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FREDENBERG TOWNSHIP NEWS

A monthly newsletter
Editor: Ellen Hanson

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TOP FIVE BOATING SAFETY TIPS

- Wear your life jacket and make sure children wear theirs.
- Stay sober. Booze and boating don't mix. Alcohol is the #1 factor in boating fatalities.
- Tell a friend. Tell someone where you're going and when you will be back. If you're not back, they should call 911. Bring a phone or VHF radio.
- Be weather aware. Don't let a storm sneak up on you—delay your trip or head to shore. Go slow in rough water to avoid capsizing.
- Boat smart. Take a boating safety course. Know your boat; stay alert while scanning for dangers; stay seated and low in the boat to prevent falls overboard.

Important Notes for 2024

- New watercraft registration fees go into effect on January 1, 2024.
- New as of July 1, 2021. Driving while impaired. If an operator's license is revoked, suspended or canceled due to a DWI violation, they cannot legally operate any vehicle, including motorboats. (Page 30.)

Important Information Regarding Property Assessments: This may affect your 2025 property taxes.

There will be an open book meeting on May 1, 2024 at 1:00 -2:00 PM , County Assessor's Office at the AP Cook Building. Or you may send written appeals to: County Assessor, 2503 Rice Lake Rd, Duluth MN 55811, 218-726-2304.

The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact the St. Louis County Assessor's office to discuss your concerns. .

You can send in a letter via USPS or email or attend the meeting in person. All communications MUST be received prior to or at the meeting.

APPROVED TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR MARCH 6, 2024

The regular Board meeting of the Town of Fredenberg, Minnesota, St. Louis County was held in the Fredenberg Town Hall on Wednesday, March 6, 2024, 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 and Treasurer Chelsey Mahr.

Others in Attendance: There were 18 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.

Recess meeting to a Closed meeting: There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to recess the meeting and move to a closed meeting and seconded by Supervisor Rapp. There was a roll call vote. There were 4 in favor and 1 against. This motion was carried.

Reconvened the meeting: At 7:22 PM the regular meeting reconvened. There was a motion by Supervisor Cich to pay the remaining balance on the Vesel contract and print a retraction in the next newsletter and seconded by Chair Wagner. This motion was carried unanimously. Mike Sipper made a statement about the wording in the January minutes.

Approval of the Agenda: There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to approve the agenda and seconded by Supervisor Rapp. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.

Open Forum: Jim Ray felt there was no need to increase the levy. Bill O'Brien talked to the Board about the differences between the budget and levy. He also stated he does not feel there is a need to increase the levy for 2025.

Approval of the Minutes: Regular meeting of February 7th, 2024: There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to approve the February 7th, 2024, Board of Supervisors meeting minutes as presented and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. Reorganization meeting of February 7th, 2024: There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to approve the February 7th, 2024 Reorganization meeting minutes as presented and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. Board of Audit meeting of February 7th, 2024: There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to approve the February 7th, 2024, Board of Audit meeting minutes as presented and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. Budget/Compensation meeting of February 7th, 2024: There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to approve the February 7th, 2024, Budget/Compensation meeting minutes as amended and seconded by Supervisor Pawlowicz. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. Amend number 3 from Levy to Budget.

Financial Reports: Treasurer Mahr stated she is balanced with the bank and presented the cash control report and the Schedule I report which has the investment totals. There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to approve the treasurers report and seconded by Supervisor Rapp. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.

Clerks Report: Clerk Hanson presented the Cash balance statement for Board review. She is balanced with the bank. The Board reviewed the claims list. There was a motion by

Supervisor Blix to accept claims 10805-10813 for a total of \$14,261.11 and seconded by Supervisor Rapp. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously. Hanson reported on the March 5 Presidential Primary election. There were 217 voters.

Correspondence: Clerk Hanson read the correspondence.

There were 4 mail and 9 emails during the month. Confirmed the Annual meeting is at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, March 12, 2024.

Reports: Roads/Bridges report for February 2024: Supervisor Blix reported the roads are in good shape. He removed a tree that was on a road.

Fire Department report for February 2024: Chief Bergstrand reported there were 3 calls in February.

Members met with Minnesota Power for the annual updates to the Emergency Action Plans for Island Lake and Fish Lake Dams. This spring has the potential to be a very severe fire season due to the lack of precipitation this winter. The Fire Dept. will host a Community Specific Wildfire Strategic Planning session at the town hall on Tuesday, March 19th at 7:00 PM.

Cemetery report for February 2024: Supervisor Rapp reported the cemetery is closed.

Parks and Recreation and Pavilion for February 2024: Supervisors Cich/Rapp reported the ice is gone from the skating rink.

Community Center report for February 2024: Clerk Hanson stated there was 1 rental in February.

Recycling report for February 2024: Supervisor Pawlowicz reported the Recycling Center is operating well. Issues continue with the locks on the dumpsters. The previous recycling attendant will be an on call employee.

Other Meetings for February 2024: There were no other meetings in February.

Old Business: 2024 township mowing quotes: Quotes will be reviewed at the April meeting. 2024 township road work quotes: Quotes will be reviewed at the April meeting.

New Business: Earned Sick & Safe Time (ESST) policy: Attorney Gunnar Johnson reported on the required ESST policy. He had drafted the policy for the township. There was a motion by Chair Wagner approving the Earned Sick & Safe Time Policy and seconded by Supervisor Blix. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.

Appleloosa event: Hanson reported she had a call about renting the town hall and surrounding town properties for hosting the Appaloosa event currently being hosted at the Pearson property. There was a motion by Supervisor Rapp not to allow an event of this size on the town property and hall and seconded by Chair Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.

New liquor license: Ben and Kathy Pearson are requesting a new liquor license. There was a motion by Supervisor Blix to approve the new liquor license and seconded by Supervisor Rapp. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.

The second monthly Board meeting is March 20th, 2024.

There was a motion by Supervisor Cich 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 Supervisor Blix to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 PM and seconded by Chair Wagner. There was a roll call vote and all signified affirmatives. This motion was carried unanimously.

Frederberg Fire Department, Chief Linda Bergstrand Town Board Report, March 2024

The fire department responded to 6 calls this month including 2 medical calls, 2 grass/wildland fires, 1 gas leak, and 1 rescue squad assist for a possible person in distress.

Members attended the 9-1-1 User Board meeting which included a tour of the 9-1-1 dispatch center, hosted a wildland training with DNR, hosted Wildfire Community strategic planning session and participated in a CPR instructor renewal class.

The brush truck is currently in service. The tires were replaced, equipment is being purchased for it and members were trained on it's use. There are still a few other things that will need to be done to complete the truck.

Tips from the National Fire Administration

Prevent burns and scalds in the kitchen

Place objects so that they cannot be pulled down or knocked over.

Turn pot handles away from the stove's edge.

Use dry oven mitts or potholders. Hot cookware can heat moisture in a potholder or hot pad, resulting in a scald burn.

Wear short, close-fitting or tightly rolled sleeves when cooking.

Have a "kid-free zone" of at least 3 feet around the stove.

Prevent burns from outdoor activities

Wear short sleeves or roll them up when cooking on the grill. Use long-handled barbecue tools.

Keep a 3-foot safe zone around grills, fire pits and campfires. Attend public fireworks displays; this leaves the lighting to the professionals.

General first aid for burns and scalds

Treat a burn right away by putting it in cool water for 3 to 5 minutes.

Cover the burn with a clean, dry cloth. Do not apply creams, ointments, sprays or other home remedies.

Remove all clothing, diapers, jewelry and metal from the burned area. These can hide underlying burns

and retain heat, which can increase skin damage.

See your doctor or call 911 if the burn is larger than your palm.

Calling 911

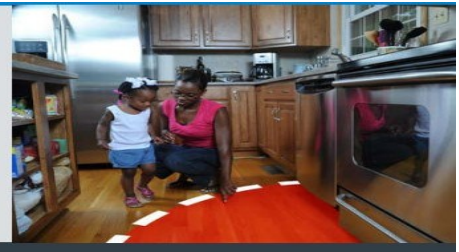
When in doubt, call 911. Don't wait to call 911 or your local emergency number for medical help.

Seconds count.

Make sure everyone in your home knows how to call 911 and give the dispatcher the address.

Make sure your house number can be seen from the road so emergency responders can quickly find you.

Burn and Scald Prevention



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For more information and free fire-safety resources, visit
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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 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: Class ended

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

Thursday
Zumba Class: **6-7 PM** Class ended Mar. 21, 2024
<https://ph.ce.eleyo.com/> and search Zumba

ALL CLASSES PAY AT DOOR except Zumba

Fredenberg Crime Statistics March 2024 Sergeant Nick Voltzke St. Louis County Sheriff's Office

A County Community Pilot Project is in place where representatives from the Sheriff's Office will be working closely with townships by attending monthly Board meetings, annual meetings and reporting on township statistics. To the right are the March 2024 incidents that occurred in Fredenberg Township.

Problem Type 2024 March	Count
DIST-DISTURBANCE	4
CKWEL-CHECK WELFARE	3
CKBIZ-BUSINESS CHECK	3
SUSPA-SUSP ACTIVITY	3
CB-CALL BACK	2
911 DISCONNECT - HANG UP	2
T - TRAFFIC STOP	1
ALRMS-SECURITY ALARM	1
CE-COMM ENGAGEMENT	1
VDAMP-VEH EXTERIOR DAMAGE	1
ATL-ATTEMPT TO LOCATE	1
ANIMAL-ANIMAL DISTURBANCE	1
TRBNBR-NEIGHBOR TROUBLE	1
CKHAZ-CHECK HAZARD	1
FMISC-MISC FIRE CALL	1
FRAUD-FRAUD/SCAM/ID	1
TRBUNK-UNKNOWN TROUBLE	1
EXPAT-EXTRA PATROL	1
DRUG-DRUG INCIDENT	1
MEDIC-MEDIC	1
OUTW-ONVIEW OUT WITH	1
PS-PAPER SERVICE	1
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Grand Total	33

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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

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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.

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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:

May 1
June 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.

