

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

JANUARY 6, 2004

The Regular Meeting of the Fayal Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Kniefel. Present were: Chairman Kniefel, Supervisor Beldo, Supervisor Erjavec, Supervisor Tammaro and Clerk Sersha.

Audience members present were: Dave Zelinski, Kelly Campbell, Jerry Ulman, Dale Dickson, Mike Erjavec and SLC Assessor Dave Sipila.

Motion to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2003 Regular Meeting made by Supervisor Tammaro, support from Supervisor Beldo. Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULED GUESTS

SLC Assessor Dave Sipila was in attendance to inform the Board on the 2004 township residential sales ratios on property valuations. Mr. Sipila reported that in order to meet the median sales ratio that all properties would have to see an increase of 10-15%. After discussion in the assessors office, it was decided to look at which locations saw the most increase in sales and apply differing rates of increases as applicable. According to sales, the percentage increases will be as follows: 20% off lake, or "suburban Fayal" (homes located in areas of water and sewer, typically across the road from the lake on platted or small acreage) and a 6% increase on Ely & St. Mary's Lakes, and 5% for all other areas. No word yet on the date for Board of Review or 2004 assessor fees.

REPORTS

Motion to accept the November 2003 Police Report made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the minutes of the December 10, 2003 Fire Department Regular Meeting, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Road & Bridge Report made by Supervisor Beldo, support from Chairman Kniefel. Motion carried unanimously.

Copies of all safety meetings held to date were submitted by Al Jurenic for the board's review.

Motion to accept the October 14, 2003 PUC Regular Meeting minutes made by Supervisor Tammaro, support from Supervisor Erjavec. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the November 10, 2004 PUC Regular Meeting minutes made by Supervisor Tammaro, support from Supervisor Erjavec. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

SLC Auditor- List of properties that have forfeited to the state on 11-21-03. The Board can classify the property as conservation or non-conservation. Placed on file.

SLC Zoning- Board of Adjustment findings of facts, conclusions and decision on Steve & Linda Shykes variance request. Placed on file.

Chris Erickson and Leane Wilson- Letter of thanks for granting them a waiver on the sewer access charge. Placed on file.

CORRESPONDENCE (Continued)

Robert H. Magie, III- Arbitration decision on the water rate. Fayal to pay Gilbert \$3.08 per 1,000 gallons. Referred to PUC and placed on file.

Chairman Kniefel- 1) Copy of letter to Scott Neff requesting that he and the Gilbert attorney prepare a new water service contract. 2) Copy of letter sent to Walt Hautala, Biwabik Town Chair informing that the Fayal Town Board passed a motion to continue dialog with Biwabik on police. Placed on file.

City of Eveleth- They have appointed Mich Wudinich to the Joint Cable TV Board for the unexpired term of Marianne Harju, which expires Dec 31, 2004. Placed on file.

Clerk Sersha- Copy of letter sent to Commissioner Keith Nelson confirming the January 27, 2004 SLC Board of Commissioners meeting to be held in Fayal Town Hall. Placed on file.

ISO- Fire rating for the fire department. Referred to Fire Department and placed on file.

Mesabi Daily News- Letter requesting they be named the official newspaper of Fayal, and publication proposal. Referred to Reorganization Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Beldo-

Russ Road/Cedar Island Court/Lane- Nothing at this time. Neff will be contacted to see if the easements have been received from the property owners.

Sewer Ordinance Revisions- Beldo states he has reviewed the ordinance and there is language that gives the Board discretion on a case by case basis to review property divisions and if the division is creating a sewer user or potential user. Beldo recommends there be no revisions to the ordinance.

Supervisor Erjavec-

Skating Rink- Supervisor Erjavec reports that she recently became aware of a proclamation made in the 1980's naming the skating rink the "Mark Pavelich Rink". Erjavec will order a sign to place at the rink.

Supervisor Tamaro-

Gilbert Water Rate- Regarding the decision by arbitrator Robert Magie to set the rate Fayal pays to Gilbert for water at \$3.08 per 1,000 gallons, Tamaro suggests lowering the monthly payment on the water company loan to avoid a rate increase. Discussion. Kniefel states he is disappointed with the decision. The issue of rates will be referred to the PUC.

Chairman Kniefel-

RLK Arbitration/Lawsuit- Nothing new at this time. An engineer has been retained by Fayal to review our claim.

Kniefel questioned if there has been any movement on the billing dispute with Total Control? Tamaro states there has been no change. Kniefel states we need to find a contingency company to service our equipment. Tamaro reports he is looking for another company.

NEW BUSINESS

Short discussion on the 2004 Joint Rec Budget, which is unchanged from last year.

Motion to approve the 2004 Joint Rec Budget, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Chairman Kniefel. Motion carried unanimously.

CONCERNS AND COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Dave Zelinski, Kelly Campbell, Mike Erjavec, Jerry Ulman and Dale Dickson were present, but had no comment.

Motion to pay the bills and to pay half of the LHB bill, made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Chairman Kniefel. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Kniefel reminded the Board there will be discussions on the 2005 budget at the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Tammaro.

Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy M. Sersha
Clerk of Fayal

Approved: _____
Chair

Attest: _____
Clerk