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ANNUAL MEETING

MARCH 8, 2011

The Town of Fayal Annual Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Clerk Judy Sersha. According to the sign-in sheet, 54 persons were in attendance. A list of those attending is attached to these minutes.

Clerk Sersha welcomed everyone to the Annual Meeting and stated the first order of business is to stand and say the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk Sersha then called for nominations for moderator.

Motion by Lee Branville, support from Eric Jankila to nominate Steve Shykes as moderator. Clerk Sersha asked if there were any more nominations x three. There being none, Sersha called for the question. Motion carried unanimously.

Steve Shykes welcomed the people to the Annual Meeting and explained the order of business.

APPROVAL OF THE 2010 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2010 Annual Meeting, made by Scott Smith, support from Lee Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL AND TREASURER'S REPORT

Moderator Shykes then called upon Clerk/Treasurer Judy Sersha to report on the financial status of the town. The General fund ended the year with a \$731,498.00 balance and the Road & Bridge Special Revenue fund ended the year with a \$306,826.00 balance. The Town of Fayal Net Assets total as of December 31, 2009 was \$13,603,787.00. A complete report is attached to these minutes.

Motion to approve the 2010 Financial & Treasurer's Report, made by John Damberg, support from Jim Pernu. Lee Branville questioned what the net assets were in 2009? Sersha stated the report is attached to last year's Annual Meeting minutes, a copy of which was provided to everyone. The report showed the 2009 net assets of the town were \$13,811,214.00. The assets were reduced due to depreciation. There being no further questions, Moderator Shykes called for the question.
Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL NEEDS FOR THE TOWN

Steve Kniefel, Town Board Chair, welcomed everyone and thanked Steve Shykes for agreeing to serve as moderator again this year. Mr. Kniefel thanked and recognized the town board members for all their hard work.

Mr. Kniefel then explained the 2012 board recommended levy to the audience, which is the same as the 2010 levy recommendation. Proposed for 2011- General- \$90,000.00, Fire- \$62,000.00, Recreation- \$0.00, Police- \$33,700.00, Capital Equipment- \$30,000.00, Buildings & Grounds- \$45,000.00, Road & Bridge- \$258,800, for a total of \$519,500.00, or a 0% increase over 2010 and a 6.49% increase over 2011.

DESIGNATING POSTING PLACES

Moderator Shykes explained the present location of our posting places are as follows: 1) Fayal Town Hall, 2) West Long Lake Road, 3) East Long Lake Road, 4) Ely Lake Shortstop, 5) At Your Convenience, 6) Differding Point, 7) Fayal Website.

Motion to keep the posting places the same made by Lee Branville, support from Scott Smith. Denny Bone suggested doing away with the paper posting of minutes, due to the fact the minutes are on the website. Clerk Sersha stated many people read the minutes on the posting boards and everyone does not have a computer. The cost to post is minimal because the road employees post the minutes while they are doing road work. Motion carried unanimously.

SETTING TOWN BOARD SALARIES

Moderator Shykes then stated the next order of business is setting compensation for town board members. As of January 1, 2010 the Conus rate for mileage is .50 cents per mile. Currently, the salaries are as follows: Supervisor- \$3,480 per year, or \$290 per month, plus mileage and expenses as incurred, and Chair- \$3,840 per year, or \$320 per month, plus mileage and expenses.

Motion by Jerry Ulman, support from John Damberg to give the board members a 10% across the board increase in their salaries. Moderator Shykes asked Clerk Sersha when the board members received their last raise? Sersha stated they have not had a raise for 5-6 years. Denny Bone stated based on the economy, raises are non-existent. Bob Sersha stated the board members put in a lot of time, and the raise is not that much considering there has been no raise for 5-6 years. There being no more discussion, Moderator Shykes called for the vote.

Motion carried unanimously.

FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

Fire Chief Steve Shykes first explained that on the handout sheets it shows the fire department received \$143,238.00, and clarified that the department received \$59,700 in levy funds for their budget and money over the \$59,700 was brought in from outside sources— grants and work done for the DNR.

Fire Chief Steve Shykes reported there were a total of 114 calls in 2010, of which 47 were EMS, 15 were structure fires and 7 were wildland fires. Presently there are 20 firefighters on the department and 5 open positions. The department is in the process of hiring two firefighters. The fire department completed 2 grants in 2010. The grants were from Homeland Security (FEMA)

for all new radios and a breathable air system. Both grants required a 5% match. The other grant was from the DNR for personal protection equipment. The simulcast agreement between the Fayal Fire Department and the Eveleth Fire Department is working out very well. A complete copy of the report is attached to these minutes.

Mike Erjavec questioned how many structure fires were within Fayal Township? Mr. Shykes stated there were nine structure fires and seven grass fires. Mr. Shykes explained how the mutual aid and simulcast system works.

Steve Kniefel added that the fire department received \$59,700 in levy dollars and that was supplemented with some mining effects funds. Mr. Kniefel commended and thanked the fire department on how successful they have been with leveraging their tax dollars and securing additional grant funds. Mr. Kniefel further explained the simulcast system stating the main reason for it is manpower driven and by combining those forces we do have a little better cadre of available manpower to respond.

Ralph Johnson asked if there is still a plan to build a new fire hall? Mr. Shykes stated there is still a committee, it has been stagnant for awhile, but we are in the process of trying to get it re-started. The reason is because we are growing out of our space, and with more and more services being provided for the township the space is getting even tighter.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS

Road & Bridge- Jim Pernu reported that crack routing and sealing was performed on 13 blacktop roads. Fifteen thousand yards of Class 5 was crushed in the IRRRB pit for our gravel roads, shouldering blacktop and it should be enough to last 10-15 years. Blacktop overlays are planned in 2011 for Woodlawn Boulevard, Woodlawn Circle and a short segment on Long Lake Road West near its intersection with Thunderbird Trail. A complete report is attached to these minutes.

Buildings & Grounds- Jim Pernu reported we had new overhead doors installed on the cold storage building and new outside lights installed on the fire hall and the emergency generator. For the first time we had to hire a company to have snow had to be removed from the fire hall town hall and garage. The snow was in excess of 34 inches and there was eight inches of ice that was causing water leaks. Air conditioning will be installed in the town hall this spring. The floor in the town hall is starting show cracks and some loose tiles that will have to be addressed in the near future. The bike trail should be going in as soon as everything dries out. The new trail will be a great improvement over the old one.

Ejay Dawson commented that he noticed the town hall rent revenue for this year was less than half of what it was last year, and he questioned if there was a reason for that, did the rates go up? Mr. Pernu answered the rates were increased because of garage sales and the abuse of the building and we were paying more for repairs than we were making on rent. Mr. Dawson questioned why the deposit wasn't increased instead of raising the rent on the hall? Mr. Pernu stated he would check the rate schedule

Moderator Shykes thanked Mr. Pernu for his reports and stated the next order of business was the police report.

Police- Police Chief Harvey Thompson reported on his activities for the year 2010. Chief Thompson included his yearly readout of all calls in Fayal Township. Chief Thompson also reported he works 20 random hours a week and has worked for Fayal a little more than 17 years, but has about 26 years of law enforcement experience. The township has a 2008 4 wheel drive Ford Expedition for a squad car, along with a new radar unit, an on-board Mobile Data Computer and a newer Taser. The Nemeses Shield program is also installed on the police office computer. Thompson stated he belongs to the AFSCME union and negotiated a new three year contract in 2010, which was ratified by the Fayal Town Board. A complete report is attached to these minutes.

Joe Petrich stated at the last Annual Meeting there was a vote to get rid of the police job, or to eliminate the police, and asked if the board changed that? Moderator Shykes asked to explain. Mr. Shykes stated the motion was mis-spoken, the motion was to lower the levy by the amount dedicated to the police department. Shykes further stated that per state statute, this group cannot eliminate or hire or fire positions, you can work on the levy but cannot eliminate any department in the township.

Mr. Patrick Donnelly asked for clarification on two things- 1) the handout about what the powers are to the freeholders at the annual meeting. Mr. Donnelly stated there is a section that says motions made and passed at the meeting are not necessarily binding on the board and we have already voted three times tonight, and he questioned whether or not if we are voting, is there authority to that vote or not? Mr. Donnelly said at last year's annual meeting, in reviewing the minutes, there was originally a motion made that was made related to the police department, citing the levy or budgetary issues and the second part had to do with ample coverage which could be supplied by the sheriff's department. That motion was made, and there was a second to that motion, but there was no vote called for that. There was a lengthy discussion about the pros and cons of the position and the moderator at the conclusion of the discussion, called for the question, and re-phrased the motion, and the re-phrasal of that motion made no reference to the levy or the budgetary issue. Moderator Shykes agreed with that. Mr. Donnelly stated the motion was made, and it was just re-stated, and it was stated to eliminate the town law enforcement and not contract with the county at this time, period, no reference to the earlier motion that received a second, had a discussion, but didn't call for a vote. This motion by the moderator was restated, called for the question for a vote, a vote was taken and carried. Mr. Donnelly stated he wanted to merge that back in with his first question—now we voted three times tonight for various motions, What is the impact of our vote? We voted on a motion that was called for a vote last year concerning the police officer. Was that valid or invalid?

Moderator Shykes clarified that the vote on the police officer last year was absolutely not binding, it never should have happened that way—that was a mis-statement by myself, but this group here cannot hire or fire anybody. You can make your feelings known to the town board, but they have the final say on that. Moderator Shykes went on to state that Harvey has a union contract and this group cannot circumvent that contract. Moderator Shykes stated he would take the blame for mis-speaking on that, what was actually up for the vote was to reduce the levy by \$36,000 from the police budget. Moderator Shykes then addressed the other question regarding the votes – the town board has the final say. The stuff that is brought up at the annual meeting will be discussed at the upcoming regular board meeting, and the recommendations that come from the annual meeting can either be accepted or overruled by the board.

Mr. Donnelly stated so, that in other words the motions we have voted on so far, are merely recommendations to the board to consider and pass? Moderator Shykes deferred the question to Steve Kniefel, town board chair.

Mr. Kniefel stated a copy of MN Statute 365.10 was included in the packet that was distributed to everyone tonight, and the reason for it was so people could understand just what the people at an annual meeting can and cannot do. Mr. Kniefel explained there are things that are binding, such as the setting of the levy. Whatever is approved here tonight by the people, that is what the town board is obligated to certify to the county auditor in September. Other things that are brought up, such as approval of the minutes, are procedural. Things that come up under Other Business are, for the most part, advisory. Mr. Kniefel went on to explain the town board is obligated to take action for the best interests of the community, and just about anything can be moved and passed at an annual meeting. Afterwards, the town board has to sort out whether or not it is legal and in the best interest of the town. Mr. Kniefel stated that, as an analogy, if the annual meeting passed a motion to have the town board build a rocket ship and send it to the moon, the town board is obviously not going to do that. Mr. Kniefel further explained that with the issue of hiring and firing a police officer, the annual meeting made a motion the levy should be reduced a certain amount, that is binding. The second part of that motion (to eliminate the police) is not binding. The town board hires and fires.

Scott Wudinich asked how you guys can emancipate from the levy to the board? You knew the citizens voted to take out \$36,000, and you knew what we were doing, why wasn't that said here? Evidently you can emancipate from the levy anytime you feel. Moderator Shykes stated the levy was reduced by the amount requested. Mr. Wudinich asked how is it getting paid? Moderator Shykes stated he cannot answer that question. Mr. Wudinich asked who can, and is Fayal represented by an attorney? Moderator Shykes stated there is no attorney on retainer that he is aware of.

Mr. Donnelly stated there is a preamble to the statute that was passed out, that was not included in tonight's handout, and that preamble states motions may or may not be effectual at the annual meeting. Mr. Donnelly stated when it is stated the motions that are made are not taken lightly, but are ultimately deferred to the board for their decision, is that set in some form of precedent? Is there a precedent that states that only the part that concerns the levy is the part that the freeholders of the township where their vote has any consequence at all. Is that based from the Association of Townships, or just from your knowledge from this question being asked before?

Mr. Kniefel explained that at the Association of Townships legal seminars, this issue comes up quite a bit, and the statute that was passed out, there was some good things and some that are quite vague. Mr. Kniefel stated essentially, the freeholders of the town have certain things they can do at an annual meeting—they can authorize the establishment of a cemetery, establish fire protection that are binding on the town board. But, there are other things that are not, and actions taken with personnel, contracts and so forth, are not in the purview of the annual meeting, they are deferred to the town board. Mr. Kniefel stated that has been clarified by attorneys from the township association. We have gone down that road since the last annual meeting. Ultimately what gets done with police protection from this point onward is up to the town board, and we heard the motion last year and we heard the discussion, so it has not fallen on deaf ears, but at this time the town board has opted not to agree with it.

Mr. Kniefel then went on to clarify what the difference is between levy and budget. There are only two funds that receive levy money-- Road & Bridge, that is separate because of the gas tax issue, and everything else is general fund. The general fund is given to us by your action, but how it is allocated is at the discretion of the town board. We put those numbers out for your information and generally speaking we follow through on that, those are the level of which we fund the various functions, but it is budget, not levy.

Mr. Petrich stated this whole issue about the police would have been nothing, if you would have said this at the last annual meeting—not a word was said by anybody that it is up to the board, not the people. Mr. Kniefel answered it is not the board's role at the annual meeting to stifle discussion and some of the issues that are brought out are good dialogue, but at the end of the day, the board has to sort it out. Mr. Kniefel stated he does not want to stifle and stop that kind of conversation because some of those things maybe needed to be said.

Deb Hunter asked why is the board not listening to its residents when they do take a vote and what legal right does the board have to oppose the residents? Moderator Shykes answered to make major changes like that it has to be done on a referendum or petition to affect any functions of the township, this group cannot hire, fire, eliminate positions that are under union contract or established by the township.

Ms. Hunter stated there was a vote taken last year, and you could see the citizens wanted to eliminate this position. Moderator Shykes stated that was true of the citizens who were here, but questioned if that is a total representation of the entire township? Mr. Ejay Dawson stated they are people who care and are here. Moderator Shykes stated the town board does have the best interests of the township in mind when they vote, they do listen to the constituents.

Mr. Scott Wudinich questioned if it is in our best interests when we have a 2008 police vehicle sitting out there that is used 20 hours per week, and your trailer is sitting out in the back in a snowbank? We could have ambulance or other things.

Mr. Ejay Dawson asked to get rid of the police department, we have to petition for a referendum? Moderator Shykes stated that is his understanding.

Mr. Kniefel stated that as for the town board ignoring the resolution, the town board is elected and there are people that run for those positions every two years and function as elected representatives for the people of the township. If the elected officials are not responding to the wishes of the township, you change the make up of the town board. As for the next process, if there is a real groundswell to eliminate the township police department there are two ways you can go— 1) The Town Board on its own authority can put it on the ballot to eliminate the police department or lay-off the staff. Obviously, we have not seen that need as a board. 2) If the board receives a petition signed by 20% of the registered voters at the last election, it must be put on the ballot for a vote by the entire town.

Ralph Johnson stated that township government is supposed to be the fairest form of government there is, and there was 41 people here last year and it was voted unanimously to eliminate the job, and I would think you would have taken everyone's recommendation. Moderator Shykes stated it was not unanimous, it was a majority. Mr. Donnelly stated it is immaterial whether it is a township or not, because at a general election it is only those that choose to or take the time to vote, whose vote counts.

DeLyle Pankratz asked for clarification that Harvey has a three year contract with the township? Chief Thompson stated that he just told everyone about that. Mr. Kniefel stated the answer to that question is yes, all of our employees are represented by AFSCME and we negotiate with them. The current contract with Harvey is a three year contract that expires at the end of 2013. The whole issue of lay-offs, reductions in manpower etc are addressed in those labor contracts.

Dawn Cole apologized for not being here last year, and questioned if it is really in the best interests of Fayal Township to not have any police? When we look at our rural community with suburban characteristics, and not having any police representation, is that really what the majority has voted for?

Moderator Shykes stated we can continue this discussion during the other business portion of the meeting so we can finish the reports. Moderator Shykes thanked Chief Thompson for his report.

Planning Committee- Lee Branville reported the Planning Committee has been in the process of planning a new sign on the corner of Hwy. 132 and Ely Lake Drive. We are also looking at alternatives to the fire hall and placing it off-site. There is usually better funding sources for a fire department rather than expansion of a town hall. The existing fire hall could then be used for other township departments.

Joe Sopp stated he hopes there is consideration for all the utilities in the intersection of 132 & Ely Lake Drive—there is telephone, water and sewer lines in that area. Mr. Branville stated they are aware of the utilities in the area.

Public Utilities- Mike Erjavec reported on the Gilbert negotiations for a wastewater treatment contract. There was a manhole lifted by frost on Differding Point which needed repair and all the lift stations were cleaned for the first time this past year. A study was done on costs for construction our own treatment facility but that does not appear feasible. A complete copy of Mr. Erjavec's report is attached to these minutes.

Mr. Joe Sopp asked if we were looking at sewer lagoons or a sewer treatment plant? Mr. Erjavec explained we were looking at ponds but were told by the MPCA to get a permit, we need on-land disposal, which would require about 120 acres and 30 acres of ponds so about 200 acres total would be needed and the costs are too high.

Mr. Dodi Evenson asked if there was any thought about extending the city water line down Ely Lake Drive? Mr. Erjavec stated questionnaires have been sent out, but the houses are so spread out it is not economically feasible. We did receive grant money for a line on Lakeside Drive and that area, but once the people found out the actual costs, they were not interested.

Mr. Joe Sopp asked if money is being put aside for future expansion? Mr. Erjavec answered yes, but the costs are still too high.

Mr. Denny Bone asked how the delinquencies for utilities are doing? Mr. Erjavec answered they are holding steady

Ms. Donna O'Connor asked if Gilbert is interested in using a mediator? Mr. Erjavec answered apparently not.

Mr. Ejay Dawson asked when the sewer went in 10 years ago, are there still people who have not paid? Mr. Erjavec stated no one has been for that long, but some for at least five years. Mr. Dawson asked what is done about them? Mr. Erjavec stated some have lost their homes, but when they are re-sold we collect at that time. Mr. Dawson asked if you could shut off their sewer? Mr. Erjavec answered there is no physical way to do that, but the delinquent bills are put on people's taxes, and if you don't pay your taxes, eventually you will lose your house.

Mr. Ralph Johnson asked how much Gilbert wants for their rate? Mr. Erjavec stated it would amount to about a \$10 per month increase for everybody on the sewer in Fayal.

Ms. Deb Hunter asked what Fayal Township is actively doing to collect on the sewer accounts that are not being paid? Mr. Erjavec stated we put it on their property taxes. We did use a collection agency but they had no better success that we did, and we had to pay them.

Jon Marcaccini asked why we don't extend the waterlines with the grant money and put in fire hydrants and not ask the residents to pay anything because we are getting fire protection, and then when a resident needs it, they could decide if they want to put in a new well or hook up to the waterline? Mr. Erjavec explained the money the IRRB is giving out is based on making buildable lots or expansion, not for fire protection for existing homes. Also, the grants are on a matching fund basis, so if you get \$100,000, you have to match that amount.

Moderator Shykes thanked Mr. Erjavec for his report and stated the next order of business is to set the time for the next annual meeting.

SETTING OF THE 2012 ANNUAL MEETING

Motion to set the 2012 Annual Meeting on the second Tuesday of March at 7:00 PM, Fayal Town Hall, made by Ralph Johnson, support from Deb Hunter. Denny Bone asked why we wait three months into the year to set the levy? Moderator Shykes explained we are setting the 2012 levy, the 2011 levy was set in 2010. Motion carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Moderator Shykes asked if anyone had anything they wanted to bring to the floor.

Mr. Lee Branville made the following motion:

Motion that the 2012 levy be reduced by the full amount of the proposed police budget of \$33,700 and that the town board begin to discuss the alternatives to paying for our own police department and that this discussion begin prior to the depletion of the existing carryover police funds carried over from prior years. Mr. Branville stated he makes this motion because going back to last year's annual meeting, and he is here as a freeholder and not a supervisor, that the intent was loud and clear to this supervisor, that we have adequate St. Louis County Sheriff's Department coverage, that why are we paying an additional \$36,000? We are a very conservative board, and every chance we get we like to save money, and as the chair pointed out, we have adequate reserves, and I would like to see those reserves maintained, and one way to do that is to cut the \$33,77 out of the budget. Especially if you live in the lakeside or downtown area, you all know what taxes are here, every nickle that can be cut from a level of government, I don't care if it's the grassroots right here, right on up to the county, state, that adds up on your tax bill.

Now, that's a big chunk, if you take 33 one year, its 70 two years, and in three years it's a 100,000 dollars this township could be saving, so that's my motion.

Mr. Charles Erickson asked Mr. Branville how much it is per citizen to have the police? Mr. Branville stated he could not answer that, he is looking at... At this point Moderator Shykes told Mr. Erickson we need a second to discuss. ***Mr. Erickson stated he would second, to discuss.***

Moderator Shykes then called for discussion.

Mr. Erickson asked what is the cost? Mr. Branville stated he did not know, he is looking at total dollars as a supervisor that we levy and he does not know what the total is for Road & Bridge per mile of road, or what the fire department is per, he is looking at the total, and when you start adding up the totals its big dollars. It would vary because everyone in this hall has a different tax structure because it depends on where you live in the township—on the outskirts your taxes usually are lower, I have been at the meetings where the county assessors are here and they break our township up into different neighborhoods, and they vary greatly from lakeside to the downtown area to the outskirts.

Mr. Bob Sersha stated he had a question for Mr. Branville as a supervisor. Mr. Sersha asked if Mr. Branville had done a study on costs to have strictly the county sheriffs? Mr. Sersha stated he would also like to make a statement in Harvey's defense. Mr. Sersha stated he lives on Highway 16 and quite often that highway is a racetrack. Mr. Sersha stated he appreciates the job Harvey does down there patrolling Highway 16 and he does a swell job down there. Mr. Branville stated St. Louis County is already our primary coverage, and technically we would not have to spend an additional nickel for any coverage. We do have local ordinances that have to be enforced and we do have a proposal from the sheriff's department, Ross Litman, that we can hire them at \$55 per running hour, so if there is a certain town ordinance we feel needs to be enforced, we can hire the sheriff's department to write the ticket and go through the process with court or what have you. Mr. Branville used the example of someone planting a tree on the sewer line right-of way, and to enforce that, we could have the sheriff's department come out at \$55 per hour and write a ticket and follow through on that process. Mr. Branville stated everything on the police report, the sheriffs already do. Mr. Branville stated that to get back to the point of coverage, he had a resident from Cedar Island Drive that was shocked to find out we even had a police officer, and they have been there three years—so one person may see him, one may not—in your circumstance you're happy, we have other citizens that are not.

Mr. Joe Petrich asked if Harvey has a commitment for the next three years? Mr. Branville stated we are one year into that. Mr. Petrich stated it is until the end of 2013, and he is going to get paid, and it is going to come out of any kind of a balance you have in the bank basically, if you do not put it into the levy? Mr. Branville stated his contract has cause, and the cause would be that the funds have been cut by the townspeople, we do not deem it fiscally responsible to pay you, and we are going to lay you off. Mr. Branville stated he did make a recommendation to the town board that died for lack of a second, that we try a 12-18 month trial basis without our own police protection, and use the primary St. Louis County, and monitor what the crime rate was. Mr. Branville stated that way, we do not have to eliminate our police department, we stop it, and save the money and keep the mechanism in place should we require police protection in the future, then we can just hire another police officer. Mr. Branville stated if we go through the petition process and we get the 20% of the voters to sign the petition and it is put on the ballot and the townspeople decide to eliminate the police department—it's gone.

Mr. Adam Sersha asked how many hours per week is proposed for the sheriff? Mr. Branville stated it would be on an as-need basis, they are already out here 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, we would just need the sheriffs department to handle local ordinance issues.

Ms. Deb Hunter asked if Fayal Township has an actual percentage of calls handled from when they come in, from St. Louis County as opposed to Fayal Township?

Mr. Branville stated you can look at Harvey's report which is quite detailed, and it lists the ones he is on and the ones he is not on. Ms. Hunter asked what is the percentage that Harvey handles? Mr. Branville stated if you took the total that came out of Fayal Township last year, there was 721, he lists 100, so what is that? Mr. Harvey Thompson stated that is total calls—police, fire, everything. Mr. Branville stated if he is not here, it really doesn't matter because then St. Louis County responds. Mr. Thompson stated the sheriff had 481. Miscellaneous discussion took place amongst the audience at this point.

Mr. Donnelly stated that just to try to put some things into perspective here, St. Louis County is the largest county in the state of Minnesota, does anyone know how many townships comprise St. Louis County? Mr. Branville answered 73. Mr. Donnelly stated out of 73 townships in the county, there is only three townships that have their own police department, and that includes Fayal Township. Mr. Branville stated that is correct, there is Fayal Township, Breiting Township near Tower, and Duluth Township. Mr. Donnelly stated he just wanted to bring that point up because someone had asked about coverage, and are we going to be suffering from coverage or not?

Mr. Ralph Johnson stated he knows Gilbert comes out on emergency calls here and they patrol Highway 97, and then you have Eveleth coming out to the park and the airport several times a day, and I have noticed Eveleth stopped a car between here and the four lane one day. Mr. Branville stated that is a good point, and he has a report that actually breaks down the total calls, all of the 700 were not St. Louis County or Harvey's—Eveleth made 46 stops, Gilbert made 30 out here. Mr. Thompson stated Gilbert's calls on 97 register as Fayal Township. Mr. Branville stated there are police out here on a regular basis and again, St. Louis County primary is doing a good job and saving \$33,700.

Ms. Dawn Cole asked if Mr. Branville was saying we would save \$33,000? Mr. Branville stated he is absolutely saying we would save \$33,700. Ms. Cole asked if Mr. Branville had any figures from other townships and what they pay St. Louis County for their share of coverage? Mr. Branville stated they are not paying for additional coverage whatsoever, if they have a local ordinance, they may have the same deal that we are considering—per occurrence, now again it depends on how many ordinance the entity has that are worthy of a ticket—its going to be very minimal, this can be for board discussion anyway the numbers could all be crunched and I'm sure that what I am saying is actually true.

Mr. Dale Dickson stated that from his understanding, its \$33,000 we are going to save, and you have 2,000 residents, it's like \$1.40 per resident you are paying for police protection, are you sure you want to give that up? Ejay Dawson stated we are getting protection. Mr. Branville reiterated that when you start putting it into a bigger perspective, 33,700 take it times two, take it times three, I don't know about you but \$100,000 might be chump change to you, it is not to me, and its \$100,000 that could be put to better use in this township.

Mr. John Damberg asked Clerk Sersha to read the motion. **Clerk Sersha re-stated the motion as follows:**

Lee Branville makes the motion that the 2012 levy be reduced by the full amount of the proposed police budget of \$33,700 and that the 2012 levy be reduced by the full amount of the proposed police budget of \$33,700 and that the town board begin to discuss the alternatives to paying for our own police department and that this discussion begin prior to the depletion of the existing carryover police funds carried over from prior years. Charles Erickson seconded, for discussion.

Mr. Branville stated that is why we are still operating, he is still on because of carryover funds from prior years budget dollars, we are into 2011 no additional funds were added to the police.

Moderator Shykes called a point of order, there are two motions on the floor at the same time—the levy dollars would be a separate issue, and then the motion for the board to consider would be a separate motion. Mr. Branville stated it was all one motion. Clerk Sersha stated the setting of the levy is the next order of business, after this. Mr. Branville stated he will make the motion when it is time to set the levy. Moderator Shykes stated they are two different issues- one is for the town board to discuss and the other has to do with setting the levy. Moderator Shykes asked Mr. Branville if he was going to amend his motion?

Mr. Branville amended his motion as follows:

Lee Branville makes the motion that the town board begin to discuss the alternatives to paying for our own police department and that this discussion begin prior to the depletion of the existing carryover police funds carried over from prior years.

There were then random comments from unidentified persons about the levy issue being combined with Mr. Branville's motion. Moderator Shykes stated the levy will be addressed under the Setting of the Levy portion of the meeting.

Mr. Keith Nelson called on Moderator Shykes for a point of order. Mr. Nelson stated he believes the motion that was made was addressing dollars from reserves that were being spent in the budget and a subsequent line to that motion was the request for the town board to examine other alternatives. Mr. Nelson stated to Moderator Shykes that he believes the motion that was made here was first to the budget, the next piece would come to the levy, but this budget directly impacts the levy discussion that would occur immediately thereafter. Mr. Nelson stated he does not see this motion as being out of order because it was talking about the use of reserves and the budgetary use of reserves. Moderator Shykes stated he agrees with that, but the first part he did state to eliminate the \$33,700 out of the 2012 levy, which would be discussion under the levy portion of the meeting.

Mr. Nelson asked Moderator Shykes that he be allowed to continue. Mr. Nelson stated then more appropriately, perhaps the (unintelligible) to making a motion would be point that to budget because that would be an appropriate motion, at least I believe that to be an appropriate motion.

Mr. Steve Kniefel stated he would like to clarify an earlier point he made about what is budget and what is levy. Mr. Kniefel stated we are here tonight talking about levy dollars. The town board determines how those levy dollars are spent within the levy amount authorized by the annual meeting. The town board determines the budget, we are not setting budgets here, we are setting the levy—there is a difference.

Mr. John Damberg asked if this motion has anything to do with the levy? Moderator Shykes stated the way it stands now it does, if you change it, it doesn't—the original motion does address the 2012 levy- to reduce it by the budgetary amount assigned to law enforcement.

Mr. Keith Nelson addressed Moderator Shykes and his fellow citizens of Fayal Township. Mr. Nelson stated it has been extremely difficult for him to come here as a county commissioner and to come as a freeholder and try to differentiate between the two, so tonight he is not going to do that. Mr. Nelson stated he is a citizen who lives on the outside fringe area of the township.

Mr. Nelson stated he has never been as disappointed in Fayal township government after reading the minutes and hearing the freeholders, with a slip of the tongue, being called a gang by the town chair. Mr. Nelson stated he was so disappointed that it took him several months to want to address it, but he is here to address it this evening. Mr. Nelson stated he thinks this meeting has always commanded a great deal of respect, and it is unfortunate that once again the freeholders of Fayal township are back here again this evening. Mr. Nelson stated he abstained from the vote last year, and the people of this township who have called him, and he has been providing information to several supervisors as they have asked him for information and has gotten them information from St. Louis County. Mr. Nelson again expressed his disappointment, as a citizen, to be back here again talking about the levy as it involves the police department, when it becomes very apparent to him that what has occurred is truly a lack of confidence that the people in Fayal township have in their present law enforcement. Mr. Nelson stated that is what he has derived from all the discussion that has come his way, even though it come to him as county commissioner, as he has nothing to do with this town board, other than being a freeholder, but this evening he will be voting in the affirmative because of what he has heard from his friends and neighbors, and the lack of confidence because it has not been responded to as adequately as the townspeople wanted, we are back here again talking about the budget. Mr. Nelson stated it is really unfortunate and he does not ever remember that occurring in the 25-30 plus years that he has been attending these meetings, and he certainly knows that he has never heard us be called a gang before. Mr. Nelson then thanked Moderator Shykes.

Ms. Dawn Cole asked Moderator Shykes for an opportunity to respond. Ms. Cole stated when she heard about last year and the freeholders ultimately having the majority last year, she was shocked when she heard we were looking at eliminating our police department. Ms. Cole stated that all of the citizens who are not here this evening unfortunately, may not be aware of what choices we here are making tonight—something as significant as our police protection. Ms. Cole stated this is, whether we like it or not, an urban or suburban community to a rural township. Ms. Cole referred to the other townships that do have their own police protection and stated that those townships are developed in some instances the same way we are— we are a rural township that has a sewer, we have tennis courts, parks and recreation, and she is not willing to risk the \$1.50 a person it costs in this township for police protection. At this point, Ms. Cole was interrupted by several audience members who disagreed with her.

Ms. Cole stated that in response to Keith Nelson, she does not think Mr. Nelson has heard from the community as a whole, someone talked about a referendum and needing 20 percent so the entire community can come and be involved in the discussion rather than just the people here tonight. Deb Hunter interrupted Ms. Cole and stated that if these citizens voted last year to eliminate that position, then those people should be here tonight.

Ms. Cole stated her point was, she was not aware of what had happened last year until she came to the meeting this year, and she is shocked. Deb Hunter interrupted Ms. Cole once again, and Moderator Shykes cut off the discussion.

Ms. Linda Dawson stated the meeting is held the same time every year and it is posted, so the people that are not here, apparently chose not to be here. Ms. Cole stated she does not necessarily agree that they chose not to be here. Ms. Cole was again interrupted by several persons and there were many people talking over one another.

Moderator Shykes again tried to clarify the motion by stating the first part of the motion was to reduce the levy and the second part of it was to have the town board look further into police protection,

whether it is pro or con, there is nothing here that is going to eliminate the position.

Ms. Deb Hunter stated the board last year chose to ignore us, what assurance do we have that the board is actually listening to us?

Mr. Charles Erickson asked Mr. Branville if a couple of years ago, he gave Chief Thompson a recommendation of how good a job he is doing—doing excellent police work and why now the big change to get rid of the police? Mr. Branville stated the longer you are in the job, he has opened his mind and he sees some of the things he is not happy with and it is not written in stone that he cannot change his mind. Mr. Branville stated he is adamant about saving the money. Mr. Erickson asked about the insurance policy for the town employees? Mr. Erickson stated Mr. Branville was ready to go with the policy that cost \$40,000 more out of our pockets, and that is saving money? Moderator Shykes stated we should stick to the subject at hand.

Mr. Keith Nelson stated he had a point of information regarding statements made last year and again this year. Mr. Nelson stated he had done a lot of research because of the questions posed to him by Fayal township supervisors. St. Louis County does contract with several townships for additional coverage and that is something that is occurring today, we contract with Canosia Township and a couple of others for additional coverage and that was a decision of their town board to contract with the county. Mr. Nelson went on to say the county also contracts with a number of communities within St. Louis County— Mt. Iron, Buhl, Tower-Soudan and we are working on a contract to police the non-motorized trail which is now going to be the Mesabi Trail, a duty that is currently being carried out by the Fayal Police Department.

Mr. Dennis Pernu stated all he is hearing is money, money, money and asked how about safety? Mr. Pernu asked if his presence out here contributes to our safety? Mr. Pernu stated money does not buy lives.

Mrs. Lorraine Klobuchar stated she did not know there was talk of elimination of the police department and she has read all the township minutes and been to a couple of meetings. Mrs. Klobuchar states she thinks more people would want the police department than not want the police department. Mrs. Klobuchar said many times he is working in the evenings and maybe you don't see him, but her son and his friends know he is around, and it is better no one knows what 20 hours he is working. Mrs. Klobuchar went on to say some of the kids out here drive like maniacs and they are aware that he is out here, and what we pay is minimal for good support from the police department. Mrs. Klobuchar stated she saves money on her homeowners insurance by having a police department, and the taxes are probably less than what she gets from police and fire protection. Mrs. Klobuchar stated there are a lot of things to be considered and asked if it is a personality issue. Mrs. Klobuchar stated she has had dealings with Harvey, and has gotten a ticket once, on Christmas Eve, and she was not a happy camper, but she was speeding and got nailed. Mrs. Klobuchar stated that is part of it, but as far as dogs and ordinances, he could work 40 hours a week and not catch all the dogs that are not licensed and walking around in her yard. Mrs. Klobuchar stated there are a million things, but he only works 20 hours, so you don't see that much on the police report. Mrs. Klobuchar stated she thinks it is a small price to pay.

Deb Hunter stated we already have police protection from St. Louis County and we do not need the person that is doing the ordinances to be paid \$36,000, when we can contract that out for \$55 per hour.

Dawn Cole disagreed and stated the presence of having local law enforcement, the savings on the insurance, the knowledge that people know there is presence in the community. Ms. Cole was interrupted and Moderator Shykes called for order.

Steve Kniefel stated he wanted to clarify a couple of points. Mr. Kniefel stated there are probably only a handful of townships that have employees within the township as police officers, but as Commissioner Nelson pointed out, there are a number of jurisdictions, some small cities, some townships do, is they wish to have enhanced or additional services over and above what is provided by St. Louis County. It is true St. Louis County is the umbrella law enforcement agency, but if this jurisdiction wants additional services like additional patrol, nuisance dogs etc. those would be enhanced services, and those can be provided in a number of ways. Fayal Township has traditionally hired an employee to do that at 20 hours per week, and it seems to have worked over time. The other way you can do that is you can contract with the St. Louis County Sheriff for whatever additional services you want and the rate with Sheriff Ross Litman and his people is \$55 per hour for however many hours you wish to contract. Mr. Kniefel stated he would caution about that, it would be excellent service, very good and comparable to what you are receiving today, but the way it works is the deputies sign up on a roster for overtime hours to fill in at various jurisdictions. You will not have the same officer handling your local affairs with a contract under St. Louis County Sheriffs. If you eliminate the enhanced service, it will be something less than what you are receiving now.

John Damberg asked Lee Branville if he had amended his motion to split it into two? Mr. Branville stated yes, he did. Clerk Sersha stated the motion did not get a second. Moderator Shykes stated whoever seconded the original motion has to agree to split the motion. **Charles Erickson stated he would not support. Ralph Johnson stated he would second**, and asked for the vote. Moderator Shykes stated the question has been called for. **Clerk Sersha was asked to re-read the motion.**

Motion by Lee Branville, support from Ralph Johnson, that the town board begin to discuss the alternatives to paying for our own police department and that this discussion begin prior to the depletion of the existing carryover police funds carried over from prior years. Ejay Dawson requested the vote be taken by a show of hands. There was a show of hands and Moderator Shykes declared the motion carried.

Moderator Shykes asked if there was any more business before we talk about the levy?

Ejay Dawson asked if the town chairman is a revolving position and if anyone else can be chairman because Chairman Kniefel has been chair for many years? Moderator Shykes stated it is his understanding it is by a vote of the town board.

Ejay Dawson made a motion to recommend the chairmanship of the board rotates every two years. Mark Johnson supported the motion. Motion carried.

Moderator Shykes asked if there was any more business before the vote on the levy.

DeLyle Pankratz commented he would like to see more law enforcement, not less. Mr. Pankratz stated he lives across the street and sees speeding every day, and blowing the stop sign down on the corner.

There was much more discussion by the citizens on the police issue, both for and against, and much

repetition of discussions that had already taken place.

SETTING OF THE LEVY

Motion by Lee Branville, support from Scott Wudinich to approve the levy (\$519,500) less the \$33,700 dedicated to the police department. Moderator Shykes asked for discussion. Dawn Cole stated it is fiscally irresponsible knowing that we are still responsible to pay for the police department. We already have a motion to have the supervisors review options and alternatives, and we might as well leave the funding there for something we already have, rather than going backwards. Moderator Shykes stated this will make the 2012 levy \$485,800. Moderator Shykes asked for a show of hands on this vote. **24 voted to approve. 19 voted against. Motion carried.**

Motion to adjourn the Annual Meeting made by Mike Priest, support from Mark Johnson.
Motion carried.


Annual Meeting 2011 adjourned at 9:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Judy M. Sersha
Clerk of Fayal

Moderator:


Steve Shykes

Town of Tazewell Annual Meeting Sign-In Sheet

March 8, 2010 7pm

Name	Address
1. Jerry Wilson	4506 Shad Ln
2. Harvey Edmonds	
3. STEVE KRIEDEL	3852 Pleasant Lake Rd.
4. Michael	4326 MILLER TR
5. Ray	4071 N. H. T. Rd
6. J. E. Jones	4544 Cedar Tr. Dr
7. SCOTT SMITH	4014 MILLER TRUNK RD
8. STEVE SHYKES	7450 ELY LAKE DRIVE
9. Aimee Kubi	7671 " "
10. Gay Dawson	4488 Woodlawn DrE
11. Linda Dawson	" " "
12. G. Bragel	4512 Woodlawn Dr
13. Nanci	7663 Woodlawn Dr.
14. Joan Dambiere	4534 Woodlawn Dr
15. JOE PETRICH	4287 ST. Marys Dr-
16. Ray Johnson	4285 St. Marys DR.
17. Mike	7547 Airport Dr. N.
18. Jim	7861 Nostalgia Dr
19. Patrick Zingler	4387 Golf Course Rd
20. Mark Johnson	5565 Park Blvd W
21. Michael Johnson	5565 Park Blvd W
22. Zach Stewart	3848 Longlake Rd W
23. Erik Jankins	4362 SHADY LANE
24. Matt Tish	7690 Cedar Island Ct.
25. Ben Belich	4481 Woodlawn Dr. E
26. Carl Tish	7690 Cedar Island Ct
27. Deb Hunter	4388 Cedar Dr. Dr.
28. Carol Naman	3956 Miller Trunk Rd
29. Boby Egnerson	7395 Ely Lake Dr.
30. Mike	4416 Lakeside Dr.
31. Jon	4439 Lakeland
32. John	3903 Hucklebuck St

NameAddress

33	Scott Wudinolt	4488 Cedar ISC Rd.
34	Laraine Flebuchar	4451 Woodlawn Circle
35	Jayson Lindsay	7702 Bodens Rd
36	Mark Peterson	7798 Bodens Rd
37	Diane Stewart	3848 Long Lake Rd W
38	Dale Dickson	4343 Golf Course Rd E
39	Dennis Fern	4484 Woodlawn Blvd E
40	Tami Sam	4488 Woodlawn Dr. B.
41	Tam Carraen	7615 Ely Lake Drive
42	Dale Dickson	3848 Long Lake Rd W
43	Adam Sersha	8197 Townlike Rd
44	Bob Sersha	8197 Townlike Rd
45	Linda Donnelly	7591 Ely Lake Dr
46	Pat Donnelly	7591 Ely Lake Dr.
47	Denny Dore	4163 ST. MARCEY CT.
48	Dolores Portkantz	1756 Ely Lake Dr
49	Adam Johnson	4407 Woodlawn Dr. W.
50	Larry Clobnick	4503 Woodlawn Blvd
51	Joe Drobny	4503 Woodlawn Blvd
52	Garr Thomas	8132 Long Lake Rd E
53	Donna Connor	3923 Long Lake Shore Rd,
54	Sam Ferner	4402 Lakeside Dr
55	Gary Senta	7764 Ely Lake Dr
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	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
ROAD & BRIDGE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND		
BEGINNING BALANCE, Jan 1	<u>276,354</u>	<u>239,340</u>
REVENUES - ROAD & BRIDGE		
TAXES		
GENERAL PROPERTY	186,413	191,308
TACONITE HOMESTEAD CREDIT	34,525	36,374
OTHER (Disparities aid, Unmined tac, P&I, tac mun aid,)	5,418	6,871
TOTAL TAXES	<u>226,356</u>	<u>234,553</u>
INTERGOVERNMENTAL - STATE		
MINING EFFECTS	19,294	10,075
MARKET VALUE CREDIT		20,087
TOWN ROAD AID	13,059	11,083
TOTAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL	<u>32,353</u>	<u>41,255</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		
TRANSFER IN	0	0
REFUNDS/REIMB	<u>759</u>	<u>2,920</u>
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>259,468</u>	<u>278,728</u>
EXPENDITURES		
PUBLIC WORKS		
ROAD & MAINTENANCE	192,254	201,713
EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	36,742	40,001
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS EXPENDITURES	<u>228,996</u>	<u>241,714</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	<u>30,472</u>	<u>37,014</u>
FUND BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2010	<u>306,826</u>	<u>276,354</u>

TOWN OF FAYAL STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS - DEC. 31, 2010

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities
ASSETS		
Cash & cash equivalents	1,381,863	552,537
RECEIVABLES		
Taxes receivable	44,813	
Spec. Assessments Rec.	2,616,761	37,026
Accounts Receivable		23,564
Internal Balances	46,194	(46,194)
Inventories (class 5)	93,349	
Restricted Cash	-	0
for sewer replacement		34,806
Capital Assets not being depreciated		
Land	35,506	
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation		
Buildings	186,115	1,358,262
Infrastructure	477,233	9,709,380
Improvements	58,762	
Machinery & Equipment	221,419	76,968
Licensed Vehicles	321,447	23,957
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>5,483,462</u>	<u>11,770,308</u>
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	32,040	12,797
Accrued salaries	12,415	9,546
Accrued interest payable	-	22,480
Non Current Liabilities		
Due within one year	-	294,000
Due in more than one year	201,442	3,065,261
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>245,897</u>	<u>3,404,084</u>
NET ASSETS		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	1,300,482	7,927,567
Restricted for sewer replacement		34,806
Unrestricted	3,937,083	403,849
TOTAL NET ASSETS	<u>5,237,565</u>	<u>8,366,222</u>
Total Net Assets 12-31-10	<u>13,603,767</u>	

TOWN OF FAYAL 2010 FINANCIAL REPORT - 2011 ANNUAL MEETING

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
BEGINNING BALANCE JAN 1-	695,256	670,040
REVENUES - GENERAL FUND		
GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES	186,470	198,703
TACONITE HOMESTEAD CREDIT	34,770	25,876
MARKET VALUE CREDIT	28,339	19,945
TACONITE PRODUCTION	72,057	81,404
FRANCHISE FEES	9,662	9,735
OTHER MISC	7,114	7,304
TOTAL TAXES	338,412	342,866
LICENSES AND PERMITS	315	350
INTERGOVERNMENTAL		
FEDERAL		
FEMA	10,640	59,124
FEMA- City of Eveleth flow through grant	71,538	
STATE		
Disparity Aid	6,018	5,785
Mining Effects	32,977	43,827
PERA Aid	512	512
Fire Aid	9,602	8,933
Other (mining & concentrate)	5,051	13,400
TOTAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL	54,160	72,457
CHARGES FOR SERVICES		
TOWN HALL RENT	665	1,620
FEES (Assessment Certifications)	720	980
PUBLIC SAFETY- Fire Contracts	1,641	
TOTAL CHARGES FOR SERVICES	3,026	2,600
FINES		
COURT FINES	156	326
INTEREST	14,346	33,725
MISCELLANEOUS		
REIMBURSEMENT AND REFUNDS	841	4,478
TOTAL REVENUES	493,434	518,028
EXPENDITURES - GENERAL FUND		
GENERAL GOVERNMENT		
Town Board	19,023	18,999
Administration	163,653	158,628
Clerk	4,044	4,237
Deputy Clerk	3,949	3,034
Public Utilities	4,839	3,523
Buildings & Grounds	43,955	39,278
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	239,463	227,699
PUBLIC SAFETY		
Police	27,675	29,008
Fire	143,238	120,295
Fire Relief Association	24,000	24,933
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	194,913	174,236
CULTURE AND RECREATION		
Recreation	25,116	16,448
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	459,492	418,383
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	33,942	97,643
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		
*Transfer In	2,300	26,865
**Transfers Out		(99,292)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		(72,427)
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	36,242	25,216
FUND BALANCE DECEMBER 31	731,498	695,256

*\$2,300 Enterprise Funds Accounting Services

** Forgiveness of the Fayal Water Company Loan from General

2011 FAYAL TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

- I. INTRODUCTION- CALL TO ORDER- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ELECTION OF MODERATOR
- II. ANNUAL MEETING BUSINESS
 - Approval of a Moderator
 - Approval of Annual Meeting Minutes of 2010
 - 2010 Financial Report of the Clerk/Treasurer
 - Report of the Town Chair on the Financial Needs for the Town in 2012
 - Designating posting places
 - Setting Compensation for Town Supervisors
 - Fire Department Business
 - Town Supervisors Reports
 - Any other business which might come before the meeting
 - Setting of the town levy for year 2012
- III. ADJOURNMENT

TOWN OF FAYAL
Proposed 2012 Levy
March 8, 2011

TOWN OF FAYAL
Proposed 2012 Levy

	Approved Levy 2005	Approved Levy 2006	Approved Levy 2007	Approved Levy 2008	Approved Levy 2009	Approved 2010 Levy	Approved 2011 Levy	Proposed 2012 Levy
General Fund	\$ 96,000.00	\$ 89,300.00	\$ 99,000.00	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 90,000.00
Buildings & Grounds	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 41,300.00	\$ 41,210.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00
Fire	\$ 55,500.00	\$ 56,600.00	\$ 47,000.00	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 59,700.00	\$ 59,700.00	\$ 59,700.00	\$ 62,000.00
Police	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 33,600.00	\$ 33,600.00	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 36,000.00	\$ -	\$ 33,700.00
Recreation	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 12,400.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Capital Equipment	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Road & Bridge	\$ 218,000.00	\$ 218,000.00	\$ 225,000.00	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 258,800.00	\$ 258,800.00	\$ 258,800.00	\$ 258,800.00
TOTAL	\$ 487,500.00	\$ 487,500.00	\$ 500,900.00	\$ 511,610.00	\$ 519,500.00	\$ 519,500.00	\$ 483,500.00	\$ 519,500.00
Yearly Increases	1.95%	0%	2.75%	2.10%	1.50%	0%	0%	6.49%

Board recommended levy for 2012

\$519,500.00

Increase over 2011

6.49%

Increase over 2010

0%

Fayal Public Utilities has had a good year for 2010, other than Gilbert rate negotiations. We had a manhole lifted by frost on Differding Point which required repair. All the lift stations were cleaned out for the first time, with a contractor using a suction truck, which removed a ten year accumulation of debris.

We completed a study with Benchmark Engineering on the costs for building and maintaining our own treatment facility. At this time it does not appear feasible to go this direction.

The Public Utilities employees have done an excellent job keeping our system running 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and I believe deserve a big pat on the back for their efforts.

As far as the Gilbert negotiations on rates, about the only thing we agree on is that Fayal is 28% of their flow. We are possibly going to try state mediation, if Gilbert agrees, or else we will end up in court, which nobody really wants.

FAYAL TOWNSHIP

2010 ROAD AND BRIDGE REPORT

In 2010, crack routing and sealing was performed on 13 blacktop roads. 15,000 yards of class 5 was crushed in the IRRRB pit and will be used on our gravel roads, shouldering blacktop roads and various other uses. The town should have enough class 5 to cover its 15 miles of gravel roads and shoulder its 15 miles of blacktop roads for 10 to 15 years. A 1,200 foot section of Scout Camp Road was resurfaced. 400 yards of tailings was purchased.

As much as possible Steve and Al perform in house the required maintenance and repair on township equipment. Other duties include snow plowing and sanding, graveling and grading dirt roads, ditch cleaning, tree trimming and removal in the road right of way, dust control, sign repair and replacement, inspections of various types, culvert replacement and steaming, shouldering and patching blacktop roads, road side mowing and brushing, noxious weed control, operating and maintaining a yard waste sight, sweeping roads and intersections, building or reconstructing segments of roadway. Building and Grounds, Recreation and Public Utilities are other departments that they work for.

They also carry the pager, perform utility locates and fill in for the water/waste water operator. They oversee and work with vendors and contractors on some projects and assist with planning and budgeting for future projects.

Projects that may take place in 2011 are: blacktop overlays on Woodlawn Boulevard, Woodlawn Circle and a short segment on Long Lake Road West near its intersection with Thunderbird Trail. Crack filling and leveling on Thunderbird Trail from Muddy Lake Creek to Long Lake Road West. The 1992 dump truck may be replaced. Class 5 will be applied to various gravel roads.

Tony Tammaro-Road and Bridge Supervisor

March 8, 2011



Telephone #
(218) 744-2878

Town of Fayal
FIRE DEPARTMENT
4375 Shady Lane
Eveleth, MN 55734-1813

FIRE PREVENTION
FIRE SUPPRESSION
EMS

March 8, 2011

ANNUAL FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR 2010

- 1. There were a total of 114 calls in 2010**
 - 15 Structure fires
 - 7 Wildland fires
 - 3 Vehicle fires
 - 47 EMS calls
 - 3 Motor vehicle accidents
 - 25 Alarms
 - 14 Hazards
- 2. There are 20 firefighters on the department. There is one new member on the fire department. It is Josh Elverum. There are 5 openings on the fire department. The department is in the process of hiring two firefighters.**
- 3. There are 7 EMS first responders on the fire department.**
- 4. The fire department completed 2 grants in 2010. The money received from 2 of the grants were used to purchase communication and breathing air equipment. The grants were from Homeland Security [FEMA] in the amount of \$123,000 for all new radios and a breathable air system (compressor, 2 fill stations and trailer. The two grants required a 5% match. The fire department received one grant from the MN. DNR for personal protection equipment, the grant was for \$4,000.00 and it is a 50/50 matching grant. The department has not yet heard anything on the 2010 FEMA grants.**
- 5. In 2010 the fire department had 720 hours of in house training and 410 hours of outside training. The fire department has 2 fire training instructors that teach for Mesabi Community College.**

6. **The agreement between The Fayal Fire Department and The Eveleth Fire Department for a simulcast page system is working very well.**
7. **The fire department officers for 2011 are:**
 - **Chief: Steve Shykes**
 - **Asst. Chief: Dave Hartman**
 - **Captain: Mike Knutson**
 - **Lieutenant: Bryan Sampson**
 - **Sec./Treasurer: Eric Garman**
 - **EMS Director: Therese Elverum**
8. **The fire department put the new trailer into service in 2010. It is a very good asset for the department and the mutual aid departments that we provide assistance to. The trailer is part of a FEMA grant.**
9. **The annual Fire Department Relief Association spaghetti feed will be March 27, 2011 from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM.**

Steve Shykes


Fire Chief

Annual Meeting March 8, 2011
Buildings & Grounds Report, Jim Pernu

This report will not be as long as the ones in the past because there were not that many projects in 2010.

Last summer we had new overhead doors installed in our storage building with openers. The old doors had been on the building for a number of years and were worn out.

We had new outside lights installed on the fire hall and our garage and also near the emergency generator. A new steel man door with a new locking system was installed for the entrance of the fire hall.

This was the first winter I know of since my time here that we had to have the fire hall, town hall and garage, snow removed from all three roofs. We had in excess of 34" of snow, 8" of ice and it was causing water leaks. We had to have this done in December.

Future Projects- This early summer we are having air conditioning installed for the town hall and kitchen area. This past election we had numerous complaints of unbearable heat in this area, and also when other activities are held here during the summer months.

The floor in the hall is starting to show cracked and some loose tiles. Probably around 25% are hollow underneath, so this problem will have to be addressed in the near future.

The bike trail should be going in as soon as everything dries out. It will be a great improvement over the old one.

2011 Annual meeting for year 2010

March 8, 2011

This report is for informational purposes for the people of Fayal Township. You should have in your packets my annual report for the year 2010. I don't think I have any medical calls listed, but I did respond to a few. I also responded to a structure fire that the homeowner and I were able to put out.

I also included a yearly readout of all calls in Fayal Township, which includes several law enforcement agencies along with Fire and Medical. This information is provided by the Saint Louis County Communications Dept., computer-aided Dispatch, or (CAD) system. I included the cover sheet that was sent to me. Note in the back of it there is an answer key to the abbreviations. Please note that these are not necessarily all 9-1-1 calls, for instance traffic stops. I also have a readout with me from the Shield program which is installed on my office computer. The Shield computer is given the same information as the CAD calls after CAD is closed out. My Shield readout will show 97 calls. I have other call statistics with me also. I don't feel comfortable putting all the information out because it shows addresses and some names, but I do have information for reference if need be.

I also prepared a sheet with some information on Fayal Township ordinances that might be helpful.

In general, I have worked on a steady part time basis for Fayal Township since 1993, a little more than 17 years now. I have a total of about 26 years experience in law enforcement . . . I have always worked 20 random hours a week for Fayal, usually Five 4 hour shifts or Four 5 hour shifts. This was the agreement when I was hired. In addition to a time sheet for the Town Board, I also call in to the Saint Louis County dispatch at the beginning and end of every shift. This is all documented in the CAD computers.

I have previously worked with the Eveleth paid on call ambulance service as an EMT for approx. 6 years, which has long expired. I do not receive any medical or Dental benefits from Fayal. I do receive a term life insurance policy, prorated vacation and sick time, and uniform allowance. Also, the Township does not have to pay any PERA retirement benefits for me.

Fayal Township has a 2008 4 wheel Drive Ford Expedition for a squad car along with a new radar unit, an on board MDC (Mobile Data Computer) and a

newer TASER. We also have the Nemesis Shield program installed on the Police Office Computer which is a great tool to have.

I belong to the AFSCME union. Shortly after last years annual meeting, I, my union representative, Supervisor Branville and Supervisor Erjavec met a few times to negotiate a new 3 year contract. At a subsequent Town Board meeting, on April 20, 2010 Supervisor Branville made a motion to ratify the contract and the Board unanimously approved it.

Harvey Thompson
Police Chief
Fayal Township

Police Report
(2010 Annual Report for 2011)

March 8, 2011

Included in this report is a computer generated "Calls for daily service."

Speeding citations - 15

Speeding warnings - 14

Kids throwing rocks off bridge - 1

ATV on highway - 2

ATV on a non-motor bike trail - 1

Attempt to locate male with felony warrant - 1

Assist male injured laying on Road - 1

Transport unstable male to ER and then to Hibbing 5th floor - 1

Dog complaints - 11

Car-Deer Accident - 3

Stop sign - 1

Security Alarm false alarm - 1

Kid Trouble - 1

Unsecured door Town Hall - 1

Disturbance - 1

Arrest for probation violation - 1

Disorderly conduct - 1

Garbage dumping complaint - 1

Drive by shooting property damage persons in the house - 1 (pellet gun)

Alarm - 1

Assault - 1

Driving After Revocation - 1

No insurance - 2

Vehicles Towed after citations - 2

Loud Party complaint - 1

Check for late aircraft arrival - 1

Theft - 2

Domestic disturbance - 1

Person out of control - 1

Suspicious credit card use - 1

Right-of-way snow plowing ticket - 1

Right-of-way snow plowing warnings - 3

Check a suspicious vehicle - 2

Investigate animal neglect - 1

Gas drive off - 1

Vehicle blocking a roadway - 1

Gang of kids fighting at vet's park - 1

House check - 2

Parking complaint vets park - 1(Several parking tickets issued, 8 or more.)

Parking warnings - several

Death notification - 1

Suspicious person - 1

Damage to property - 1

Damage to vehicle - 1

Verbal warning golf cart on highway - 1

Citation for excavation ordinance - 1

Citation for sewer ordinance - 1

Citation for no motorcycle endorsement or insurance - 1

Motorcycle towed.

Motorist assist - 2

Juvenile trouble - 1

Court trial notice - 2

Disabled vehicle - 1

Vehicle accident - 2

Phone scam complaint - 1

Respond to structure fire, assisted homeowner with a fire extinguisher to put out fire. - 1

Forgery complaint, formal complaint issued. - 1

Burglar alarm - 1

Total - 107

(Does not include parking citations)

Harvey Thompson

Police Chief

Fayal Township

Regarding Township ordinances

There are technically 29 Fayal Township ordinances. Some of these ordinances do not mean much because they are simply ordinance repealing or amending another ordinance. However, that is the way it must be done.

Crime, as defined in the Minnesota Criminal Code means: **Conduct which is prohibited by statute and for which the actor may be sentenced to imprisonment, with or without a fine.**

Fayal has 2 ordinances that carry a fine only so I believe they may not be considered criminal ordinances. They would be: **Primary structure addressing and Cable -TV.**

This leaves the following 15 criminal ordinances in Fayal Township;

- #1 Solicitor's ordinance**
- #2 Licensing Public Amusements.**
- #3 Regulation of Town Roads. (Moving buildings)**
- #4 Roadway Restrictions. (weight restrictions etc.)**
- #5 Blight**
- #6 Animal Control Ordinance.**
- #7 Commercial Water.**
- #8 Sexually Oriented Businesses.**
- #9 Fire Hydrant Use**
- #10 Lodging Tax.**
- #11 Excavation ordinance.**
- #12 Bike trail non motorized use.**
- #13 Sewer Use Ordinance**
- #14 Garbage Collection.**
- #15 Snowmobile Ordinance.**

Harvey Thompson
Police Chief
Fayal Township



Saint Louis County

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Ross Litman
Sheriff

March 3, 2011

TO: St. Louis County Law Enforcement Agencies

RE: 2010 INCIDENT STATISTICAL DATA

Dear Agency Representative:

Enclosed are the 2010 year end incident statistics for each of the primary jurisdictions to which you are dispatched. These statistics reflect the number of incidents entered into the Communications Department computer aided dispatching (CAD) system.

If you are the primary responder to more than one city or township, you should have statistical reports enclosed for each of those areas. Mutual aid incidents for which you may have been requested to respond are not included in these reports.

If you have any questions regarding the 2010 statistics or if you need further information, please feel free to contact either Duane Johnson at (218) 726-2936, Dana Wahlberg at (218) 726-2935 or Joyce Hill at (218) 726-2934 for the Duluth 9-1-1 Dispatch Center; and Lisa Johannessohn at (218) 742-9853 or Patsy Kingsley at (218) 742-9851 for the Virginia 9-1-1 Dispatch Center.

Reply to:

☐ **Communication Dept.**
2030 Arlington Avenue North
Duluth, MN 55811
Phone: (218) 726-2920
Fax: (218) 726-2923

☐ **County Jail**
4334 Haines Road
Duluth, MN 55811
Phone: (218) 726-2345
Fax: (218) 725-6134

☐ **Emergency Management**
5735 Old Miller Trunk Hwy
Duluth, MN 55811
Phone: (218) 625-3969
Fax: (218) 625-3965

☐ **Sheriff's Office**
300 South 5th Avenue
Virginia, MN 55792
Phone: (218) 749-7134
Fax: (218) 749-7192

☐ **Sheriff's Office**
1810 12th Ave E
Hibbing, MN 55746
Phone: (218) 262-0132
Fax: (218) 262-6334

ST. LOUIS COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT REPORT OF ALL POLICE CALLS
DURING 01/01/2010 - 12/31/2010 - SORTED BY CITY

1/19/2011

7FA

ALCCK	2
ALRMA	3
ALRMH	3
ALRMS	17
ANBITE	1
ANIMAL	38
AOA	4
ASLT	3
ASTINV	5
ATL	26
ATTPU	8
BURG	5
CB	15
CHILDV	1
CIVIL	23
CKHAZ	19
CKRES	2
CKWEL	10
CSC	5
DAMP	4
DIST	20
DITCH	30
DK	5
DOA	2
DOMESP	1
DRUG	1
DUMP	2
FALRM	1
FC	1
FCHIM	1

ST. LOUIS COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT REPORT OF ALL POLICE CALLS
DURING 01/01/2010 - 12/31/2010 - SORTED BY CITY

1/19/2011

FCO	2
FGRAS	5
FIGHT	1
FLINE	2
FMISC	1
FRAUD	3
FSTRUC	5
FUTIL	1
HARASS	1
HOTROD	7
INFO	7
LOCK	4
MCVA	1
MDIFFB	3
MEDIC	36
MHEART	2
MISC	19
MSEIZ	1
NOPAY	11
NOTIFY	1
OFPV	1
OUTW	11
PARK	4
PARTY	1
PD	8
PDAN	8
PERMAG	14
PERMCG	10
PERMWA	1
PERWEA	1
PHONE	2

ST. LOUIS COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT REPORT OF ALL POLICE CALLS
DURING 01/01/2010 - 12/31/2010 - SORTED BY CITY

1/19/2011

PI	9
POR	3
PROP	1
PTRANS	2
PUBLIC	4
RUN	1
SHOTS	5
SUICT	2
SUSPA	1
SUSPP	6
SUSPV	5
T	193
THEFT	14
THREAT	3
TOBCK	2
TP	1
TRBKID	6
TRBNBR	4
TRBTEN	1
TRBUNK	5
TRSPSS	2
UNWANT	3
VDAMP	5
VINFO	15
VTHEFT	1

TOTAL FOR CITY	726
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ALRM55 - SIGNAL 55 ALARM
 ALRMA - AUDIBLE ALARM
 ALRMH - HOLD UP ALARM
 ALRMS - SECURITY ALARM
 ANBITE - ANIMAL BITE
 ANIMAL - ANIMAL DISTURBANCE
 AOA - ASSIST OTHER AGENCY
 ASLT - ASSAULT
 ASTINV - ASSIST INVALID
 ATL - ATTEMPT TO LOCATE
 ATTPU - ATTEMPT TO PICK UP

BOMB - SUSPECTED BOMB
 BOMBT - BOMB THREAT
 BURG - BURGLARY
 BURGP - BURG IN PROGRESS

CB - CALL BACK MESSAGE
 CHASE - POLICE PURSUIT
 CHILD - ABAND/NEGLECT CHILD
 CKHAZ - CHECK HAZARD
 CKWEL - CHECK WELFARE
 CRANK - CRANK 911 CALLS
 CRASH - AIRLINE CRASH
 CSC - CRIMINAL SEXUAL ASLT

DAMP - DAMAGE TO PROPERTY
 DETAIL - SPECIAL OPERATIONS
 DIST - DISTURBANCE
 DK - DRUNK
 DOA - DEAD HUMAN BODY
 DOMES - DOMESTIC
 DOMESP - PHYSICAL DOMESTIC
 DOMESW - DOMESTIC W/WEAPON
 DRUG - DRUG INCIDENT
 DUMP - GARBAGE CALL

EMERG - EMERG MSG FROM MDT
 EXPLOS - EXPLOSIVES

F ALRM - FIRE IN BUILDING
 F AUTO - AUTOMATIC FIRE ALARM
 F CHIM - CHIMNEY FIRE
 F CO - CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM
 F ELEV - ELEVATOR STUCK
 F EVAC - FIRE EVACUATION
 F GAS - GAS LEAK/ODOR IN/OUT
 F GRAS - GRASS FIRE
 F JUMP - JUMPER
 F LINE - LINE/POLE PROBLEM
 F MISC - MISC FIRE
 F OTS - FIRE OUTSIDE

F OUT - FIRE REPORTED OUT
 F RAIL - RR INCIDENT
 F SMOK - SMOKE VISIBLE
 - ODOR IN AREA
 F TEST - TEST FIRE SIDE
 F UTIL - FLOODED BSMT
 F VEH - VEHICLE FIRE
 F WARN - FIRE EVAC WARNING
 FC - FIRE CRACKERS
 FIGHT - FIGHT
 FIGHTW - FIGHT W/WEAPON
 FORG - FORGERY

HAZMAT - HAZARD MATTER
 HELP - OFFICER NEEDS HELP
 HOTROD - HOT RODDERS

ICR - CASE NUMBER
 INFO - INFO ON FILE
 ITEM - ITEMS

KIDNAP - ABDUCT/KIDNAP

LOCK - LOCK IN / OUT

MCVA - STROKE
 MDIFFB - DIFF BREATHING
 MEDIC - MEDICAL EMERG
 MHEART - HEART ATTACK
 MISC - MISCELLANEOUS
 MOB - MATERNITY
 MOD - OVERDOSE
 MSEIZ - SEIZURE
 MTRANS - MED TRANSPORT
 MUSIC - LOUD MUSIC

NOPAY - DRIVE OFF/NO PAY
 NOTIFY - NOTIFICATION

OFF - ORDER FOR PROTECT
 OFFV - PROTECT ORDER VIOL
 OP99 - WILDFIRE RESP CALLOUT
 OP100 - OPERATION 100
 OUTW - OUT WITH/ONVIEW

PARK - PARKING PROBLEM
 PARKBD - BLOCKED DRIVE
 PARTY - PARTY
 PARTYC - COLLEGE PARTY
 PARTYI - PARTY INTERVENT
 PD - PROP DAMAGE ACCIDENT
 PDHR - PROP DAM HIT/RUN

PERGUN - PERSON W/GUN
 PERLST - LOST PERSON
 PERMIT - BURNING PERMIT
 PERWEA - PERSON W/WEAPON
 PHONE - NUISANCE CALLS
 PI - PERSONAL INJURY ACC
 PIHR - PERS INJ HIT/RUN
 PIP - PERS INJ W/PEDESTRIAN
 PIPHR - PERS INJ PED HIT/RUN
 PRKVIOL - PARKING VIOLATION
 PROP - PROPERTY FOUND/LOST
 PROWL - PROWLER/PEEPER
 PSYCH - PSYCHIATRIC DIFF
 P TEST - POLICE TEST
 PTRANS - POLICE TRANSPORT
 PUBLIC - PUBLIC ASSIST
 PURSUE - POLICE PURSUIT

RESCUE - CAVE IN/COLLAPSE
 ROB - ROBBERY PERS/BUSI
 RUN - RUNAWAY

SHOOT - SHOOTING
 SHOP - SHOPLIFTER
 SHOTS - SOUNDS OF SHOTS
 SLUMP - SLUMPER
 STAB - STABBING
 SUICA - SUICIDE ATTEMPT
 SUICT - SUICIDE THREAT
 SUSPP - SUSPICIOUS PERSON
 SUSPV - SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE

THEFT - THEFT
 THREAT - THREATS
 TRAFFC - TRAFFIC/DISABLED
 TRAFIC - TRAFFIC STOP
 TRBCUS - CUSTOMER TRBL
 TRBKID - KID TROUBLE
 TRBNBR - NEIGHBOR TRBL
 TRBTEN - TENANT TROUBLE
 TRBUNK - UNKNOWN TRBL

UNSBIZ - UNSECURE BUSINESS
 UNWANT - UNWANTED PERSON

VDAMP - VEH EXT DAMAGE
 VINFO - VEH INFO/DITCH
 VPROWL - VEHICLE PROWL
 VTHEFT - THEFT OF VEHICLE

WATEM - WATER EMERGENCY
 WEATHR - WEATHER EMERG

" Answer Key to abbreviations "

2010 Minnesota Statutes

365.10 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING; POWERS OF ELECTORS.

Subdivision 1. **Powers listed here.** The electors of a town, at their annual town meeting, may do what is in this section.

Subd. 1a. **Pounds, poundmasters.** The electors may (1) decide the locations of pounds, (2) set the number of poundmasters, and (3) discontinue a pound.

Subd. 2. [Repealed, 1999 c 132 s 46]

Subd. 3. **Animals at large.** The electors may make orders and bylaws on restraining horses, cattle, sheep, swine, and other domestic animals from going at large on roads. They may also make orders and bylaws on the impounding of domestic animals going at large and fix penalties for violations of the orders and bylaws.

Subd. 4. **Roads, bridges, other expenses.** The electors may vote money to repair and build roads and bridges. They may also vote as much money as they consider expedient for the good of the town for other town expenses, including the building and maintenance of docks and breakwaters.

Subd. 5. **Adjoining town's roads.** The electors may direct that a certain amount of the road tax be spent on the roads of an adjoining town. The spending must be for the good of the town and under the control of the town board.

Subd. 6. **Build town building.** The electors may let the town board buy or build a town hall or other building for the use of the town. The electors must decide the amount of money to be raised for that purpose. Once the town gets a site for a town hall the site must not be changed for another site, except by a vote choosing a new site. To get a new site two-thirds of those voting on the question must vote for it.

Subd. 7. **Buy town cemetery.** The electors may let the town board vote to buy grounds for a town cemetery. The electors may limit the price to be paid for the cemetery and may vote a tax to pay for it.

Subd. 8. **Buy, beautify park.** The electors may let the town board, by itself or with other towns, buy grounds for a public park and may limit the price to be paid for the grounds. The electors may let the town, alone or with the other towns, care for, improve, and beautify the parks. The electors may vote a tax to pay for what they allow under this subdivision.

Subd. 9. **Community halls.** The electors may vote money to help build community halls. The community halls may be built by farm bureaus, farmers clubs, or other like organizations.

Subd. 10. **Tax for dump.** The electors may vote a tax to buy and maintain a public dump.

Subd. 11. **Abandoned town roads.** The electors may let the town board, by resolution, determine whether to open or maintain town roads or town cartways under the jurisdiction of the town board upon which no maintenance or construction has been conducted for 25 years or more. For purposes of this subdivision, section 163.16 does not apply to town roads described in this subdivision. This subdivision does not limit the right of town voters or land owners to petition to establish a cartway under section 164.08.

Subd. 12. **Fund town celebration, recognition of service.** The electors may set an amount of money and let the town board spend it to commemorate an event of historical significance to the town, to recognize volunteers, service efforts, and retiring town officers, or to host or support a community celebration.

Subd. 13. **Control dogs, cats.** The electors may let the town board pass an ordinance for licensing dogs and cats and regulating their presence, keeping, and running at large in the town.

Subd. 14. **Health, social, recreational services.** The electors may let the town board contract with nonprofit organizations for not more than \$10,000 per year of health, social, and recreational services. To do so, the town board must consider the services to be in the public interest and good for the town.

Subd. 15. **Refuse, household waste.** The electors may let the town board find a way to collect and get rid of household waste and other refuse. The way must be consistent with other law.

Subd. 16. **Cemetery perpetual care.** The electors may let the town board set up a perpetual care program to administer and maintain a cemetery in the town. The town board must first decide that it has enough money available from burial plot sales, gifts, and private assistance to administer and maintain the cemetery. Cemetery administration may include the sale of burial plots and the supervision of burials. The town may accept gifts of money and other help from individuals to set up the perpetual care program.

Subd. 17. **Other activities.** (a) To grant the town board authority to provide for a specific activity that is within any of the following categories:

- (1) the government and good order of the town,
- (2) the suppression of vice and immorality,
- (3) the prevention of crime,
- (4) the protection of public and private property,
- (5) the benefit of residence, trade, and commerce,
- (6) the promotion of health, safety, order, and convenience, and
- (7) the general welfare.

(b) Authority under this subdivision may be exercised by ordinances that the board deems expedient and that are consistent with the Constitution and laws of the United States and this state.

Subd. 18. **Capital reserve fund.** The electors may authorize creation of a capital reserve fund and designate its use for any lawful purpose.

History: (1002) RL s 625; 1909 c 350 s 1; 1913 c 14 s 1; 1921 c 246 s 1; 1925 c 158 s 1; 1953 c 70 s 1; 1967 c 95 s 1; 1978 c 497 s 1; 1981 c 77 s 2; 1984 c 536 s 1; 1984 c 562 s 12; 1985 c 169 s 7; 1986 c 327 s 1; 1986 c 333 s 1; 1987 c 90 s 1; 1987 c 229 art 8 s 1; 1999 c 113 s 1; 2001 c 11 s 1; 2008 c 166 s 1,2