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FREDENBERG TOWNSHIP NEWS A monthly newsletter Editor: Ellen Hanson

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NOTICE OF PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATING PRIMARY (PNP)

The Presidential Nominating Primary is being held on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 from 7AM-8PM, at the Town Hall/Community Center, 5104 Fish Lake Road, Duluth, MN 55803.

The purpose of the PNP is for voters who identify with a major political party to vote for a presidential candidate who they wish for their party to nominate as the candidate for the November state general election. Voters MUST choose their ballot preference prior to being allowed to vote. This will happen when you sign the voter roster. Your privacy will be protected. The ballot preference selection does not obligate a voter to vote in line with that particular party in future elections. An election judge will give you a concealed ballot for your party. The ballot will only display your party's candidate (s). Major political party chairs will only receive political party list of voters who selected that party.

Absentee Ballots for the PNP are being issued by St. Louis County Elections Department. Instructions and applications can be found online at https://mnvotes.sos.mn.gov/abrequest/index or https://www.sos.mn.gov/media/2444/english-regularabsentee-ballot-application.pdf or you may request.

Annual Township Meeting

The annual township meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, 6 PM, at the Town Hall/Community, 5104 Fish Lake Road, Duluth, MN 55803

The main purpose of the meeting is for the residents of Fredenberg Township to review the 2025 proposed levy and vote on it. The proposed 2025 levy is on page 5.



APPROVED TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES for JANUARY 3, 2023

The regular Board meeting of the Town of Fredenberg, Minnesota, St. Louis County was held in the Fredenberg Town Hall on Wednesday, January 3, 2024, at 7:00 PM.

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

Others in Attendance: There were 6 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 Cich. 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 December 6th, 2023: There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to approve the December 6th, 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.

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 Chair Wagner to approve the treasurers report and seconded by Supervisor Blix. 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 Pawlowicz to accept claims 10769-10786 for a total of \$151,754.90 and seconded by Supervisor Blix. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.

Correspondence: Clerk Hanson read the correspondence. There were 13 total received: 1 mail and 12 emails.

Reports: Roads report Dec. 2023: Supervisor Blix reported there was a lot of road work due to the amount of rainfall the area had before Christmas. There were potholes to fill, and a need for extra sanding, added gravel, and grading on a few roads.

Fire Department report for Dec. 2023: Chief Bergstrand reported there were 84 calls for the year. The Department is recruiting new members.

Cemetery report for Dec. 2023: Supervisor Rapp was not present and therefore no report was given.

Parks and Recreation and Pavilion for Dec. 2023: Supervisor Blix stated they are flooding the ice rink. The new skating rink boards arrived, and they are in the recycling center.

Community Center report for Dec. 2023: Clerk Hanson stated there were 2 rentals in December.

The final Vesel Construction invoices for the hall roof repairs and inside the janitor closet were discussed. There were discrepancies between the first and last contracts/invoices. The amount charged increased plus the work contracted to do was not completed. There were board members that felt there may be insurance fraud involved and others that did not. After a detailed examination of the contracts/invoice, it was determined the final payment should be \$664.95 for the completed work by Vesel. There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to make the final payment of \$664.95 to Vesel for the roof repairs and janitor closet

and seconded by Supervisor Cich.

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

Other Meetings for December 2023: There were no other meetings in December.

Old Business: Treasurer vacancy: Supervisor Cich reported there were two candidates for the position. After the first interview one candidate rescinded their application. The candidate recommended to the Board is Chelsey Mahr. The hiring committee added additional duties to the Treasurer's job description, and they are updating the newsletter, updating the website, and grant research and writing. There was a motion by Supervisor Cich to appoint Chelsey Mahr to the treasurer position at current hourly wage and seconded by Jeff Blix. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. Hanson presented Resolution 20240103 Supporting the Rice Lake Corridor. There was a motion by Supervisor Cich to accept Resolution 20240103 Supporting the Rice Lake Corridor and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.

New Business: Set the Reorganization meeting, the budget/ compensation meeting, and the Board of Audit meeting: The Board set these meetings after the regular board meeting on February 7th, 2024. The second monthly Board meeting is January17, 2024: There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to not have a second meeting and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.

Adjourn: There was a motion by Chair Wagner to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM and seconded by Supervisor Blix. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.

CAUCUS NIGHT ON FEBRUARY 27, 2024 FREDENBERG DEMOCRATIC HELD AT THE FREDEN-BERG COMMUNITY CENTER REPUBLICAN HELD AT HERMANTOWN SCHOOL DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM CAUCUS AT 7:00 PM

WHY THE LOCAL PRECINCT CAUCUSES ARE IM-PORTANT? Precinct caucuses are a fundamental pillar of our MN party system. A caucus is a gathering of neighbors for the purpose of discussing issues and organizing the local party unit.

WHY HOLD CAUCUSES? Yes, we have a Presidential Primary in 2024 but still much of the grass roots work is done at the caucuses. At the caucuses we will:

1. Discuss issues and ideas for the party to support

2. Choose volunteers who will organize political activities in the precinct

3. Choose delegates who will endorse candidates at future conventions.

Minnesota will hold its Presidential Primary on March 5, 2024. Voting by mail or in person started on January 19 and goes to March 4th, 2024. Advance registration to vote is Feb 13 or register in person at the polling place.

All other elected offices with a primary will be included on the August 13th ballot.

Written by: Randy Docauer

Fredenberg Fire Department Town Board Report January 2024

The fire department responded to 6 calls during January, calls included 1 possible gas leak, 3 medical calls, 1 unattended brush pile fire, and 2 carbon monoxide calls. Two of the calls were mutual aid.

Several members attended the Arrowhead EMS conference in Duluth, one member attended a National Fire Academy class. We also worked with Normanna fire department to teach them how to provide rehab at various emergency scenes. Fredenberg Fire Department has been the pioneer in the area in developing, using and teaching Rehab protocols. Rehab is a very essential part of the emergency services, it serves to maintain the health and wellness of the firefighters working an emergency scene, through monitor-

ing fluid intake, providing medical checks, and most importantly providing rest and cooling for the firefighters. The National Interagency Fire Center has issued the Wildland Fire Potential Outlook for this spring. March, April and May hold a significant fire danger for Minnesota, Northern Wisconsin and Northern Iowa. We are currently in a moderate to severe drought. Check your home and property to be sure you

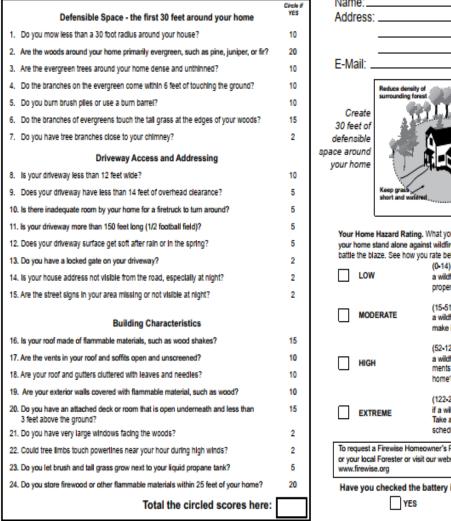
are safe from wildfires. For more information check the MN DNR Firewise page. https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/ firewise/index.html

We would like to welcome Angela Bailey as our newest member. We do have room for a few more members, contact the fire department if you are interested in finding out more about the fire ems services.

Linda Bergstrand, Chief 218-349-2668

Name:

Will your home survive a wildfire?



Keep It Lean, Clean, a Green Your Home Hazard Rating. What you do around your property will help your home stand alone against wildfire and give firefighters a chance to battle the blaze. See how you rate below (0-14) The chances of your home surviving a wildfire are GOOD. Keep maintaining your property. (15-51) The chances of your home surviving a wildfire are FAIR. Minor improvements will make it even more Firewise. (52-121) Chances of your home surviving a wildfire are NOT GOOD. Many improvements are necessary to Improve your home's survivability. (122-202) Your home MAY NOT SURVIVE if a wildfire passes through your property. Take a serious look around your home and schedule improvements. To request a Firewise Homeowner's Packet, call the DNR at 1-888-646-6367 or your local Forester or visit our websites at www.mndnr.gov/firewise or Have you checked the battery in your smoke detector lately?

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PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY



In March 2024, Minnesota will hold a presidential nomination primary to vote for each major party's nominee for President.

MARCH 5, 2024

- Early voting begins January 19, 2024
- Request a ballot to vote from home at mnvotes.gov/asbsentee

• Find your polling place at *mnvotes.gov/ pollfinder*. Most polling places open at 7 a.m. All polling places close at 8 p.m.

THE BALLOT

 Only major political parties will participate; each party has its own ballot with only their candidates listed.

• You will be required to request only one party's ballot when you vote, whether absentee or in-person at your polling place.

 Your ballot will only list nominees for President for the party you requested.

2024 DATES

VOTE EARLY Jan. 19 - March 4

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY Tuesday, March 5

VOTE EARLY

June 28 - Aug. 12 PRIMARY ELECTION

Tuesday, August 13 VOTE EARLY Sept. 20 - Nov. 4

ELECTION DAY Tuesday, November 5

- A record of which party's ballot you selected will be made available to that political party.
- Each major party chair will submit a list of candidates for their party, and will decide if there will be a write-in space on their party's ballot.

Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State mnvotes.gov • 1-877-600-VOTE





 The presidential nomination primary results will determine Minnesota's delegates for each major party.

WHAT HAPPENED TO PRECINCT CAUCUSES?

- Precinct caucuses and local and state nominating conventions will still take place for other party business.
- Precinct caucuses are meetings run by state political parties. They are the first in a series of meetings where parties may endorse candidates, select delegates, and set goals and priorities (party platforms).
- 2024 precinct caucuses will be held on Tuesday, February 27 at 7 p.m. Caucus locations will be posted at *mnvotes.gov* shortly before the caucus date.

WHY THE CHANGE?

- In 2016, the Minnesota legislature passed a law establishing a presidential nomination primary (*Minnesota Statutes* Chapter 207A and Minnesota Rules Chapter 8215).
- The State Primary Election will be held August 13, 2024 for offices other than President.

QUESTIONS?

- Contact your county election office (list available at mnvotes.gov).
- Secretary of State: 651-215-1440 or elections.dept@state.mn.us



Scan this code to visit mnvotes.gov and register to vote!

2021-2024 Approved Levies 2025 Proposed Levy

Fund	Approved 2021	Approved 2022	Approved 2023	Approved 2024	Proposed 2025
General	\$66,000	\$55,000	\$45,233	\$34,943	\$35,000
Town Building	\$30,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
Fire Department	\$78,000	\$99,000	\$102,900	\$113,190	\$118,850
Cemetery	\$1,400	\$1,400	\$1,400	\$1,400	\$1,000
Parks & Recreation	\$8,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Roads & Bridges	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$180,000
Fire Hall Bond	\$62,000	\$60,700	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
Total Levy	\$395,400	\$391,100	\$384,533	\$384,533	\$419,850





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 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: Evenings 5:45 - 7:00 p.m. at 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

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town of Fredenberg is accepting quotes for mowing township properties for the 2024 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 Wednesday, March 27, 2024 at 5:00PM to: Clerk, 5104 Fish Lake Road, Duluth, MN 55803 or email: Fredenbergtwp@gmail.com. Please call 218-721-3991 for more information. Ellen Hanson/Town Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town of Fredenberg is accepting quotes to contract approximately 18.5 miles of road work in the township for the 2024 season. Must have own equipment. Quotes submitted no later than March 27, 2024 by 5:00 PM to: Clerk, 5104 Fish Lake Road, Duluth, MN 55803 or email: Fredenbergtwp@gmail.com. If you have questions: contact Clerk at 218-721-3991. Ellen Hanson/Town Clerk

Fredenberg Township Crime Statistics for 2023

There were a total of 320 incidents in Fredenberg for 2023. A summary of the most frequent crimes are listed:

76 traffic stops

14 arrests: 2 domestic assaults, 2 fleeing police, 2 warrant arrests, 1 predatory offender registration violation, 7 DUI.

Statistics provided by Sergeant Nick Voltzke



Fredenberg Cemetery

When planning your estate, you may want to consider the township cemetery as a final resting spot. There are beautiful plots available to purchase that will contain caskets and urns. If you are interested in purchasing a plot or more, please contact the town office at 218-721-3991. Rates are reasonable.

Town hall/Community Center Rentals

The Town Hall / Community Center is available to rent for township residents, non-residents, and events. The rental rates are very reasonable. There is a full kitchen with stove and refrigerator. The rental agreement can be found at the town's website: Fredenberg.org. Please call ahead for date and time availability at 218-721-3991 or email at fredenbergtwp@gmail.com. A \$100 refundable damage deposit is required.

Advertising Rates

Business Card Size: \$10 per month Full page: \$80 per month Half page: \$40 per month Insert: \$80 per month

Send your ad request to Clerk, fredenbergtwp@gmail.com or call 218-721-3991, by the last day of month for printing.

Over 500 Fredenberg residents receive the newsletter every month. The newsletter is available on the Fredenberg.org web site.

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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:

March 6 April 3



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.

