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Editor: Ellen Hanson

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APPROVED TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES for NOV. 2, 2022

The regular Board meeting of the Town of Fredenberg, Minnesota, St. Louis County was held in the Fredenberg Town Hall on Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2022. Board members present: Chair Jim Ray, Supervisors Walter Rapp, Tim Wagner, and Clerk Ellen Hanson, Deputy Clerk Kim Wagner, and Treasurer Pam Blekestad. Others in Attendance: There were 24 others in attendance and 4 on Zoom. Supervisor Pawlowicz tried to attend using Zoom, however; the connection was disconnected. This was a hybrid meeting which was held in-person with a Zoom connection. 1. Call to order the Regular meeting: The meeting was called to order by Chair Ray at 7:00 PM. 2. Pledge of allegiance: All present stood and cited the pledge of allegiance. 3. Approval of the Agenda: There was a motion by Chair Ray to approve the agenda and seconded by Supervisor Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously. 4. Open Forum • Diane Palmstein thanked Jim Ray for his many years of service to the township. • Kathy Pearson asked the Board about the County's request for Board approval that the township road she lives on will sustained use for the wedding venue. Chair Ray had recently been on the road and stated it was in good shape and will sustain usage for this venue. • Chris Older requested more information on the gravel pit issue. 5. Approval of the Minutes • Regular meeting of October 5, 2022: There was a motion by Chair Ray to accept the October 5, 2022, Board of Supervisors meeting minutes as presented and seconded by Supervisor Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously. 6. Treasurers Report – Pam Blekestad • Blekestad reported the Clerk and Treasurer balance with the bank. There was a motion by Chair Ray to approve the Treasurer's report and seconded by Supervisor Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously. • Blekestad has been working with an NBC bank representative to renew the CDs at highest interest rate. Chair Ray made a motion to renew all 3 CDs at the higher rate for seven months and seconded by Supervisor Rapp. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously. 7. Clerks Report – Ellen Hanson • Hanson presented the Cash control statement for Board review. • The Board reviewed the claims list. There was a motion by Chair Ray to pay claims 10556-10565 for a total of \$14,459.74 and seconded by Supervisor Rapp. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously. • Hanson stated she had attended more election training for write-in votes. • Hanson reported she could not find a nearby township with a digital sign policy. She would be willing to draft a policy. 7. Correspondence • The correspondence was read by Clerk Hanson. There were 13 total received: 1 mail and 12 emails. Hanson recommended the email correspondence not be printed, instead email when requested. The Board approved. 8. Reports a. Roads report October 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. • Road pavement/repair/replacement fund: Chair Ray stated

\$115,000 was spent on roads this year. The cash control report shows a higher amount of \$118,392. He recommended the remaining \$35,000 be transferred to this fund. There was a motion by Chair Ray to transfer the \$17,000 (from the Road pavement fund) and the \$35,000 (from the Roads fund) into the CD for Road pavement/repair/replacement fund and seconded by Supervisor Rapp. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously. b. Fire Department report for October 2022: • Supervisor Wagner read the Fire Department Report from the Chief. • There were 5 calls in October for fire & medical. • Training for October included CPR training, • Chief Bergstrand discussed the possibility of dispersing funds to the department once per year instead of twice a year. The Board had a discussion about this matter and decided to table discussion until next month. c. Cemetery report for October 2022: • Supervisor Rapp stated the cemetery is closed. d. Parks and Recreation report for October 2022: • Chair Ray stated Carlson-Duluth will wire the thermostat. • 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 granted by the Board to approve the purchase of the shovels. Chair Ray put a lock box on the shed for building and water keys. • Chair Ray stated Gunnar Johnson, Attorney, continues to work on the management agreement with Reservoir Riders. e. Community Center & Pavilion report for October 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. f. Recycling report for October 2022: • Supervisor Pawlowicz was absent therefore there was no report. g. Other Meetings for October 2022: Chair Ray attended the DAT meeting. 9. Old Business: a. County Gravel Pit inspections update: Chair Ray stated Matthew Johnson had sent a report on the pit inspections and it was in the Board packets. Chair Ray explained the inspection process and results. He went on to state the County complied with the township goals to do proper inspections of the gravel pits that were agreed upon. There was a motion by Supervisor Wagner to accept the report from St Louis County on gravel pit inspections and that they were all inspected in a timely manner and this puts the gravel pit issue to rest, and seconded by Chair Ray. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously. b. Demolition landfills: Chair Ray explained the process for demolition refills. This item will be removed from the agenda. c. Resolution 20221102 increases PERA benefits for Fire department members: The Board discussed the resolution. There was a motion by Chair Ray to accepted Resolution 20221102 and seconded by Supervisor Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously. 10. New Business a. Board of Canvas meeting for November 16, 2022, 7:00 PM. There was a motion by Chair Ray to have the meeting on November 16 at 7:00 PM and seconded by Supervisor Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously. b. Resident requested that there could be a guest password for those that rent the building. Clerk Hanson will look into the request. 11. Adjourn a. There was a motion by Supervisor Wagner to adjourn meeting at 8:25 PM and seconded by Chair Ray. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously.

Board of Canvass meeting minutes

The Board of Canvass meeting of the Town of Fredenberg, Minnesota, St. Louis County was held in the Fredenberg Town Hall on Wednesday, November 16, 2022, at 7:00 PM. Board members present: Chair Jim Ray, Supervisors Clay Cich, Walter Rapp, and Tim Wagner, and Deputy Clerk Kim Wagner. Others in Attendance: There were 12 others in attendance. 1. Call to order the Board of Canvass meeting: The meeting was called to order by Chair Ray at 7:00 PM. 2. Pledge of allegiance: All present stood and cited the pledge of allegiance. 3. Purpose of the meeting: Chair Ray stated the purpose of this meeting is to certify the town election results. 4. Chair Ray read the election results. There was a motion by Chair Ray to accept the election results as presented and seconded by Supervisor Rapp. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously. 5. Adjourn a. There was a motion by Supervisor Wagner to adjourn meeting at 7:20 PM and seconded by Chair Ray. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion carried unanimously.

Fredenberg Fire Department, Town Board Report, November 2022

Since November 1st the Fire Department has responded to 12 calls, including structure fires, a powerline down, a motor vehicle accident, medical calls and a stand-by request.

Currently three members are participating in a Firefighter 1 & 2 class. In this class members learn about fire behavior, personal protective equipment, fire streams, hazardous materials and many other topics. The fire department was recently awarded a 50-50 matching grant from the Minnesota DNR Rural Fire Protection program. The grant will purchase two sets of turnout gear along with some wildland equipment.

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.

Heating Fire Tips for the Home

Linda Bergstrand, Fire Chief

General

- Have all heating appliances - furnaces, water heaters and wood stoves—checked and serviced yearly by a reliable professional.
- Make sure no flammable materials have been placed near any heating appliance over the summer, when the appliance was not in use.
- Use space heaters with care and inspect electric heaters for damaged cords.
- Make sure there is a working smoke detector on every level of the home. Check the batteries every six months (Daylight Saving Time in April and October are a good rule of thumb) and replace them yearly.
- Develop a home fire escape plan with two exits from every room. Establish a meeting place in a safe location so all family members can be accounted for. Call the fire department from a cordless phone, at a neighbors home or other safe location. Never re-enter a burning building for any reason. Practice your home escape plan every six months and consider practicing it at night when most home fires occur.
- Consider installing carbon monoxide detectors on every level of the home, near sleeping areas where the audible alarm can be heard. If the alarm goes off, exit the home and call 911.
- Recognize the symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning and exit the home immediately if you suspect the presence of carbon monoxide. Call 911 from a safe location.

Safe Heating

Most home heating fires involve portable heaters and space heaters, with gas and kerosene heaters accounting for the highest fatality risk. But all heating systems, including fireplaces, can be dangerous if not used and maintained properly.

Before buying any heating equipment, check with your local fire department to ensure what you are buying conforms to local building or fire codes. When shopping for portable or space heaters, look for automatic shut-off safety features. All portable heaters should bear the mark of an independent testing laboratory indicating that the heater has met basic safety standards.

Fireplaces

When you use your fireplace or wood stove, protect your home from sparks by using a fire screen made of sturdy metal or heat-tempered glass. Only burn dry wood and add wood carefully; sparks can escape into the room while the screen is open. Be sure dampers are in working order, and never leave fires unattended. Dispose of ashes and hot embers in metal containers and keep away from structures and other combustibles.

Vents and Chimneys

All fueled heaters must be vented to prevent dangerous carbon monoxide build-up in your home. Creosote and carbon deposits caused by inefficient burning in fireplaces and wood stoves can coat chimney flues and pose a fire hazard. Have your chimney inspected by a professional before each heating season and have it cleaned if necessary. Unusually high concentrations of chimney deposits could mean your fireplace or wood stove is not burning efficiently and should be inspected for defects. If you use a wood stove, have the flue and chimney connection inspected and cleaned regularly. Consider installing a spark

arrester on top of any chimney that vents a solid-fuel stove or fireplace.

Space Heaters

Give space heaters space. Keep all combustible materials away from portable and space heaters. Place all space heaters at least three feet from furniture, walls, curtains or anything else that could catch fire. Turn off space heaters when you leave home or go to bed.

Liquid Fuel Safety

If your space heater burns liquid fuel such as kerosene, let the heater cool down before refueling it. Adding fuel to a hot heater can cause fumes to ignite. Always refuel your heater outdoors in an area away from structures where a spill won't present a fire hazard. Use only the type of fuel recommended by the manufacturer. Never use a substitute or a lower-grade fuel. Never put gasoline in any space heater. Buy a fuel container for the space heater fuel that allows for safe storage of the fuel, store the fuel in a garage or shed, not in the living area of your home.

Natural Gas-Fueled Heaters

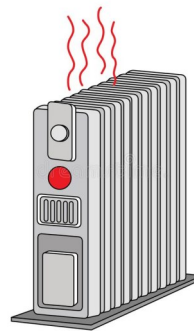
Check vents periodically to make sure they aren't blocked. Never install non-vented heaters in bathrooms or sleeping areas.

Electric Heaters

Inspect electric heater cords for cracks or other damage and have an electrician replace frayed or damaged cords. If cords overheat while the heater is on, replace the heater. Electric heaters with a tip-over safety switch that turns the heater off if it is accidentally tipped over should only be purchased.

Central Heating Systems

Statistically, central heating systems are less likely than portable or space heaters to cause home fires, but neglect can increase the risk to your safety. Never store combustible materials near a furnace and be sure that installation and automatic shut-off systems conform to local fire safety codes and are good working order. Have your furnace inspected and serviced if needed, yearly by a qualified professional.





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.



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.)





Exercise Classes

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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**

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

Thursday

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Friday

Step Class: **7:00 AM**

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The next 2023 scheduled meetings are:

January 4
February 1



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