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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

FEBRUARY 16, 2016

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 Sather, Supervisor Ziegler and Clerk/Treasurer Coldagelli. Supervisor Ochis was absent.

Audience members in attendance were Steve Giorgi, Steve Shykes and Jerry Ulman.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 2nd, 2016, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULED GUESTS

Steve Giorgi, executive director of RAMS, presented information regarding Fayal's participation with RAMS. Fayal Township has been a member of RAMS in the past. With the economic downturn, RAMS has been approaching former members as RAMS is going to focus on current education and tax bills and hoping those bills are passed within the legislation. RAMS is hoping that with the budget surplus some funds will be able to come back to the cities as local government aid. Broadband initiatives, street funding/repairs, highway relocation due to mining, bonding projects, reallocation of taconite taxes, school funding per pupil and technology upgrades are just some of the important topics and projects that RAMS will be supporting and lobbying for at the State Capitol. RAMS dues for Fayal would be approximately \$400 per year. As a member, Fayal would receive representation on important issues such as the joint wastewater project with Eveleth, Gilbert and Leonidas. Topic moved to New Business.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS

Jerry Ulman presented the proposed 2016 yard waste schedule. Moved to New Business. Supervisor Sather asked if it could be open more dates. Chairman Tammaro stated that it could if there is a need and the weather cooperates.

REPORTS

Clerk/Treasurer's Report 2/16/2016-

Bank statements for the month of January have been received and all accounts have been reconciled. Revenues were \$77,134.02 and expenditures were \$142,132.57. The late deposit of St. Louis County apportionment money was received for \$20,545.09. From that apportionment money there was a transfer of \$8,166.58 from the Miner's Bank Checking account to the Miner's Bank Assessment Savings. This transfer is listed within the expenditures. There was also a transfer of the WIF Funds for \$47,414.55 into the checking account from the CD savings for the SCADA project as well as a transfer of \$2,755.68 from checking to the CD savings for our 2015 contribution for the PFA Replacement Fund.

Ending balances for the month of January are:

Miners Checking- \$862,373.38

Assessment Savings- \$463,177.75

Mt Iron Checking- \$7,549.91

CD Savings- \$490,931.72

For the month of February to date, revenues are \$30,489.41 and expenditures are \$84,359.65.

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

Other Reports

Motion to accept the Joint Cable Access Board meeting minutes of February 2nd, 2016, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the minutes from the Public Utility Commission meeting of January 12th, 2016, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the minutes from the Joint Powers Rec Board meeting from February 10th, 2016, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Fire Department January 13th, 2016 Business Meeting minutes, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the December 16th, 2015 Planning Committee meeting minutes, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

January 27th- Phone call and follow up email from David Batterman with Payment Service Network. This is a third party company associated with our accounting software company, Banyon, that takes electronic payments. Included a quote as well as information. Placed on file.

January 29th- Email from Phil Chapman regarding jurisdiction's thoughts for online election judge training. If enough interest, the County would purchase the module and charge \$9.90 per user as a user access fee. Clerk can respond with her opinion and decision.

February 4th- Letter from Director of the U.S. Census Bureau asking that Fayal take a survey online regarding Government Units Survey to prepare for the 2017 Census of Governments. Clerk can take survey when received.

February 8th- Letter from Lake Country Power inviting members to attend a district meeting March 3rd from 5-7 PM at the Sand Lake Chapel in Britt. The meeting will provide updates on electric rates, energy conservation, low-cost home heating ideas, line construction and line clearing projects in our area. A light supper will be served and you must R.S.V.P. by February 25th. Placed on file.

February 8th- Letter from Merlin and Loretta Gulbranson, property owners near Highway 97 and Clyde Road. Letter is requesting information regarding any meetings that took place in regards to the application of Johnson/Mesabi Bituminous to rezone residential property. Clerk Coldagelli spoke with Mrs. Gulbranson and mailed her a copy of the meeting minutes from both the Town Board Regular Meeting and the Planning Committee. Placed on file.

February 9th- Email from IRRRB. Invitation to attend "Recharge the Range" held on Monday, February 29th at Minnesota Discovery Center from 9 AM to 3:30 PM. Chairman Tamaro is going to attend.

February 11th- Email and phone call from Minnesota Department of Health regarding an internal review of MDH which prompts changes to water sampling procedures. MDH has put in a response plan in place to address water quality issues. Clerk Coldagelli will share with employee Dickson.

February 16th- Minutes of the January 27th, 2016 St. Louis County Association of Townships meeting. Placed on file.

February 16th- Letter from Camp Chicagami thanking us for supporting them. Also included a copy of a photo of a Girl Scout Bugler from 1926. Randy Naland stopped by the other day and if we have the wall space was going to give us a copy. Placed on file.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Sather-

Gas Line- Long Lake project is moving forward. The project is waiting for final approval from the Minnesota Public Utilities and would most likely be a cost of \$19.02 per month for 15 years. Also Minnesota Energy is looking at including residents near St. Mary's Lake into the plan.

SCADA- Waiting for final paperwork from Telemetry Process Controls and Short Elliot Hendrickson.

Supervisor Branville-

Part-Time Help- Supervisor Branville is working with Clerk Coldagelli to create a policy. Their ideas have been formulated and Clerk Coldagelli needs to draft a policy to present to the Board for approval.

Town Hall Fees- Supervisor Branville brought forward the Hall usage fees. The idea was to simplify the structure and have resident events as a flat \$30 fee and a nonresident event at a \$100 fee. Nonprofits and volunteer groups are at no cost for up to two meetings a month. Clerk Coldagelli will have a resolution to present at the next meeting.

Travel Policy- Updates to the existing travel policy included removing any specific references to dollar amounts reimbursed and added that Fiscal Year Government Rates will apply. The rates can possibly change from year to year. Clerk Coldagelli presented Resolution 2016-01.

Motion to approve Resolution 2016-01, A Resolution Establishing Policies for Travel Required in the Interests of the Town of Fayal, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville.

Chairman Tammaro clarified that Clerk Coldagelli would have the current Fiscal Year Government Rates on file in the Clerk's Office. Chief Shykes asked about receipts if there was the inability to receive a receipt. It was clarified that whenever possible provide a receipt and make sure you notate on the reimbursement sheet. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Supervisor Ziegler-

Ballfield Road- No updates.

Joint Powers Eveleth, Gilbert, Fayal, Leonidas Sewer- Supervisor Ziegler was present representing the City of Eveleth on February 3rd for a meeting with Eveleth and Gilbert. The cities discussed Eveleth's position and ideas for the project. Eveleth is not in favor of building a new plant but is not opposed to doing upgrades to their existing facility to handle the cities. Supervisor Ziegler's impression was that Gilbert was not interested in building a new plant because the cost was not feasible but it made more sense in spending funds to bring the flow to Eveleth's plant. Employee Dickson was on vacation and not present at the meeting.

Chairman Tammaro-

Fire Department Coop- Chief Shykes spoke with all the Fire Departments and they have submitted their information to the Clerk of Eveleth. Chief Shykes will make a visit to Eveleth City Hall to check the status of the grant application.

Supervisor Ochis may be absent at the annual meeting so someone may have to present the Road & Bridge report on his behalf.

Chairman Tammaro made the Board aware that Supervisor Branville was willing to allocate approximately \$1,000 from the Mining Effects that the Hall received for kitchen improvements to be used for LED light replacement in the Hall.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to approve the 2016 Yard Waste Site proposed dates, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Ziegler brought forward the Planning Committee Bylaw changes. Clerk Coldagelli informed the Board that she has not finished drafting the resolution for approval but would have

one prepared for the next meeting. Clerk Coldagelli included a clean copy of the changes as well as another copy showing the markups from the changes that were made. The main item in the proposed changes was the change from four members to three members for a quorum.

Motion to table the Planning Committee Bylaw changes until the March 1st meeting, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Ziegler made some changes to the existing Working Foreman job description. Changes were made to the "Scope of Positions" and "Knowledge Skills and Abilities" sections. Possession of a S-D wastewater certificate and class D water certificate were new additional requirements in the Working Foreman job description. Chairman Tammaro added that he did speak with employee Zavodnik and he was not opposed to acquiring those certificates. Supervisor Ziegler asked the other Board members to review his suggested changes and table until the next meeting.

Fire Department estimated costs for the FDIC training is \$1,750.

Motion to pay for the FDIC training from the Fire Department Budget and if there are remaining funds from the 2015 Mining Effects to reimburse the Fire Department Budget, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Tammaro congratulated the Fayal Fire Department for their Fire Department of the Year award at the First Annual Fire Fighters' Ball. They were voted award winners by a group of their peers.

Chairman Tammaro brought forth Road & Bridge's request for crack sealing. Estimated cost with St. Louis County is \$9,000.

Motion for Road & Bridge to spend \$9,000 to contract with St. Louis County for crack sealing, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Tammaro spoke with Equipment Operator Zavodnik regarding the job change to Foreman. According to the Union, the internal posting requirements are waived if a Memorandum of Understanding is used. The Union drafted the MOU with the appropriate language. Chairman Tammaro asked Clerk Coldagelli if the effective date of the MOU was going to pose an issue with the payroll system, which Clerk Coldagelli stated that it would not be a problem.

Motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the AFSCME Council 65 and Town Board of Fayal Township to make Al Jurenic the equipment operator and Joe Zavodnik the working foreman, on a 30-day trial and contingent upon any job description changes, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Tammaro brought forth an issue from back in October with Engine 91 repairs. The Board had agreed to take the cost of the repairs from Capital Equipment when the repairs were completed but a motion had not been made.

Motion to allocate from Capital Equipment \$3,130.18 to reimburse the Fire Department Budget for repairs to Engine 91, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Tammaro brought forth participation in RAMS. Supervisor Branville was in favor of joining and thought the new energy from Mr. Giorgi was leading RAMS in the right direction.

Motion to participate with RAMS, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Chairman Tammaro questioned Clerk Coldagelli of where the funds would come from to pay the dues. The dues would come from Dues and Subscriptions within the General Fund. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Chairman Tammaro brought forward the quote from Road & Bridge regarding new signs. St. Louis County is mandating all signs within the Township be updated with holographic signs. Several have been completed in the past and the Board was aware of the replacements.

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

Motion to adjourn the regular meeting by Supervisor Branville.

Chairman Tamaro adjourned the regular meeting at 8:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Clerk/Treasurer of Bayal

Approved:

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Date: *3-1-16*

Chair

Attest:

Heidi M. Coldagelli

Clerk