

TOWN OF FAYAL
4375 SHADY LANE, EVELETH, MN 55734

Heidi M. Coldagelli, Clerk/Treasurer

Anthony Tammaro, Chairman

Supervisors: Lee Branville, Dave Ochis, Richard Sather, Patrick Ziegler

PHONE (218)744-2878

FAX (218)744-5986

REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

APRIL 3, 2018

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. Chairman Tammaro led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Audience members in attendance were Matt Hoffmann, Deputy Police Chief Jesse Linde, Nick Preiner and Steve Shykes.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of March 6th, 2018, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULED GUESTS- None at this time.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS- None at this time.

REPORTS-

Clerk/Treasurer's Report-

Bank statement for the month of March have not yet been received so this report is tentative. Revenues were \$50,938.42 and expenditures were \$156,358.03. Tentative ending balances for the month of March are:

Miners Checking- \$1,090,377.65
Assessment Savings- \$454,809.27
CD Savings- \$535,619.31

For the month of April to date, revenues are \$131.77 and expenditures are \$34,266.63.

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 Joint Cable Meeting Minutes from March 7th, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the March 12th, March 26th and April 2nd Employee Meeting Minutes, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion to accept the Joint Rec, Board Meeting Minutes from March 14th, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Chairman Tammaro discussed his concerns with the Recreation Director compensation package. The latest minutes addressed salary increase and additional vacation. Chairman Tammaro stated the position is not full-time and Supervisor Branville added that it accounts for 49% of the Rec. budget. Chairman Tammaro asked Clerk Coldagelli to provide information regarding comparisons of Fayal's employee salary and benefit packages and the City of Eveleth salaries. Chairman Tammaro voiced his concerns that there are no lifeguards during the summer, the programs are not growing and volunteers are leading the summer activities. Supervisor Ziegler added that the summer programs have little guidance.
Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the February and March Road Reports, made by Supervisor Ochis, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the February 13th Public Utilities Commission Meeting Minutes and the Delinquency

Report, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

March 19th- Email from Sarah Piece from St. Louis County Auditor's Office. Request for early distribution of 2018 tax collections must be made by May 31st. Total tax distribution will be on July 5th. Placed on file.

March 23rd- Email from John Jamnick regarding discussion at last Gilbert City Council Meeting regarding Fayal submitting an application to the IRRRB for another \$250,000 for the mercury project. Moved to New Business.

March 26th- St. Louis County Association of Townships Meeting Minutes from February 28th. Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 23rd at the Wilbert Cafe. Cost is \$20/person and each township is asked to bring a gift. Placed on file.

March 29th- Email from Arielle Ruben from St. Louis County Elections. Included was an Emergency Order of Succession Form to complete for an emergency elections plan. Clerk will complete.

March 29th- Email from Phil Chapman from St. Louis County Elections. Election Clerk Training will be held June 13th in Clinton Township and June 15th in Duluth. Election Judge Training will be held July 18th in Clinton Township and July 20th in Duluth. Moved to New Business.

April 2nd- Range Association of Municipalities & Schools Board Meeting Minutes of February 22nd. Placed on file.

April 2nd- Letter from St. Louis County Environmental Services Department with 2018 Household Hazardous Waste collection information. Will post at all the posting sites.

April 3rd- Fayal Township Consumer Confidence 2017 Drinking Water Report. No violations were detected. Placed on file.

April 3rd- Email from Therese Elverum with Fayal Fire Department Relief Association Scholarship application. Deadline to apply is May 10th. Will post at all the posting sites. Chairman Tammaro would like to add to the PUC bills.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Sather-

Fire Department Co-op- Chief Shykes informed the Board that a resolution is needed for the State of Minnesota from all three cities stating that the grant funds will only be used to fund the study. Supervisor Sather read the resolution.

Motion to approve Resolution 2018-04, A Resolution Authorizing the Use of Funds Awarded from the Service Planning Grant Program, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

Fayal will be the fiscal agent for the grant. Fayal will be responsible for 1/3 of the \$3,050 cost. The consultant would like to meet with some of the Board members the week of the 16th when he is in town. The results of the study should be received in July.

Emergency Operations Procedures- No update.

Recreation Grant- Clerk Coldagelli has submitted a \$5,000 grant request to the Duluth Community Foundation, a \$45,000 grant request to the DNR and another \$15,000 Culture and Tourism grant to the IRRRB. The IRRRB grant sounds promising, but needs a nonprofit to apply. The IRRRB would be able to move our application to another group if we could find a nonprofit to take the application on our behalf. Chairman Tammaro suggested the Fayal Fire Relief Association. Clerk Coldagelli will check to see if that is acceptable.

Supervisor Branville-

Supervisor Branville gave an update regarding the heating system in the PUC garage. The heating system had a broken condensation line that was causing the leak. The drain line in the building floor had been freezing and Equipment Operator Jurenic was able to take care of it. Chairman Tammaro questioned if the hot water was working in the Fire Hall, which it has been.

2019 Levy- Levy was approved at the Annual Meeting. Coldagelli will need to submit to the County in the fall.

Speed Study Pine Drive/Ely Lake Drive/Miller Trunk- A resident questioned the status and to Fayal's knowledge, the County will take care of in the spring. Depending on the results, solar could be installed.

Supervisor Ochis-

Road Project 2017- SEH indicated that finishing the project will be dependant upon the weather. There have been a number of cracks discovered in the bituminous and Foreman Zavodnik was going to take pictures of the affected areas to be added to the list of corrections.

Supervisor Ziegler-

Old Bullfrogs Building- Messages were left for Mr. Toman from Clerk Coldagelli and Deputy Chief Linde, with no response. Last conversation with Mr. Toman, he indicated he had scheduled workers to begin interior removal of materials and was trying to work with the bank for additional escrow funds to assist in paying for demo work.

Eveleth/Fayal Development Project- City of Eveleth will need to spearhead.

Employee Benefit CD- Clerk Coldagelli recommended increasing the yearly \$10,000 contribution and fund from every department. New employees are not eligible for the retiree medical benefit, but any final payouts of sick for all the employees come from the benefit CD. Once retiree becomes Medicare eligible, the price will drastically decrease as only a supplemental policy is needed. Will discuss at next meeting.

Chairman Tammaro-

Salt/Sand Dome- Chris Ismil from the IRRRB clarified that they would be able to award a \$50,000 grant. Suggestion was a small dome at the Town Hall and the larger dome at the waste site. Need to approve the resolution for the IRRRB in order to submit the application.

Motion to approve Resolution 2018-03, A Resolution Authorizing the Town of Fayal to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the IRRRB, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.

Pine Drive Sewer- Chairman Tammaro spoke that he had been discussing with Gilbert the possibility of moving the grant over to the their wastewater treatment project as the Pine Drive Sewer Project didn't appear to be moving forward. Coincidentally, the Developer did reached out to Clerk Coldagelli last week expressing interest in changing his business plans to moving his lab business to the site. The PUC will need to review the connection options for the residents to consider and the Board will review after their recommendation. Everything is still contingent based upon the developer. Clerk Coldagelli and Supervisor Ziegler had much discussion regarding the type of zoning of the property.

Mediacom Agreement/Ordinance-

Motion to table until the next meeting so all have time to review, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Sather brought forward the Police Department request of paying half or all of the \$370.06 invoices for the squad.

Motion to pay half of the \$370.06 invoice, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Board of Appeal and Equalization 4/10- Supervisor Ziegler, Supervisor Ochis and Chairman Tammaro will be present for the 1:00 PM meeting. Clerk Coldagelli added that suburban Fayal saw a 2% decrease and rural Fayal saw a 2-4% increase of their building value.

Liquor License Eveleth Golf Course-

Motion to approve the recommendation for granting the liquor license to the Eveleth Golf Course, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.

Lift Station Maintenance Quotes- There were three different quotes from Minnesota Pump Works for work to be done for different times over the course of the year. One quote was \$12,583 for pump replacement and a second one was \$14,080.80. There was a scheduled pump maintenance agreement for 28 pumps to

be inspected at \$2,898.55 per inspection. Could increase to an additional \$150 per station if confined space entry is required.

Motion to approve the quotes from Minnesota Pump Works to complete the work and to be paid from the Maintenance Contingency, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Ziegler brought forward Senior Wastewater Operator Dickson's request for the old single-phase generator when it is replaced and using it to place permanently at one of his lift stations. Currently running a generator from the road and unable to leave the generator unattended due to location. Dickson was concerned if the PUC would need to purchase. It was discussed that the PUC would be responsible for any connection charges, but not for the generator.

The PUC also denied Gilbert's request to pump water from the lime pond into Fayal's lift stations.

Chairman Tammaro updated the Board that he has attended Gilbert's work meetings regarding their wastewater project. The project is at \$11.9 million and the project was originally estimated at about \$8 million. Gilbert has received some additional funding, but is should be as originally projected with what Gilbert's final cost is. Project is continuing to move forward. Clerk Coldagelli will discuss with Chris Ismil if Fayal can still apply for a grant for the wastewater project.

Motion to allow the Clerk and Deputy Clerk to attend election training, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to advertise for election judges, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to use McQueen Emergency Group for servicing fire department equipment, not to exceed \$3,000, made by Supervisor Ochis, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Chairman Tammaro adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi M. Coldagelli

Heidi M. Coldagelli
Clerk/Treasurer Town of Fayal

Approved: *Andy Tammaro*
Chair

Date: 4-17-18

Attest: *Heidi M. Coldagelli*
Clerk