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FREDENBERG TOWNSHIP NEWS

A monthly newsletter
Editor: Ellen Hanson

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NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF FREDENBERG TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby given to the residents of Fredenberg Township, St. Louis County, State of Minnesota, that the Annual Township Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 14, 2023. 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 Fredenberg Town Hall, 5104 Fish Lake

Annual Meeting Minutes, March 8, 2022

This is a draft of the meeting minutes. They will be approved at the March 14, 2023 annual meeting.

The Annual Meeting of the Town of Fredenberg, Minnesota, St. Louis County was held in the Fredenberg Town Hall on Wednesday, March 8, 2022, at 7:00 PM. There were 33 signatures on the public register.

Call to order the Annual meeting at 7:00 PM: The meeting was called to order by Clerk Hanson at 7:00 PM.

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

Nominate and elect a moderator: Clerk Hanson asked for nominations for moderator. Glen Bergstrand was nominated and accepted. Hanson asked for second nominations and a third time for nominations. There were no other nominations. Glen Bergstrand was selected as moderator.

Presented for approval meeting minutes from March 9 & August 24, 2021 Annual meetings

There was a motion by Darren Wixo to approve the minutes as presented and seconded by Troy Sunnarborg. This motion carried unanimously.

Moderator Bergstrand read the Board of Audit meeting minutes.

Presentations/Speakers

Jenny Weise (Hermantown Middle School Principal): Weise talked about the sales tax increase of .5% for the City of Hermantown. The new arena is in the early stages of progress. Looking at reducing class sizes for next year. They found learning loss with COVID/distance learning working with intervention specialists. Head start is the only area that is required masking at this time. COVID funds being used for stage one for air conditioning the school. The audience had several questions for Weise.

St. Louis County Sheriff's Office Representative: Jason Lukovsky, Under Sheriff, gave a report on the 2021 incidents in Fredenberg. The year ended with a total of 301 calls. There were 49 medical calls; fraud or scam calls were the most common; unemployment related fraud associated with COVID; email fraud; and one burglary call. 64 traffic stops out of the 301 resulted in 3 drinking while intoxicated violations. He is in discussion with Minnesota Power regarding the boat landing lighting. Reservoir Riders: Gary Visenor reported they have 94 trail miles to groom, and they had 47 trips, 2300 miles total, 2330 grooming miles.

Chad Walsh, St. Louis County Sheriff Candidate, gave an introduction of himself and talked about why he is running for sheriff.

Jason Lukovsky, St. Louis County Sheriff Candidate, introduced himself and talked about why he is running for sheriff.

Reports

The Town Board report and Fire department reports were on the table for the public.

Old Business

Thanks to the town board members and volunteers helping to make the township a better place. Thanks to Diane Palmstein for assisting the new Clerk.

New Business

There was no new business.

End of Year Financial Statement

Treasurer Pam Blekestad talked about the end year financial statement.

2023 Township Levy from the Treasurer

Treasurer Pam Blekestad read the levy proposal report. Proposed levy from the Town Board were General \$45,233; Town Buildings \$15,000; Fire \$102,900; Cemetery \$1,400; Parks/Recreation \$10,000; Roads \$150,000; Fire Hall bond \$60,000; total levy \$384,533. There was a motion by Jeff Blix to accept the proposed levy amounts and seconded by Patty Wheeler. This motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

Set time and date for the 2023 Annual meeting: There was a motion by Diane Palmstein to set the date for the annual meeting for March 14, 2023 at 7:00 PM and in case of inclement weather, March 21, 2023 at 7:00 PM and seconded by Mark Baker. This motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

There was a motion by Jeff Blix to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 PM and seconded by Don Chesney. This motion carried unanimously.

Fredenberg Fire Department, Town Board Report, February 2023

During February members responded to nine calls, including a Carbon Monoxide call, a mutual aid structure fire and seven medical calls. Training for the month included the use of backboards, SCBAs, Personal Protective Equipment and power tools. Members also participated in fit testing for our new air pack masks. Each member went through a series of movements to determine what size face mask will fit them best. Several members help teach a CPR class at the Northwest Gun Club.

The gas boiler at the fire hall quit working this month. The contractor/installer (DG Solem) was called to troubleshoot the problem.

Linda Bergstrand, Chief

Some tips from the United State Fire Administration for people with disabilities.

Millions of people live with physical and mental disabilities. It is important for them to know how to stay safe from fire.

Understand your fire risk

Having physical or mental disabilities doesn't mean you can't keep you and your family safe from fire. Build your home safety plan around your abilities.

Install and maintain smoke alarms

Smoke alarms with a vibrating pad or flashing light are available for people who are deaf or hard of hearing. Smoke alarms with a strobe light outside the home to catch the attention of neighbors, and emergency call systems for summoning help, are also available. Ask the manager of your building, or a friend or relative, to install at least 1 smoke alarm on each level of your home.

Test smoke alarm batteries every month and change them at least once a year. If you can't reach the test button on your smoke alarm, ask someone to test it for you.

Live near an exit

Although you have the legal right to live where you choose, you'll be safest on the ground floor if you live in an apartment building. If you live in a multistory home, arrange to sleep on the first floor. Being on the ground floor and near an exit will make your escape easier.

Plan your escape

Plan your escape around your capabilities. Know at least 2 exits from every room. If you use a walker or wheelchair, check all exits to be sure you can get through the doorways. Make any necessary changes, such as installing exit ramps and widening doorways, to make an emergency escape easier.

Don't isolate yourself

Speak to your family members, building manager or neighbors about your fire safety plan and practice it with them.

Contact your local fire department's nonemergency line and explain your needs. They can suggest escape plan ideas and may perform a home fire safety inspection if you ask. Ask emergency providers to keep your needs information on file.

Keep a phone near your bed and be ready to call 911 or your local emergency number if a fire occurs.

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.

2023 Annual Meeting Agenda March 14, 2023

Call the meeting to order
 Pledge of Allegiance
 Nominate and elect a moderator
 Present for approval meeting minutes from March 8, 2022, annual meetings
 Reports:
 Town Board
 Roads & Bridges
 Fire Department
 Presentations/Speakers
 Hermantown Middle School Representative
 St. Louis County Sheriff's Office Representative
 Old Business
 New Business
 End of year Financial Statement
 2023 Township Levy from the Treasurer
 Other Business
 Set time and date for the 2024 Annual meeting
 (March 12, 2024 at 7 PM or March 19, 2024 at 7 PM
 for inclement weather)
 Adjournment

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town of Fredenberg is accepting quotes to contract approximately 18.5 miles of road work in the township for the 2023 season. Must have own equipment. Quotes submitted no later than March 31, 2023 by 5:00 PM to: Clerk, 5104 Fish Lake Road, Duluth, MN 55803 or email: Fredenbergtpw@gmail.com. If you have questions: contact Clerk at 218-721-3991. Ellen Hanson/Town Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town of Fredenberg is accepting quotes for mowing of township properties for the 2022 season, approximately 30 acres, at 4 locations: Community Center, Recycle Center, Fire Hall & Cemetery. Each site **MUST have their own separate quote** to mow, which includes trimming & clean up. Quotes combining sites will not be accepted. Fire Hall and Cemetery mowed every other time or ONLY two times a month. To mow, grass must be at least 2 -1/2 inches in height. Submit quote **"per time for each location"** no later than Thursday, March 31, 2023 at 5:00PM to: Clerk, 5104 Fish Lake Road, Duluth, MN 55803 or email: Fredenbergtpw@gmail.com. Please call 218-721-3991 for more information. Ellen Hanson/Town Clerk

2020-2023 Approved Levies 2024 Proposed Levy

Fund	Approved 2020	Approved 2021	Approved 2022	Approved 2023	Proposed 2024
General	\$59,900	\$66,000	\$55,000	\$45,233	\$34,948
Town Building	\$40,000	\$30,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
Fire Department	\$75,600	\$78,000	\$99,000	\$102,900	\$113,190
Cemetery	\$1,000	\$1,400	\$1,400	\$1,400	\$1,400
Parks & Recreation	\$10,000	\$8,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Roads & Bridges	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
Fire Hall Bond	\$63,000	\$62,000	\$60,700	\$60,000	\$60,000
Total Levy	\$399,500	\$395,400	\$391,100	\$384,533	\$384,533



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

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

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The next 2023 scheduled meetings are:

March 1
April 5
May 3



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