

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

JANUARY 17, 2017

The Regular Meeting of the Fayal Town Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Tammaro. Present were: Chairman Tammaro, Supervisor Branville, Supervisor Ochis, Supervisor Sather, Supervisor Ziegler and Clerk/Treasurer Coldagelli.

Audience members in attendance were Deputy Police Chief Jesse Linde, Spencer Garland, Scott Smith, Derek Steinbach and Jerry Ulman.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Reorganization Meeting of January 3rd, 2017, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 3rd, 2017, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULED GUESTS- None at this time.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS- None at this time.

REPORTS-

Clerk/Treasurer's Report-

Bank statements for the month of December have been received and all accounts have been reconciled. Revenues were \$428,042.50 and expenditures are \$244,473.67. St. Louis County Apportionment money was received December 2nd for \$377,253.06 and was distributed among the departments, \$122,411.19 was transferred to the Assessment Savings from the apportionment monies and is listed among the expenditures.

Ending balances for the month of December are:

Miners Checking- \$1,086,657.57

Assessment Savings- \$456,158.28

For the month of January, revenues are \$22,939.24 and expenditures are \$115,497.65.

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

Other Reports-

Motion to accept the E.F.G.S.D. Joint Powers Recreation Board Meeting Minutes of January 11th, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Fire Department Business Meeting Minutes of December 14th, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Joint Cable Television Access Board Meeting Minutes of January 4th, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Senior Wastewater Operator December Report, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Public Utility Meeting Minutes of December 13th and the Delinquency Report, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

January 10th- Letter from TOPS asking if Fayal could recommend someone who would be able to set up tables 8-10 times a year for them. They would be willing to pay \$10 for each time for set up. Fayal Township employees can do it at no cost.

January 13th- Flyer and complimentary ticket received from Mesabi Humane Society for their event, 4 Paws Sake, held February 16th at 5:30 PM. Placed on file.

January 13th- Letter from the Minnesota Association of Townships regarding 2017 Legislative Meeting and round table breakfast buffet to be held February 21-22. Placed on file.

January 13th- Letter from Iron Range Youth in Action requesting donations for their 22nd Annual Young Leaders Conference. Conference fee is \$50.00 per student. Refer to Old Business.

January 13th- Letter from Camp Chicagami thanking us for support, a history of Camp Chicagami, and asking Fayal to share what they know about Camp Chicagami with others. Placed on file.

January 16th- Email from John Swenson from Mesabi Humane Society inviting us to their annual meeting on January 25th at 5:00 PM at the Mesabi Community College. Placed on file.

January 17th- Phone call from Scott Sandquist at Mediacom. DEED approved their grant application request and quite possibly Mediacom could be expanding their services to the Long Lake area in 2017. Shared with the PUC.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Sather-

Fire Department Co-op- Clerk Coldagelli has not received a response from Gilbert regarding the letter she drafted for the IRRRB.

Fire Department/EMS- Still working on.

Water Tender- Supervisor Sather asked if the IRRRB had any grant programs available for water tenders? Clerk Coldagelli will reach out to the IRRRB.

Supervisor Branville-

Joint Cooperation with Eveleth, Gilbert, Leonidas, ISD 2154- Eveleth Clerk said possibly February for next meeting.

Supervisor Ziegler-

Old Bullfrogs Building- Property owner was going to write a letter to update status. He would like to get it cleaned up so he can sell the property.

Joint Powers Eveleth-Gilbert-Fayal-Leonidas Sewer- Waiting to see Gilbert's status.

Pine Drive and St. Mary's Court Signage- The roads are on MnDOT's schedule but will not occur until fall of 2017.

Public Utility Commission Vacancy- Vacancy is posted until January end and there has been a little bit of interest, but nothing in writing.

Sewer/Water Rate Increase- Eveleth increased our water rates by 30% and the PUC decided to raise our rates approximately 50% of that increase. The water rates would increase for tier 1 from \$5.00 to \$5.50 and tier 2 would increase from \$6.50 to \$7.00. Sewer rates would increase by \$1 for both residential and commercial customers.

Motion to amend Resolution 2011-05 for a \$0.50 increase on each 1,000 gallons, up to 4,000 and a \$0.50 increase for each 1,000 gallons in excess of 4,000 gallons effective March 1st, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to amend Resolution 2015-04 for increasing the Residential Monthly User Charge from \$52.30 to \$53.30 and the Commercial Minimum first 4,000 gallons from \$71.80 to \$72.80 effective March 1st, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Tammaro-

Emergency Procedures- Still working on.

Generator- Clerk is still looking at applying for a FEMA grant. Supervisor Sather asked if the generator could cover the PUC/Fire Department garage as well. Still working on.

2018 Levy- Chairman Tammaro questioned if the Fire Department had looked at their budget for 2017/2018. Line items were added for the fire truck and Road and Bridge equipment. At some point we will need to make Police Department whole. The majority of the Police over budget was the legal fees but the Eveleth Police Chief did not want us to give up that fine revenue yet and was looking into some options for us.

Iron Range Youth in Action-

Motion to donate \$100 to the Iron Range Youth in Action Conference, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS-

Pay Equity Report- Report is done every three years, the Board needs to approve the preliminary report and approve submission.

Motion to approve the Pay Equity Report, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Eveleth Fee Office-

Motion to approve the contract and pay Eveleth Fee Office \$75.00, made by Supervisor Ochis, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

Minnesota Public Facilities Authority Payment-

Motion to pay the MPFA interest only payment for \$14,408.75, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Clerk Coldagelli needs to transfer funds from savings to checking as well for the payment. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Casual Labor- Charlie Erickson has resigned from his casual labor position. Will need to advertise on the posting boards and public access channel. Supervisor Branville would recommend that we hire an individual at \$14-\$15/hour and would prefer a "handyman." Would like to increase the wage to attract a quality worker. Would approximately average maybe one day a week over the course of a year. Could be more than one employee if Fayal receives enough applicants. Would also like on an emergency basis, such as snowplowing, if needed to operate equipment and offer a higher wage.

Motion to advertise a casual labor position at \$15 per hour, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Clerk Coldagelli was going to check into the legality of having to advertise in the news paper. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Emergency Lighting- Emergency lighting within the complex needs to be updated and replaced. Will also need to come up with a means of testing done on a monthly or quarterly basis. What is most important is upgrading the PUC building because the PUC needs to access the generators and there is not sufficient lighting in that building when the power is out.

Motion to spend up to \$3,500 from any leftover Mining Effects to upgrade and replace emergency lighting throughout the Town Hall, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Grader has really been a nice addition and working nicely. Clerk Coldagelli did speak with the Road & Bridge employees regarding the necessity of plowing early when more than four inches of snow. It was unusual the weather the year with rain and snow and the roads have been slick.

Motion to allow employees, Diane Dickson and Dale Dickson to attend the Collection Systems Operator Conference, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Ziegler also brought forth that the Road & Bridge employees were still plowing the bike trail. Clerk Coldagelli had relayed that to Road Foreman Zavodnik previously but she would follow up again.

Motion to pay the claims, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Branville.

Chairman Tammaro adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi M. Coldagelli

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Clerk/Treasurer Town of Fayal

Approved:

Andy L. Panno
Chair

Date: *2-7-17*

Attest:

Heidi M. Coldagelli
Clerk