

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

JUNE 1, 2004

The Regular Meeting of the Fayal Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:02 PM by Chairman Kniefel. Present were: Chairman Kniefel, Supervisor Beldo, Supervisor Pernu, Supervisor Tamaro and Clerk Sersha. Supervisor Erjavec was absent.

Audience members in attendance were: Dale Dickson, Mike Erjavec and Jerry Ulman.

Motion to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2004 Regular Meeting, made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Beldo. Clerk Sersha made a correction to the minutes regarding the date of the July Planning Committee meeting, which will be held July 1, not July 10. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Clerk/Treasurer's Report For the month of May, 2004 receipts were \$32,538.98, and expenditures were \$51,476.43. Ending balances are as follows:

American Checking:\$523,586.86

American Assessment Account \$470,521.10

Bank statements for Miners, and American CD accounts were not available as of this date.

Clerk Sersha informed the Board that Roger's Online was contacted to install additional RAM in the police computer because the other vendor was unavailable. Sersha also distributed copies of An estimate for computer services and references from Roger's Online. Referred to New Business.

A copy of a letter written by Clerk Sersha and enclosures sent to Michael Rettler of Maximus was distributed to the Board. Walker Giroux & Hahne have advised that the Maximus report does not reflect the true value of the sewer infrastructure. Other discrepancies have also been noted and the letter requests that Mr. Rettler contact Clerk Sersha as soon as possible to rectify these matters.

Clerk Sersha informs the Board she contacted Dave Kazeck of the Office of the State Auditor regarding depreciation on the water lines, and if it must be fully funded. Mr. Kazeck has advised that all fixed assets should be fully depreciated, but the depreciation is not required to be fully funded. Discussion.

Motion to approve the Clerk/Treasurer's Report made by Supervisor Beldo, support from Supervisor Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept into the record the May 2004 Police Report, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept into the record the May 2004 Road & Bridge Report made by Supervisor Beldo, support from Chairman Kniefel. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept into the record the April 27, 2004 Planning Committee meeting made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Beldo. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Tobacco Free Youth Recreation Newsletter. Placed on file.

Mike Wiskow, Director of Public Works, Eveleth- The aquaduct between St Mary's and Ely Lakes was closed on may 18, 2004. St. Mary's Lake elevation is at 1375.1. Placed on file.

Paul Cerkvenik- Copy of correspondences received from Mark Weir in regards to the appointments to the Eveleth-Virginia Joint Airport Planning and Zoning Board. Virginia has appointed Rob Raplinger and Eveleth has appointed Jim Pollack. Placed on file.

Keith Nelson, County Commissioner- Information on methamphetamine waste that roadside clean up crews may encounter. Posted, and placed on file.

Walter Hautala, Chair Biwabik Town Board- Letter asking if Fayal wishes to continue dialogue with Biwabik Township regarding sharing services of a police officer and if we are willing to share the present officers' health, professional liability and general liability insurance? Referred to New Business.

SLCATO- Regular meeting minutes of March 24, 2004. Next meeting is June 23, 2004, 7:30 pm, French Township. Placed on file.

Judy Sersha, Clerk- Copy of letter sent to Michael Rettler of Maximus regarding the depreciation schedule for the sewer lines. Placed on file.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Beldo-

Union Negotiations- A draft contract has been sent to Steve Giorgi and the employees, along with a letter stating the intention to present this to the town board. A response from the union or the employees has not been received yet, so the issue will be postponed to the June 15 meeting. A contract response has also been sent to Steve Giorgi and Harvey. A response to that offer also has not yet been received.

Golf Course Road- Upon review of the resolution, Beldo states that it was based on the review done by the traffic engineer. Beldo will contact the traffic engineer to do a study on Golf Course Road to make a determination so that we stay within the guidelines of the resolution.

N. Airport Road- Beldo reports he sent an e-mail to John Dooley of the MN Township Association to ask his advice on how we should respond to the request by Mike Erjavec for maintenance on the road.

Supervisor Pernu-

Garage floor drain- Curry will begin work on the drain next week. All paperwork is in order, and the certificate of insurance has been received.

Town Hall Front- Bill Maki will be submitting a quote.

Air Conditioning- Functioning properly, a cover will be made before winter.

Supervisor Tamaro-

Fire Relief By-laws- Copies that were approved by the Board of Trustees at their May 19 meeting were distributed to the board for their consideration.

Motion to approve the Fire Relief By-laws, as presented, made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Chairman Kniefel. Short discussion on funding levels. Motion carried unanimously.

Mandatory Sewer Connections- We are down to a handful of properties that need to be connected. As for the cleanup at Gorski's and the Differding Point manholes, Dan Lamppa is going to take care of it.

Workweek hours- Tamaro states he was intrigued by discussions at the last meeting regarding a 37.5 hour workweek.

Motion to pursue a 37.5 hour workweek for all of the employees in the bargaining unit if the contract that was presented, is not accepted, made by Supervisor Tamaro. Tamaro states we could eliminate the summer help and employees could work where needed, regardless of the department. The motion received no support. Supervisor Beldo states any change in the work hours is a contract issue to be negotiated. Tamaro states the contracts are open now, and if the latest proposal is turned down, it could be an option. Chairman Kniefel states that when the county workers hours were cut from 40 to 37.5 hours per week, it was in lieu of a pay increase. ***Motion dies for lack of second.***

Chairman Kniefel-

Biwabik Township Request- Discussion on the from Biwabik Township asking Fayal if they would share insurance costs for the police officer. The Board expressed no interest in sharing any of the costs. Chairman Kniefel will write a response letter to their town chair, Walt Hautala.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Beldo informs the Board that the airport intends to gate South Airport Road. R & B has graded the road recently. Chairman Kniefel states the road is public and cannot be gated because it is still a public road. The airport must vacate the road through a process, and until that time the road is status quo.

Supervisor Pernu distributed pictures of some of the playground equipment located near the old ballfield. The equipment was evaluated by a playground safety inspector, and was deemed to be unsafe. Discussion on removal of the equipment, due to liability. Further discussion on relocation of all playground equipment to the town complex area because of the remote area of the ballfield.

Motion to remove and dispose of the old playground equipment from the ballfield area, due to it being unsafe, made by Supervisor Pernu, support from Supervisor Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion on the proposal by Roger's Online for computer serviceing.

Motion to go with the Roger's Online proposal for 15 hours of computer service, in advance, for a 30% discount, made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Beldo. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN CONCERNS AND COMMENTS

Jerry Ulman and Dale Dickson were in attendance but had no comment.

Mike Erjavec was in attendance and questioned Supervisor Pernu about when he lived on North Airport Road as a child.

Motion to pay the bills made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Chairman Kniefel. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Tamaro.

Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy M. Sersha
Clerk of Fayal

Approved: _____
Chair

Attest: _____
Clerk