rapp to elect Deb Pawlowicz as Vice Chair and seconded by Supervisor Blix. There were no other nominations. Deb Pawlowicz was pronounced Vice Chair.

Adjourn: There was a motion by Chair Wagner to adjourn meeting at 7:45 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, January 2023, Chief Linda Bergstrand

Members responded to two calls in January, both were medical calls. The month was busy with many activities and training. We had training on PPE (turnout coats, pants helmets, boots, gloves, hoods etc). We also received eight new MSA SCBAs (airpaks) at the beginning of the month and have use the month to familiarize ourselves with the new equipment. We also purchased new breathing air bottles, which are used to fill the air tanks we use on emergency scenes, and had our breathing air compressor adjusted so we can fill the new air bottles. Seven members attended the annual Arrowhead EMS conference at the DECC. This conference helps us learn new techniques and information that will help us do our job as medical responders.

During a hall check we discovered the roof was leaking by our clean room. Three members shoveled off the snow to keep the roof from leaking. The roof will be repaired when the weather warms up.

Please be sure your address signs are visible from the road. With the about of snow we have had so far this year and the size of the snowbanks it is difficult for responders to find the address signs in the event we are called to your home or place of business. Please take a look and shovel out the signs if necessary. Look at the signs as if you are a responder driving down the road at night trying to find your address. If you can't see it easily, neither can we. Thank you for checking your signs.

Spring will be here before you know it and so will wildfire season.

See the website at this link for information on the Minnesota Firewise program: <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/firewise/index.html>





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.





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

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Fredenberg Town Board Meetings

Regular Board meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month, 7 PM at the Town Hall.

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

The next 2023 scheduled meetings are:

March 1
April 5



Fredenberg Community Center

The Center is open to the public and available to rent.

For information on rentals and fees, please contact the Town Clerk at 218-721-3991 or email at Fredenbergtwp@gmail.com.

