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## FREDENBERG TOWNSHIP NEWS

A monthly newsletter  
Editor: Ellen Hanson

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## APPROVED TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES for NOVEMBER 1, 2023

The regular Board meeting of the Town of Fredenberg, Minnesota, St. Louis County was held in the Fredenberg Town Hall on Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 and Deputy Clerk Kim Wagner.

**Others in Attendance:** There were 8 others in attendance.

**Call to order the Regular meeting:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Wagner 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 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:** There were no speakers.

**Approval of the Minutes:** Regular meeting of October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023: There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to approve the October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Board of Supervisors meeting minutes as presented and seconded by Supervisor Rapp. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.

**Financial Reports:** Clerk Hanson stated she is balanced with the bank and presented the cash control report and the Schedule 1 report which has the investment totals. There was a motion by Supervisor Pawlowicz to approve the treasurers report and seconded by Chair Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.

**Clerks Report** – Ellen Hanson: Hanson presented the Cash control statement for Board review under the Treasurers report. She is balanced with the bank. The Board reviewed the claims list. There was a motion by Supervisor Rapp to accept claims 10738-10748 for a total of \$39,661.69 and claim 10737 for \$12,973 to Becker Arena Products, claim 10749 will be voided until clarification of the completion of the work is obtained 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 20 total received: 1 mail and 19 emails.

**Reports:** Roads report Oct. 2023: Supervisor Blix reported the roads are in great shape and there was nothing new to report.

Fire Department report for Oct. 2023: Fire Chief Bergstrand reported there 8 calls. The Department sponsored Halloween Trick or Trunk. There were about 75 kids in attendance. They had training with the Air Rescue team. 2 members attended the Minnesota Fire Chief's Annual Meeting. The can recycling trailer was reconstructed for better collection.

Cemetery report for Oct. 2023: Supervisor Rapp stated the cemetery is closed for the year.

Parks and Recreation and Pavilion for Oct. 2023: Supervisor Blix reported there was nothing new to report. A port-a- potty will be placed at the sliding hill by December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Community Center report for Oct. 2023: Clerk Hanson stated there were 2 rentals in October. The Breakfast with Santa event will be held on Saturday, December 2.

Recycling report for Oct. 2023: Supervisor Pawlowicz reported the Recycling Center is operating well.

**Other Meetings for Oct. 2023:** Supervisors Blix and Rapp attended the public meeting regarding the Fish Lake Road reconstruction.

**Old Business:** Update on roof repairs: Supervisor Cich reported the outside roof repairs are complete. Jeff Monsaas reported on the Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) application. He suggested the Town Board approve a resolution in support of an application for the LRIP to be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners. The completed application is due on December 8. There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to approve a resolution supporting the LRIP application and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. Update on ice skating rink boards: Clerk Hanson stated the deposit check had been sent to Becker Arena Products. Supervisor Cich stated the boards will be delivered in the spring, no earlier than May. Discuss old fire hall gutters replacement: A quote from A-1 Seamless Gutters was received for \$868.00 for the replacement of the old fire hall gutters. There was a motion by Chair Wagner to approve the A-1 Seamless Gutters quote of \$868.00 to replace the old fire hall gutters and seconded by Supervisor Blix. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. Supervisor Jeff Blix volunteered to be the new Road Foreman. There was a motion by Chair Wagner to appoint Jeff Blix as the road foreman and pay him at the current hourly rate of \$18.04 and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. Treasurer's position: There are no applicants at this time. Another option is combining the clerk and treasurer positions into one position. She will contact Minnesota Association of Townships (MAT) attorney for the state statute information.

**New Business:** Review rental rates: The Board had a discussion on rental rates. There was an adjustment made last year with the exception of the old fire hall rent. The current rent for the old fire hall is \$400 per month. There was a motion by Supervisor Rapp to increase the old fire hall rent to \$500 per month beginning January 2024 and seconded by Supervisor Blix. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. Activities and craft class: Brittany Wagner presented a plan for her Craft with Kids Program. It will be held twice a month in one of the classrooms and it will be for children ages 5-10. There will be a maximum of 12 per class. There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to approve the classroom usage for the Craft with Kids program and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. Public Recreational Snowmobile Trail easement agreement (Pontoon Bay): Supervisor Rapp stated he has been in contact with the representative from Allete, Inc. and they are requesting the town approve and sign the easement agreement they provided. Allete, Inc., d/b/a Minnesota Power (MP) desires to convey in favor of the public and the Town, and the Town desires to accept, an easement over and across the MP Property for purposes of utilizing improving and maintaining a snowmobile trail across Pontoon Bay. There was a motion by Supervisor Pawlowicz to approve the snowmobile easement agreement across Pontoon Bay and seconded by Supervisor Blix. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. The second monthly Board meeting is November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023. There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to not have a second meeting and seconded by Chair Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. Discussion about the town's newsletter: The Board would like to seek input from the community about continuing or discontinuing the print version. Notice will be printed in the newsletter that will solicit comments.

**Adjourn:** There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 PM and seconded by Chair Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.

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## Fredenberg Township News

**Thank you to all that submitted comments regarding continuing the print edition of the newsletter. At their December 6 meeting the Board voted to continue with the print edition. The Board appreciates your interest in the community newsletter.**

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## *Happy Holidays Fredenberg Community*

*The Fredenberg Town Board wishes everyone a happy and prosperous New Year.*

*Tim Wagner, Chair  
Deb Pawlowicz, Vice Chair  
Jeff Blix  
Clay Cich  
Walter Rapp*





## ***We Invite you, your family, and your friends!***

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*The Great News is God was with us then, and He still is today!*

*This Christmas, we welcome you to Waters of Life to hear & learn more about the Christmas story; how the gift of a baby born in a stable still changes lives today!*

**December 3, 10, 17, 24 Advent Worship @ 10 am December 31(Carols Service 10 am)**

**December 3rd**

***"Filled with the Christmas Spirit"* Lasagna Luncheon 11:30 am -12:45 pm (\$5 donation)**

**1 pm *"A Not So Silent"* Concert featuring the Steve Highland Quartet with Bill Bastian**

***"Batch Made in Heaven"* Holiday Bake Sale ('til we run out! before and after the concert)**

**Freewill offering for concert, proceeds from the event will be donated to the**

**Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans**

**December 24 Christmas Eve**

**Advent Worship 10 am with Children's program**

***5 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Communion***

## ***Waters Of Life Lutheran Church***

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## 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

**\*\*\*Please note: the Fredenberg Recycle Center will no longer accept free items.\*\*\***

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 web-site at [wlssd.com](http://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.**





# ACTIVITIES AND CREATIVE PLAY

## CRAFTS AND ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS

SATURDAY

9:00-11:30 AM

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brittanyc.wagner@gmail.com or  
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## Exercise Classes

**Classes held at the Community Center/Town Hall**

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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: Evenings 5:45 - 7:00 p.m. at Reservoir Riders Club-house.

### **Thursday**

Zumba Class: **6-7 PM** Beginning January 26, 2023  
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## Fredenberg Fire Department, November 2023, Chief Linda Bergstrand

Fire Department members responded to 11 calls during November. Calls included 10 medical calls and one Public Assist for spilled fluids.

We have a couple openings for new members. Please stop by the fire hall any Thursday evening to learn more about the Department. Member candidates must be at least 18 years old. We also have spots for Junior members who must be 16-17 years old. Contact the fire department at [lbergstr@hotmail.com](mailto:lbergstr@hotmail.com) for more information or call 218-721-3614.

Fire Safety is especially important during the holiday season. More home fires occur during the holidays than any other time of the year.

Candles are a part of many celebrations, but open flames can make them dangerous if they tip over or placed too close to anything that can burn. On average 20 home candle fires are reported each day.

These holiday fire safety tips come from the United States Fire Administration. Consider using battery-operated flameless candles, which can look, smell and feel like real candles. If you do use lit candles, make sure they are in stable holders and place them where they cannot be knocked down easily. Keep candles at least 12 inches away from anything that burns. Blow out candles when you leave a room or home, or when you go to bed. Don't use lit candles in bedrooms, bathrooms and sleeping areas. Use flashlights, not candles, if you have a power outage. Water your Christmas tree every day. A dry Christmas tree can burn very hot and very fast. Make sure your tree is at least 3 feet away from heat sources like fireplaces, radiators, space heaters, candles or heat vents. Also, make sure your tree does not block exits. Inspect holiday lights each year before you put them up. Throw away light strands with frayed or pinched wires. Read manufacturer's instructions for the number of light strands to connect.



- Natural trees should be cut at a 45° angle at the base and placed in water.
- Place tree away from sources of heat.
- Use only non-flammable decorations.
- Use only lighting evaluated by a nationally recognized laboratory, such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL).
- Inspect lights for frayed wire or other defects before use.
- Do not leave lights on unattended.
- Keep natural tree stands filled with water at all times.
- When the tree becomes dry, discard it promptly.

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- Install smoke alarms on every level of the home, outside sleeping areas, and inside bedrooms.
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- Develop and practice a home fire escape plan.

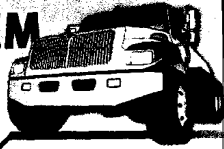


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### **Fredenberg Town Board Meetings**

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

Meetings are in-person and held in the Board room, second floor.

The next 2024 scheduled meetings are:

**Jan. 3, 2024  
Feb. 7**



### **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](mailto:Fredenbergtwp@gmail.com).

