

TOWN OF FAYAL
4375 SHADY LANE, EVELETH, MN 55734

Judy M. Sersha, Clerk/Treasurer

Steven J. Kniefel, Chairman

Supervisors: Tony Tammaro, James Pernu, Lee Branville, Mike Erjavec

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ANNUAL MEETING

MARCH 10, 2009

The Town of Fayal Annual Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Clerk Judy Sersha. Approximately 18 people 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 Jim Pernu to nominate Steve Shykes as moderator. Clerk Sersha asked if there were any more nominations. 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. Mr. Shykes stated that Katie Hildebrande of Architectural Resources was to have been at tonight's meeting to make a presentation on plans for the town hall expansion. Ms. Hildebrande could not make it for the meeting, due to the weather. Mr. Shykes then gave a brief explanation of plans for the expansion: For the past year, the town board and employees have been working with Ms. Hildebrande on identifying what is needed for expansion to the town complex. The proposal has identified the need for the fire department to be relocated to another site, and the road and utility departments expanding into the area currently being used by the fire department. The plan also includes expansion of the town hall area and town offices. Options are for either remodeling and expanding the current town hall or for a complete tear down and re-build.

Joe Petrich questioned if there is any funding available?

Mr. Shykes answered there are several avenues for funding for the fire department, but there are no guarantees. However, the project has been submitted for funding. The fire department relocation would be the first phase of the project.

Pat Johnson questioned if a relocation site has been picked?

Mr. Shykes answered there has been no definite site pick, but the department would like to stay on the east side of Hwy. 53, in the area of St. Mary's and Ely Lake. That area has been identified due to the response time for firefighters to that area, and because it is the most populous area of the township.

Joe Petrich reported he attended an airport meeting recently and they discussed selling the school 40, which would be a good location.

APPROVAL OF THE 2008 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2008 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 \$670,040 balance and the Road & Bridge Special Revenue Fund ended the year with a \$239,340 balance. The Town of Fayal Net Assets total as of December 31, 2008 was \$13,873,824, compared with the December 31, 2007 balance of \$13,818,425. A complete report is attached to these minutes.

Motion to approve the 2008 Financial & Treasurer's Report, made by Jim Pernu, support from Lee Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL NEEDS FOR THE TOWN

Steve Kniefel welcomed everyone and thanked Steve Shykes for agreeing to serve as moderator again this year. Mr. Kniefel recognized and thanked town board members Lee Branville, Jim Pernu, Mike Erjavec and Tony Tamaro, who was not in attendance at tonight's meeting, for all their hard work.

Mr. Kniefel commented on the building expansion plan. Architectural Resources was brought in to facilitate and identify the needs for expansion of the town complex. AR has been working with Buildings & Grounds Supervisor Jim Pernu and the town employees and fire department to address the needs for the future of the township buildings. At present, the town garage and fire department are full to capacity with equipment, and the town hall is also in need of expansion. Mr. Kniefel also reported on the bike trail reconstruction that will take place this summer. The Fayal trail will become a part of the Mesabi Trail system and the construction will be funded by a federal enhancement grant.

Mr. Kniefel then explained the 2010 board recommended levy to the audience, which will remain the same as the 2009 levy recommendation, due to the town having a healthy fund balance. Proposed for 2010: General- \$90,000, Buildings & Grounds- \$45,000, Fire- \$59,700, Recreation- \$0.00, Capital Equipment- \$30,000, Road & Bridge- \$258,800, for a total of \$519,510, or a 0% increase over 2009.

DESIGNATING POSTING PLACES

Moderator Shykes explained the present locations 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 Mike Erjavec, support from Scott Smith. 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, 2009 the Conus rate for mileage is 55 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 Steve Kniefel, support from Pat Johnson to keep the salaries the same. Motion carried unanimously.

FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

Fire Chief Steve Shykes vacated his moderator position, and gave his report on the fire department. There were a total of 101 calls this past year. Presently there are 22 firefighters on the department with 8 of them being EMS first responders. A FEMA grant in the amount of \$30,000 was received to purchase fire equipment. The department had a total of 790 hours of in-house training and 522 hours of outside training. The Fayal Fire Department and Eveleth Fire Department simulcast page system is working very well. A complete copy of the report is attached to these minutes.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS

Police Department- Lee Branville reported that we employ a part-time police officer who works 20 random hours per week. Our officer is Harvey Thompson, who has a total of 24 years experience as a full time licensed officer, 15 of which have been with Fayal. Local police is needed in the township to enforce the township ordinances. A new 4-wheel drive Ford Explorer was purchased and outfitted this past year for the police department, with funds that had been set aside each year since 2001. A complete copy of the report is attached to these minutes.

Road & Bridge- Lee Branville read a report submitted by Tony Tamaro, who was unable to attend this evening's meeting. A new road side mower/brush cutter was purchased for the loader. Tailings were hauled for road building and repair. Projects that are planned for 2009 are repair or replacement of 4' cement culvert on Pine Drive, crack sealing roads, overlays on Woodlawn Boulevard East, Woodlawn Circle and a 650' segment of Golf Course Road, starting at Hwy . 53. A complete copy of the report is attached to these minutes.

Buildings & Grounds/Rec- Jim Pernu reported a new split rail fence was installed across from the Shortstop last summer due to safety issues. A new air exchanger was installed in the office area and two air scrubbers were installed in the garage area work shop to meet OSHA requirements. The installation was funded by a matching OSHA grant. The tennis courts and playground areas continue to be used frequently by residents and out of the area people. The tennis courts will need to be replaced in the near future, due to cracks that cannot be fixed. The skating rink has had in excess of 1,700 skaters this season and is one of the best out outdoor rinks in the area. A complete copy of the report is attached to these minutes.

County Commissioner Keith Nelson reported on the Mesabi Trail and multi use station that will be built this summer and also the county's plan for the upgrade of Ely Lake Drive in 2013.

OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE MEETING

Ralph Johnson stated that Fayal should have someone on the Eveleth-Virginia Airport Authority as a representative for the township. Mr. Johnson stated he made a motion to that effect at last year's Annual Meeting, but nothing has been done.

Motion by Ralph Johnson, support from Joe Petrich to have the town board investigate getting somebody on the Eveleth-Virginia Airport Authority. Mike Erjavec voted no, everyone else voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Keith Nelson, support from Ralph Johnson that the townspeople of Fayal support the environmentally sensitive development of the non-ferrous Polymet and Franconia mining and he would like the township to send a letter to Frank Ongaro informing him of the townspeople's support. Steve Kniefel reported there is also a town board resolution on file in support of the mining. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Nelson asked that the letter also note the motion was passed unanimously by the people at the Annual Meeting.

Clerk Judy Sersha stated to the audience that every year we are audited by Walker, Giroux & Hahne, and every year there is a qualification in the audit that she would like to see remedied. The qualification is for the purchase of employee/volunteer gift certificates at Christmas or the purchase of flowers for a death/illness of an employee or board member and donations to the All-night grad or prom party at the E-G school. Clerk Sersha explained that in order for the board to be able to make these types of expenditures and be in compliance, the people at the annual meeting must authorize it. If levy monies are not used, there are funds received from assessment certifications that could be used.

Motion to authorize the town board to make expenditures for donations or appreciation awards, not to exceed \$2000 per year, made by Ralph Johnson, support from Scott Smith. Joe Petrich stated that Judy can report on what was spent next year at the Annual Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Steve Shykes stated the fire department holds fundraisers for those types of donations, and reminded everyone of the Fire Department Spaghetti Feed on Sunday, March 15, 11 am-5 pm.

Motion to set the 2010 Annual Meeting on the second Tuesday of March at 7:00 PM, made by Ralph Johnson, support from Jim Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

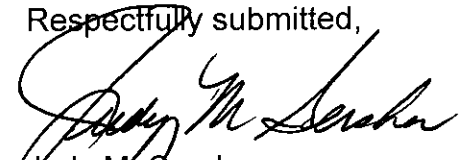
SETTING OF THE LEVY FOR THE YEAR 2010

Motion by Joe Petrich, support from Scott Smith to set the Year 2010 levy at \$519,500. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by Scott Smith, support from Ralph Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.

Annual Meeting 2009 adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Judy M. Sersha
Clerk/Treasurer

Annual Meeting March 10, 2008 Sign In

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Steve Shykes	7450 Ely Lake Drive
Jim Gennep	4402 LAKESIDE DRIVE
Lee Brown	41512 WOODLAWN PT.
Mark Peterson	7798 Bodas Rd.
Jamie Lindseth	7802 Bodas Rd.
STEVE KNIPEL	3852 Pleasant Lake Rd
Marijean Knipel	" " "
Jim Danner	4488 WOODLAWN DR. E.
SCOTT SMITH	4014 MILLER TRUNK RD.
Nels J. Myklebust	7797 Bodas Rd
Mike Etjavec	7574 Ely Lake Dr
James E. Bator	7861 NST Mary's Dr
Joe Dietrich	4287 ST. MARYS DR.
Raezer John	4285. St. Marys. PA
Pat John	" " " "
Jerry Pedersen	4335 St. Mary's Drive
Keith Nelson	7291 E Toumbre Rd
Judy Seroha	7764 Ely Lake Dr.

2009 FAYAL TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

- I. **INTRODUCTION- CALL TO ORDER- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ELECTION OF MODERATOR**

- II. **ANNUAL MEETING BUSINESS**
 - Approval of a Moderator
 - Short presentation(15-20 minutes) by Architectural Resources on Town Hall building plans

 - Approval of Annual Meeting Minutes of 2008

 - 2008 Financial Report of the Clerk/Treasurer

 - Report of the Town Chair on the Financial Needs for the Town in 2010

 - 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 2010

- III. **ADJOURNMENT**

**TOWN OF FAYAL
Proposed 2010 Levy
March 10, 2009**

**TOWN OF FAYAL
Proposed 2010 Levy**

	Approved Levy 2003	Approved Levy 2004	Approved Levy 2005	Approved Levy 2006	Approved Levy 2007	Approved Levy 2008	Approved Levy 2009	Proposed 2010 Levy
General Fund	\$ 88,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 96,000.00	\$ 89,300.00	\$ 99,000.00	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 90,000.00
Buildings & Grounds	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 41,300.00	\$ 41,210.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00
Fire	\$ 52,500.00	\$ 53,900.00	\$ 55,500.00	\$ 56,600.00	\$ 47,000.00	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 59,700.00	\$ 59,700.00
Police	\$ 31,750.00	\$ 32,100.00	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 33,600.00	\$ 33,600.00	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 36,000.00
Recreation	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 12,400.00	\$ -	\$ -
Capital Equipment	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Summer Jobs	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	-			\$ -	\$ -
Public Utilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-			\$ -	\$ -
Road & Bridge	\$ 210,000.00	\$ 210,000.00	\$ 218,000.00	\$ 218,000.00	\$ 225,000.00	\$ 250,000.00	\$258,800.00	\$258,800.00
TOTAL	\$ 465,250.00	\$ 478,000.00	\$ 487,500.00	\$ 487,500.00	\$ 500,900.00	\$ 511,610.00	\$519,500.00	\$519,500.00
Yearly Increases	9.40%	2.70%	1.95%	0%	2.75%	2.10%	1.50%	0%

Year 2010 Town Board Levy Recommendation

\$519,500.00

Percentage Increase Over 2009 Levy

0%

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
ROAD & BRIDGE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND		
BEGINNING BALANCE, Jan 1	<u>157,288</u>	<u>101,649</u>
REVENUES - ROAD & BRIDGE		
TAXES		
GENERAL PROPERTY	190,457	164,500
TACONITE HOMESTEAD CREDIT	32,242	30,788
OTHER (Disparities aid, Unmined tac, refunds, culvert sales etc.)	4,787	8,464
TOTAL TAXES	<u>227,486</u>	<u>203,752</u>
INTERGOVERNMENTAL - STATE		
MARKET VALUE CREDIT	21,994	23,975
TOWN ROAD AID	10,056	9,700
TOTAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL	<u>32,050</u>	<u>33,675</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		
TRANSFER IN (from Capital Equip Acct, mower purchase)	44,595	21,483
SALE OF CAPITAL ASSETS (1987 Ford Pickup, sweeper)		802
REFUNDS/REIMB	1,482	
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	<u>46,077</u>	<u>22,285</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>305,613</u>	<u>259,712</u>
EXPENDITURES		
PUBLIC WORKS		
ROAD & MAINTENANCE	192,415	170,757
EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	31,146	33,316
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS EXPENDITURES	<u>223,561</u>	<u>204,073</u>
EXCESS/DEFICIENCY OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>37,457</u>	<u>33,354</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	82,052	55,639
FUND BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2008	<u>239,340</u>	<u>167,288</u>

TOWN OF FAYAL STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS - DEC. 31, 2008

	Governmental <u>Activites</u>	Business-type <u>Activites</u>	<u>Total</u>
ASSETS			
Cash & cash equivalents	1,211,005	405,613	1,616,618
RECEIVABLES			
Taxes receivable	24,504		24,504
Spec. Assessments Rec.	3,059,388		3,059,388
Accounts Receivable		27,446	27,446
Internal Balances	137,832	(137,832)	
Restricted Cash for sewer replacement		27,294	27,294
Capital Assets			
Land	35,506		35,506
Construction in progress	195,038		195,038
Improvements	69,857		69,857
Buildings	210,751	1,428,215	1,638,966
Infrastructure	491,913	9,868,895	10,360,808
Machinery & Equipment	194,704	96,232	290,936
Licensed Vehicles	375,357	32,934	408,291
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>6,005,855</u>	<u>11,748,797</u>	<u>17,754,652</u>
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	10,519	16,153	26,672
Accrued salaries	9,182	8,544	17,726
Accrued interest payable	-	26,430	26,430
Non Current Liabilities			
Due within one year		281,000	281,000
Due in more than one year	0	3,529,000	3,529,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>19,701</u>	<u>3,861,127</u>	<u>3,880,828</u>
NET ASSETS			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	1,573,126	7,616,276	9,189,402
Restricted for sewer replacement		27,294	27,294
Unrestricted	4,413,028	244,100	4,657,128
TOTAL NET ASSETS	<u>5,986,154</u>	<u>7,887,670</u>	<u>13,873,824</u>
Total Net Assets 12-31-07	<u>13,818,425</u>	<u>Total Net Assets 12-31-08</u>	<u>13,873,824</u>

TOWN OF FAYAL 2008 FINANCIAL REPORT - 2009 ANNUAL MEETING

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
BEGINNING BALANCE JAN 1-	706,516	668,404
REVENUES - GENERAL FUND		
GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES	202,739	203,091
TACONITE HOMESTEAD CREDIT	28,272	37,931
MARKET VALUE CREDIT	22,700	24,666
TACONITE PRODUCTION	33,737	35,831
FRANCHISE FEES	10,407	10,635
OTHER MISC*	23,708	6,012
TOTAL TAXES	321,563	318,166
LICENSES AND PERMITS	400	300
INTERGOVERNMENTAL		
FEDERAL		
FEMA	3,500	
Firewise Grant		5,500
STATE		
Disparity Aid	6,341	6,683
Mining Effects	50,092	48,865
PERA Aid	587	512
OSHA Grant	6,115	
Fire Aid	8,402	15,215
Other (mining & concentrate)	2,654	2,584
TOTAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL	74,191	73,869
CHARGES FOR SERVICES		
TOWN HALL RENT	1,300	1,445
FEES (Assessment Certifications)	880	1,040
PUBLIC SAFETY- Fire Contracts	2,000	5,250
TOTAL CHARGES FOR SERVICES	3,980	7,736
FINES		
COURT FINES	1,077	400
INTEREST	38,521	35,720
MISCELLANEOUS		
REIMBURSEMENT AND REFUNDS	1,084	4,523
TOTAL REVENUES	444,316	446,203
EXPENDITURES - GENERAL FUND		
GENERAL GOVERNMENT		
Town Board	19,417	18,697
Administration	195,123	148,487
Clerk	4,984	4,531
Deputy Clerk	4,326	3,378
Public Utilities	4,264	23,794
Buildings & Grounds	40,461	41,606
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	268,575	240,493
PUBLIC SAFETY		
Police (Includes vehicle & equip purchase of \$31,355)	59,644	30,066
Fire	48,800	76,814
Fire Relief Association	13,500	15,215
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	121,944	122,095
CULTURE AND RECREATION		
Recreation	22,814	25,496
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	413,334	388,084
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	30,982	58,119
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		
Transfer In (Enterprise Funds Accounting Services)	2,100	1,476
Transfers Out- Road & Bridge	(69,558)	(21,483)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(67,458)	(20,007)
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	(36,476)	38,112
FUND BALANCE DECEMBER 31	670,040	706,516

*Other misc = Lodging tax-\$890.95, unmined taconite- \$1199.11, Penalties & Interest- \$4958.64, Tax forfeit- \$16,659.18



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Town of Fayal

FIRE DEPARTMENT

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FIRE PREVENTION
FIRE SUPPRESSION
EMS

March 10, 2009

ANNUAL FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR 2008

1. **There were a total of 101 calls in 2007**
 - 21 structure fires
 - 8 wildland fires
 - 7 vehicle fires
 - 2 rescues
 - 42 EMS calls
 - 8 motor vehicle accidents
 - 7 alarms
 - 6 hazards

2. **There are 22 firefighters on the department. There are 6 new members on the fire department. They are Tim Coates, Matt Hoffmann, Jesse Pellinen, Mike Pluskwik, Ryan Rudnicki, and Mike Zasadni. There was one retirement in 2008. Jim Bertucci is the retired with 21 years of service. There are 3 openings on the fire department.**

3. **There are 8 EMS first responders on the fire department.**

4. **The fire department received 1 grant in 2008. The fire department contracted to the US Forest Service in 2008. The money received from of the grant and contracting was used to purchase fire equipment. The grant was from Homeland Security [FEMA] for all new personal protection equipment, turnout gear. The amount of that grant is \$30,000.**

5. **In 2007 the fire department had 790 hours of in house training and 522 hours of outside training. The fire department has 2 fire training instructors that teach for Mesabi Community College.**

6. **The fire department completed the federal mandated Nation Incident Management System training in 2008. Every firefighter was required to complete the basic I 700 course and the chief completed the I 100 through I 800**

courses. This training is needed in order to receive federal reimbursement money is available.

7. The agreement between The Fayal Fire Department and The Eveleth Fire Department for a simulcast page system is working very well. Know whenever there is a fire in either community more resources are available.

8. The fire department officers for 2008 are;

- Chief: Steve Shykes**
- Asst. Chief: Dave Hartman**
- Captain: Mike Knutson**
- Lieutenant: Bryan Sampson**
- Sec./Treasurer: Eric Garman**
- EMS Director: Therese Elverum**


Steve Shykes
Fire Chief

2009 Police Report (ending December 31st 2008)

I would like to welcome everyone to the annual meeting. We have several copies of the annual police report for you to look over if you wish. What many of you know and some of you may not know is that we have a part-time police officer who works 20 random hours a week. This is typically 4, five hour shifts or 5, four hour shifts. Our officer, Harvey Thompson, is appointed as our chief law enforcement officer, because the law requires we designate a chief law enforcement officer regardless of the number of officers. This is referenced in Minnesota statute 367.401 Subdivision 2.

Our police chief has a total of 24 years experience as a full time licensed officer, 15 years of which have been with Fayal Township on a part time basis. He also has several hundred hours of in-service training. All mandatory training is reimbursed to the Township by the P.O.S.T. Board, (Police Officer Standards and Training Board). There are 48 hours of mandatory training to maintain licenser every three years, plus 8 hours of precision and defensive driving. He also formerly served as an E.M.T. (Emergency Medical Technician) for approximately 6 years with the Eveleth paid-on-call ambulance service. Our chief has an AFSCME (American Federation of State County and Municipal employees) contract with us, however, he does not receive any Medical or Dental benefits from us. He does earn pro-rated vacation and sick time.

We are in need of a local officer not only to give us local concentrated patrolling and perform the everyday duties of any police officer, but to enforce our several ordinances. Especially our animal control ordinance. The County sheriff will not enforce our ordinances as he has previously stated at a Minnesota association of Townships meeting in Cotton. Just to be fair, previous Sheriff's have not done so either. We must have the ability to enforce any ordinance we have or be faced with a liability problem.

In 2007 the Minnesota P.O.S.T. Board interviewed our Chief and found that our police department was in full compliance with all legislative requirements , policies and training requirements. There is a certificate in the office relating to this Compliance Review by the P.O.S.T. Board.

Fayal residents who would like to call our officer for any NON-EMERGENCY issues can reach him at 865-4305 or cell phone at 750-3045.

POLICE REPORT

2009 Annual Report
(ending December 31, 2008)

Speed citations - 6
Speed warnings - 7
Animal Complaint - 38
Littering - 1
Threats call - 1
Parking complaint - 3
Dirt Bike - 12
Suspicious vehicle - 7
Motorist assist - 3
Background check - 2
Domestic Disturbance - 3
Selling door to door without permit - 3
Prowler - 2
Theft - 6
Drug paraphernalia - 1
Check welfare of person - 3
Possible scam - 1
Stop sign violation - 1
Hit and Run vehicle - 1
Damage to property - 1
Numerous Traffic stops...
House checks - 2
Assisted other departments - fire police EMS
Numerous requests for information etc.

Request for call backs - 18
illegal dumping - 2
Security alarms - 4
Checked on Road hazzard - 7
Fight - 1
Drive after cancellation - 1
No insurance - 1
Permit unlawful operation - 1
Public assist - 4
Vehicle theft - person caught and charged.
D.W.I. - 1
Drive after revocation - 1
Check vehicles in ditch - 12

Harvey Thompson
Police Chief
Fayal Township

FAYAL TOWNSHIP
2008 ROAD AND BRIDGE REPORT

In 2008 a new road side mower/brush cutter attachment for the loader was purchased to replace our 1959 Ford tractor mower. 950 yards of tailings were hauled for road building and repair.

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 ways, dust control, sign repair and replacement, inspections of various types, culvert replacement and steaming, shouldering and patching blacktop roads, road side mowing, noxious weed control, operating and maintaining a yard waste site, sweeping roads and intersections and building or reconstructing segments of roadways. 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 various projects and assist with planning and budgeting for future projects.

Projects that may take place in 2009 are; replacement or repair of a 4' cement culvert at Pine Drive, crack sealing roads that were overlaid in 2006 and blacktop overlays on Woodlawn Boulevard East, Woodlawn Circle and a 650' segment of Golf Course Road starting at Hwy. 53.

March 10, 2009

Tony Tammaro

Road and Bridge Supervisor

2009 Buildings & Grounds Report- Jim Pernu

Last summer a wood rail fence was installed near the Shortstop. That area became a safety issue where four wheelers were crossing Ely Lake Drive, jumping the curb to and from the Shortstop. The fence slowed down the traffic and an opening was left on the east end of the fence where four wheelers, bikes etc. can cross. It seems to be working well.

Tennis court and playground has been active late spring, summer and fall with our local residents and some out of area people. The tennis court also has the Eveleth-Gilbert tennis teams practice there.

Our Fayal skating rink as usual, is run in a safe and orderly manner. I think we have the best outdoor rink in the area. We had in excess of 1700 skaters this year. The rink just closed this past week.

We have had complaints of indoor air quality here in the hall and office areas. A carbon dioxide test conducted by Phyllis Carrier, instructor at Hibbing Community College, was completed to check the adequacy of ventilation. Her final report indicated that the town hall did not have any mechanical source of outside fresh air. MN OSHA regulations require that outside air shall be provided to all work rooms at a rate of 15 cu feet per minute, per person. The town hall did not meet that requirement.

In August 2008 we had an air exchanger installed in the town hall, which circulates the air within the building which will alleviate the air quality problem. Also, two scrubbers were purchased and installed in the garage area work shop to care for the smoke from welding, dust etc. This was completed in July 2008. The air exchanger and air scrubbers were paid with matching grants.

2009 PUC Report- Mike Erjavec

2008 was a good year for the Fayal Public Utilities. We had no major problems with the water and sewer systems.

On the sewer, we upgraded some pumps in several lift stations. We added a short spur on Golf Course Road to service two lots. We added a short line to service a new home on Shady Lane. We negotiated with Gilbert to allow them to use part of our sewer system in the Sparta Differding Point area in exchange for holding our rate steady.

As for the water system, its been a busy year. We switched a majority of the water system over to Eveleth water at a considerable savings per gallon. Differding Point is still on Gilbert water. We replaced the waterline in O'Laughlin Square. It was insufficient for fire protection and there was a question whether it possibly contained asbestos pipe. A matching grant was available for the first time in years, so it seemed the right time to upgrade the waterline. It was completed just before winter, so there may be a little cosmetic work left for spring.

For 2009, we have changed the billing for water. Instead of paying \$24.50 for the first 4000 gallons, we lowered the charge to \$13 and you pay for the water you use. The way it was before, the low volume user was subsidizing the higher volume user.

Our challenges for the future include how to control our costs in this current economy. What is going to happen is a big unknown right now. Will people be able to afford their utility bills along with all their other expenses once they lose their jobs?