

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

FEBRUARY 21, 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 Therese Elverum, Matt Hoffmann, Tony Jeffries, Deputy Police Chief Jesse Linde, Jim Makowski, Beth Pierce, Matt Reid, Scott Smith and Jerry Ulman.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of February 7th, 2017, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULED GUESTS- Iron Range Tourism Bureau (IRTB) was present to introduce themselves and provide information to the Board. IRTB serves the entire Iron Range from Hibbing to Embarrass and is funded by lodging tax received from cities. They work with numerous groups to promote tourism in the area and distribute nearly 30,000 marketing magazines throughout the state. Fayal Township distributes their lodging tax to them on a yearly basis.

Therese Elverum was present to discuss Emergency Medical Services. At one time, Fayal had 11 first responders now there are only 3 consisting of Elverum, Matt Hoffmann and Steve Shykes and they cannot adequately serve the constituents with such low numbers. Several residents have expressed interest in participating in EMS for Fayal, but are not interested in serving the fire component. Currently EMS has a \$1,500 annual budget, which is extremely low compared to area departments. If the Fire Department and EMS were to have separate departments that budget for EMS would need to significantly increase. A few of the large expenses may not affect every new member as there are a few AED's available for use and older radios may be able to be used. Currently the EMS side does not have a retirement plan but it is a good retention piece. The Town Board expressed support in advertising for volunteers first and if enough interest then look at what could be done on the financial aspect of it. There could possibly be grant money out there. EMS Director Elverum will work with Clerk Coldagelli to advertise in the sewer bills, the Fayal Fire Relief Spaghetti Feed and then an informational meeting possibly in May.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS-

Matt Hoffmann added that the Fire Department has initiated a Retention and Recruitment Committee.

REPORTS-

Clerk/Treasurer's Report-

For the month of February to date, revenues are \$58,019.87 and expenditures are \$61,408.

Current balances for the month of February are:

Miners Checking- \$1,047,443.32

Assessment Savings- \$443,574.68

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

Other Reports-

Motion to accept the Fire Department Business Meeting Minutes of January 11th, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Joint Powers Recreation Board Meeting Minutes of February 8th, made by Supervisor

Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Planning Committee Meeting Minutes of January 18th, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Public Utility Commission Meeting Minutes of January 10th and the Delinquency Report, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

February 9th- Letter from Members Cooperative Credit Union with rate sheet for business savings, money market and certificates. Placed on file.

February 9th- Letter from St. Louis County Planning and Community Development Department. Requesting the Board review the variance application and respond with any comments prior to Board of Adjustment meeting scheduled on Thursday, March 9th. Planning Committee has already reviewed and their suggestion was for Clerk Coldagelli to draft a letter with sending the request to, "Defer back to the St. Louis County to make the appropriate decision." Listed under New Business.

February 13th- Letter from Minnesota Association of Townships with 2017 Spring Short Courses. Training is Friday, April 7th in Carlton at Black Bear Casino. Placed on file.

February 13th- Letter from Mediacom regarding standard extension permit with the City of Eveleth. Spoke with the letter contact Theresa Sunde as Clerk had issues with the ordinance presented. Ms. Sunde provided a new Franchise Agreement specifically for Fayal, but the Clerk has not completely read through the entire document. Need to review agreement.

February 14th- Letter from St. Louis County regarding our Local Board of Appeal & Equalization meeting will be held May 16th from 1:00-2:00 at the Town Hall. Also the County would like to request that any structure fires occurring in Fayal Township be shared either via email or phone with Tonya Donahue from St. Louis County as they occur. All that is needed is the date and address of the fire and any additional details if available. Placed on file.

February 15th- Letter from the C.A.R.E. Commission requesting donations for their 29th Annual Chemical Free Post-Graduation Party for students attending Eveleth-Gilbert High School. Move to New Business.

February 16th- Email from Debra Sakrison, Clerk of Gilbert, notifying Clerk Coldagelli that the Gilbert City Council approved the letter to the IRRRB for the Fire Dept. Study. Placed on file.

February 20th- Package from Northeast Title with final documents from Ballfield property purchase. Placed on file.

February 21st- Email from St. Louis County Association of Townships meeting Minutes of January 25th. Placed on file.

February 21st- Letter from Banyon Data Systems requesting completion of a customer satisfaction survey. Clerk to complete.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Sather-

Water Tender- Will be presented at the annual meeting.

Employee HSA Deposits- Supervisor Sather suggested that Employee Zavodnik return the check for overfunding when he receives it. Next year the IRS limits will need to be checked and the Union suggested cleaning up the contract language.

Motion to allow the three employees over 55 to keep what the IRS considered as a catchup contribution, and Employee Zavodnik return the \$250 that is over his HSA contribution limit, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Chairman Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Branville-

Joint Cooperation with Eveleth, Gilbert, Leonidas, ISD 2154- Eveleth Clerk arranged a meeting April 12th.

2018 Levy-

Motion to approve current levy to present to the citizens at the annual meeting, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ochis. Fire Department went to \$72,000, an increase of \$1,000. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Annual Meeting 3/14- There were no tasks from previous annual meeting so should be ready to go. SEH will be in attendance to present the road project.

Supervisor Ziegler-

Joint Powers Eveleth-Gilbert-Fayal-Leonidas Sewer- Fayal Planning Committee and the PUC made a motion to have the Town Board work with the Blandin Foundation or another similar organization to look into working with Eveleth and Gilbert until exhausting all options. It's a good idea as long as there is no large significant cost to do so.

Old Bullfrogs Building- Deputy Chief Linde is working with the bank who is responsible for the property as Toman has a contract for deed.

Public Utility Commission Vacancy- A interested party turned in a letter of interest and the PUC made a motion at their last meeting to appoint Amy Jackson to the Commission.

Motion to accept Amy Jackson to the Public Utility Commission, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Chairman Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Pine Drive and St. Mary's Court Signage- The roads are on MnDOT's schedule for fall of 2017.

Chairman Tammaro-

Generator- Waiting for grant through FEMA to be available.

Emergency Procedures- Earlier last year Clerk Coldagelli drafted a policy but Chief Shykes wanted to make additions. Still working on.

Supervisor Ochis-

Road Project 2017- SEH provided a new estimate with the addition of the parking lot and a small section of N Shady Lane. Estimate for all 8 roads and the parking lot would be \$752,700. Chairman Tammaro added that he spoke with the City of Eveleth Mayor and they are looking at possibly developing their gravel pit area within Fayal. Fayal and Eveleth can look into possible grant opportunities for infrastructure and Thunderbird Trail with the IRRRB. Meeting should take place in March. Clerk Coldagelli, Supervisor Ochis, Chairman Tammaro and SEH met to discuss some possible road project options. Clerk Coldagelli was looking into some rate options for financing for the entire amount. Road & Bridge has about \$150,000 to start the project. Supervisor Ziegler asked if it was possible to also look at building up the connecting road between the Fire Department and the Fire Department garage. The road is very steep and muddy and Road and Bridge could possibly do this. Maybe some of the reclaim could go there.

Motion to get claims and specs from SEH for road project, made by Supervisor Ochis, support from Chairman Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS-

Supervisor Sather brought forth \$10,000 Mining Effects request from the Fire Department. Chairman Tammaro suggested waiting until road project plans are finalized and Mining Effects for 2017 have not been received yet. He expressed his support for the Fire Department gear replacement and possibly taking from somewhere else if it needs to be ordered now.

Motion to approve the Fire Department hiring of new member Greg Chad, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the Part-time Casual Labor Employee Job Description submitted by Clerk Coldagelli, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Branville made the Board aware that Equipment Operator Jurenic had a few trees that he would like to remove on the grounds. One was obstructing the light fixtures and is half-dead, the other two were located by the recycle bins and are interfering with plowing and blocking the security cameras.

Motion to spend up to \$1,500 for Road and Bridge to purchase a parts washer, made by Supervisor Ochis, support from Supervisor Branville. Chairman Tammaro added to check if state bid pricing was available. Supervisor Ochis also asked if the money was still available for the street signs purchase. The Board approved the purchase in 2016 and there are funds available. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Supervisor Ziegler brought forth the estimate from Minnesota Pumps works regarding the pump repairs for the lift stations. He recommended the repairs occur now because pricing will only increase. All repairs could be done this year and paid for from maintenance contingency or depreciation. Costs were two phases, \$21,400 and \$25,900.

Motion to schedule repairs with Minnesota pump works, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather. Chairman Tammaro added that the Maintenance Contingency fund could pay for the repairs. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Supervisor Ochis was contacted to change a pressure reducing valve in the Hall and ordered the part.

Motion to recommend granting the liquor license to the Eveleth Golf Course, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Ziegler brought forth that the Korpela's are looking at subdividing property and requesting assistance from Fayal Township. If they are subdividing, they would need to work on that at their own expense. They can most certainly tie into our system, but at their own cost.

Motion to agree with the Planning Committee letter for the variance application and defer back to St. Louis County, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk Coldagelli informed the Board that the cities of Virginia, Biwabik, Gilbert, Eveleth, Hoyt lakes, Town of White and possibly Aurora and Mt. Iron were interested in joining a regional training group. The group plans on meeting at least 6 times a year for training on a variety of topics and training will be provided by the League of Minnesota Cities. If Fayal would like to join, our portion of the costs would be \$258.40 per year and if more training, our costs will increase. Per the agreement there would be a Board comprised of all the cities to make the decisions. Clerk Coldagelli can create the resolution for the next meeting. March 22nd is the next Regional Safety Group meeting.

Motion to join the Regional Safety Group, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to donate \$100.00 to The Care Commission, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.

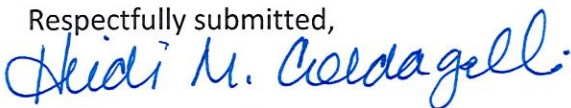
Motion to pay Iron Range Tourism, \$1,446.46 received from Lodging Tax, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Ziegler.

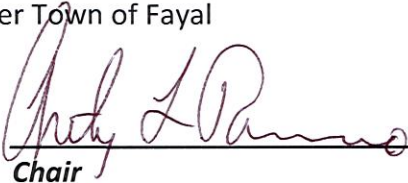
Chairman Tammaro adjourned the Regular Meeting at 8:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Heidi M. Coldagelli
Clerk/Treasurer Town of Fayal

Approved:


Chair

Date:

3-9-17

Attest:


Clerk