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FREDENBERG TOWNSHIP NEWS

A monthly newsletter

Editors: Kim Wagner, Ellen Hanson

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APPROVED TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES for APRIL 5, 2023

The regular Board meeting of the Town of Fredenberg, Minnesota, St. Louis County was held in the Fredenberg Town Hall on Wednesday, April 5, 2023, at 7:00 PM.

Board members present: Chair Tim Wagner, Vice Chair Deb Pawlowicz, Supervisor Jeff Blix, Supervisor Clay Cich, Supervisor Walter Rapp, Clerk Ellen Hanson, Deputy Clerk Kim Wagner, and Treasurer Pam Blekestad.

Others in Attendance: There were 19 others in attendance.

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

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 Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.

Open Forum: Shawn Reinarz: Updated the Board on the outdoor skating rink. There had been volunteers assisting with tasks to remove snow and with flooding. There was a request to update/replace the rink boards and he presented several quoted options to do that. He felt the best option was for \$56,000 to update/replace the boards. The Board had a discussion on how to pay for new boards. No decision was made. Supervisor Pawlowicz suggested the town submit a written request to Reservoir Riders for a donation to purchase outdoor equipment. Melissa Bell thanked the volunteers for assisting with the skating rink. Steve Krasaway: Updated the Board and residents on the new road construction happening in 2024 in Fredenberg township. He handed out his power point presentation for all to review.

Approval of the Minutes: Regular meeting of March 1st, 2023: There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to accept the March 1st, 2023, Board of Supervisors meeting minutes as presented and seconded by Chair Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. Board of Audit meeting minutes: There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to approve the BOA minutes and seconded by Supervisor Rapp. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.

Financial Report – Pam Blekestad: Blekestad reported the Clerk balances with the bank, and she does not. She has been working on getting township credit cards with the National Bank of Commerce. She has completed the disclosure report.

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 Blix to accept claims 10644-10652 for \$3,430.88 and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. Township insurance through MATIT sent a report to review the town's insurance coverages and deductibles. After the discussion the Board agreed to keep amounts the same as last year. There was a motion by Supervisor Cich to keep the coverages and deductibles as reported by MATIT and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. Correspondence: Clerk Hanson read the correspondence. There were 33 total received: 6 mail and 27 emails.

Reports: Roads report March 2023: Jim Ray and Supervisor Blix talked about the road issues/conditions. They are in good condition overall. They are checking on crack repair for roads to see what will work best. Fire Department report for March 2023: Supervisor Wagner read the Fire Department Report from the Chief. There were 2 calls in March. 1 medical and 1 rescue call. Members were trained on mental

health resilience and truck driving. The new inductor motor was installed in the gas boiler at fire hall. It was under warranty. Grant for wildfire areas: The department is looking into grants to assist with wildfires. Cemetery report for March 2023: Supervisor Rapp stated the cemetery remains closed. Parks and Recreation report for March 2023: Supervisor Blix reported the skating rink looks great. The rink is closed down for season. Community Center & Pavilion report for March 2023: Clerk Hanson stated there were no rentals for March and only one in April. There was a discussion about replacing the town hall front door/s. Supervisor Cich will contact Minnesota Locksmith about options. Supervisor Rapp reported he had cleared the roof of ice. He discovered a section of the roof (pump house) had been damaged by the weight of the snow. The Board instructed the Clerk to contact the insurance company to report the damage. Supervisor Rapp replaced the water filters at town hall. Recycling report for March 2023: Supervisor Pawlowicz reported the Recycling Center is operating well. **Other Meetings for March 2023:** There were no other meetings in March. **Old Business:** 8th Ave & West Island Lake Road Resolution 202301: The documents and resolution were received from the town attorney. There was a motion by Supervisor Pawlowicz to accept Resolution 202301 for 8th Ave. and West Island Lake Road and seconded by Supervisor Blix. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. **New Business:** Quotes for township mowing 2023 season: One quote was received from Acts 2. There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to accept the Acts 2 mowing quote and seconded by Chair Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. Quotes for 2023 township road work: There was one quote received and it was from Lakehead Trucking. There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to accept the Lakehead Trucking quote and seconded by Supervisor Rapp. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. Authorization to solicit quotes for propane: The Board authorized the Clerk to request quotes from four businesses for propane prices. Quotes to be reviewed next month. Liquor Licenses approval: Eagle's Nest resort and Hi Banks resort have liquor licenses reports from the town clerk to review. Eagles Nest Resort: There was a motion by Supervisor Cich to approve the liquor license renewal request and seconded by Supervisor Blix. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. Hi Banks Resort: There was a motion by Supervisor Cich to approve the Hi Banks liquor license renewal request and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and four signified affirmatives (Blix, Cich, Pawlowicz, Rapp). This motion was carried. Chair Wagner abstained from voting as he is the owner of the resort. CUP LTI Holdings: The CUP will allow the recycling of asphalt and a crusher will be used. There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to send a letter to the County Planning department stating the Board supports the CUP and seconded by Rapp. There was a roll call vote. Supervisor Rapp, yes; Chair Wagner, yes; Supervisor Blix, yes; and Supervisor Pawlowicz, no; Supervisor Cich, no. This motion carried, 3-2. The Board discussed sending a letter to the St. Louis County Commissioners addressing Board members speaking at Commission meetings. There was a motion by Supervisor Blix requesting the Clerk send a letter to the Commissioners about Township Supervisors speaking at their meetings do not represent the township and seconded by Supervisor Rapp. There was a roll call vote. Supervisor Blix, yes; Supervisor Rapp, yes; Chair Wagner, yes. Supervisor Cich, no; Supervisor Pawlowicz, no. This motion was carried, 3-2. Local Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting: May 17, 2023, 1-2 PM, open book. The second monthly Board meeting is April 19, 2023. There was a motion by Supervisor Rapp to not have a second meeting and seconded by Supervisor Blix. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. **Adjourn:** There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 PM and seconded by Chair Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.

Fredenberg Fire Department, Town Board Report, April 2023, Chief Linda Bergstrand

Fire department members responded to 6 calls during April. The calls included medicals and a Carbon Monoxide (CO) alarm activation.

Fire Department members hosted a planning meeting with St Louis County Emergency Management, Fredenberg Town Board, Grand Lake Fire Department and Grand Lake Town Board. The potential flood on the Cloquet River was discussed. It was agreed the townships would cover the costs for having sandbags available for their township residents. Fire Department members spent time over two days to receive the sandbags at the fire hall.

Members participated in several training activities this month including Fire Officer 1, Mentoring Volunteer Firefighters, Accountability on the Emergency Scene and Vehicle fire operations.

Members are preparing for the Annual Fishing Opener Pancake Feed which will be held on Saturday May 13th at the Community Center. The cost for adults is \$10.00. Hours are 7 AM – noon.

Fire Safety is very important to keep in mind. Spring Fire Season is upon us. Please be very careful if you are burning outside.

Remember don't use gasoline or other similar flammable materials to start your fire. It can flash back to you and cause severe burns. Keep fires away from buildings, tents, shrubs or anything that can burn. Use a fire pit that is away from your home, tent or camper. Watch children and pets closely while using fire pits. Children are very quick and can get burned easily. Put out your fires before you leave, a fire should never be unattended. Also store matches and lighters out of children's reach.

We are currently in a high fire danger and burning permits are required. Please check the DNR website

to see current restrictions. https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/forestry/fire/firerating_restrictions.html

To purchase an online burning permit, you will need the following: Credit/Debit card (Mastercard or Visa); A valid email address; printer or smartphone to show proof of the permit.

A written burning permit can be obtained through any DNR Forestry Office or an active fire warden at no cost. It is good for up to three continuous days, as listed on your permit. You can activate your written permit by phone (if conditions are safe to burn).

Note: while DNR issues statewide regulations, local permits or more stringent regulations may apply if you live within a municipality that controls the open burning. <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/forestry/fire/questions.html>

HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY IN FREDENBERG

WHEN: JUNE 3, 2023, 11:30 AM—2:30 PM

WHERE: FREDENBERG TOWN HALL/COMMUNITY CENTER PARKING LOT, 5104 FISH LAKE RD

A small amount of hazardous waste can be a big problem.

Caution! Warning. Danger. Poison. Flammable. Corrosive.

If you see these words on product labels, they're hazardous to the environment or human health. Don't throw them in the trash or pour them down the drain! Other materials such as rechargeable batteries, medical sharps and fluorescent bulbs also can't be placed in the trash.



RECYCLING CENTER OPEN HOUSE

WHEN: JUNE 3, 2023, 11:30 AM—2:30 PM

WHERE: FREDENBERG RECYCLING CENTER, 5104 FISH LAKE RD



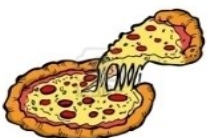
Game Night

Anchor Point Church—Fredenberg Campus
5069 Fish Lake Road, Duluth MN

Join us for some after school fun!

We will have games, crafts, pizza, and bible story.
Ages 5 and up

Thursday, May 11th and Tuesday, May 23rd
from 4:15—6:30





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 Wixo: \$5/class, Anita Anderson: \$5/class

**Sandy Rock classes are held through out the week.
Please call her at 218-320-2902 for information.**

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

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

ALL CLASSES PAY AT DOOR except Zumba

Keep the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness pristine by practicing PlayCleanGo!

News Release/Info to Post

May 5, 2023

Contact: Lori Seele, Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area Coordinator,
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Each year, over 150,000 people from all over the country visit northern Minnesota's Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW) to enjoy pristine lakes, pine studded ridges, and glimpses of wildlife. But many don't realize they bring with them foreign invaders that threaten the health of these high-quality ecosystems.

Invasive garlic mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*) and leafy spurge (*Euphorbia esula*) have been documented at several BWCAW campsites and trails. Very few populations of these species have been documented in Cook and Lake counties outside the BWCAW, indicating these infestations were most likely spread here by visitors' shoes or equipment. More than 20 other invasive plant species in the BWCAW include purple loosestrife, exotic honeysuckle, plumeless thistle, tansy, Canada thistle, and cypress spurge.

These species wreak havoc in natural areas, damaging ecosystems by displacing native plants, altering forest succession, and degrading soil and water quality. Once these plants get established, it can be very costly and time consuming to control them, so it is critical we all do our part to prevent the spread of invasive species. You can help to preserve the ecological integrity of our iconic wildernesses and natural areas by following these core tenets of Play Clean Go:

☐ **CLEAN** your gear, especially boots, tent stakes, wheels, and other items that come in direct contact with soil or vegetation, before entering and leaving the recreation site. Clean pets by removing mud and seeds.

☐ **STAY** on designated roads and trails.

☐ **USE CERTIFIED** or local firewood to prevent spreading forest pests and diseases such as Emerald Ash Borer or spongy moth. Leave unused firewood at the campsite.

☐ **REMOVE** visible aquatic plants, animals, and mud from your watercraft, gear, paddles, floats, ropes, anchors, dip nets, and trailer before leaving water access. Scrub hull using a stiff brush.

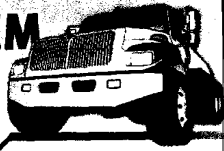
When possible, rinse watercraft, trailer and equipment with high pressure hot water. Dispose of unwanted bait and fish parts in the trash, not on land or in water

☐ **LEARN** to identify plants around you as you explore natural areas and begin to differentiate between native and non-native species. Report invasive species you encounter to your local invasive species specialist or on www.EDDMapS.org

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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:

**June 7
July 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.

