

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

APRIL 5, 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 Ochis, Supervisor Ziegler and Clerk/Treasurer Coldagelli.

Audience members in attendance were Deputy Police Chief Jesse Linde, Chris Ismil, Matt Reid, Steve Shykes and Scott Smith.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 1st, 2016, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULED GUESTS

Supervisor Ziegler stepped out of his supervisor role and was seated in the audience as a scheduled guest. Chairman Tammaro introduced Patrick Ziegler and informed the audience that Mr. Ziegler recently purchased the business, K & B, and made it clear to the Board and the audience members that Mr. Ziegler would be receiving no preferential treatment due to his position on the Board. This same opportunity could be presented to the Board no matter who had purchased the business and the Board would extend the same courtesy. Mr. Ziegler indicated that he was currently working with St. Louis County regarding his business's sewer compliance. The County has informed Mr. Ziegler that he may have to place \$100,000 in escrow funds for future sewer replacement if his system is not in compliance. Mr. Ziegler asked if the Fayal Town Board would consider researching the feasibility of extending the sewer from Pine Drive to Highway 53 so he would be able to connect his new business to the sewer.

Chairman Tammaro informed those present that SEH, Mr. Ziegler and Chairman Tammaro met and discussed feasibility. SEH drafted a letter for Mr. Ziegler that he could provide to St. Louis County stating that research would be conducted to discuss the feasibility of a sewer extension. Matt Reid of SEH presented the Board with revised exhibits and plans with an estimated project cost at roughly \$380,000. The intention would be to position the extension for potential future development to cross Highway 53. Supervisor Branville asked how many new customers would a sewer extension on Pine Drive add. Currently, there were three potential customers and possibly one more. Chairman Tammaro added that would most likely not be immediately. It was discussed that with those potential customers to offer a "moratorium" to allow them to connect when their septic systems are no longer in compliance. Supervisor Ochis stated that he had looked at plat maps across the highway and there were not many homeowners to justify the expansion. Mr. Reid indicated that in the price estimates, the liftstation is the most expensive item, but that it would be appropriate in order to handle possible future expansion. Chris Ismil from the IRRRB asked if the project was possible without a lift station to lower the cost, but Chairman Tammaro and Mr. Reid stated that size was needed for any future development. Mr. Ismil indicated that a typically a grant for \$250,000 would be awarded for a water and sewer extension and a match from the Town would be the normal requirement. Any investment changes in the property can be available to qualify as matching funds. Mr. Ismil estimated that with the preliminary numbers there appears to be a \$150,000 gap in funds that the Township would need to finance. Mr. Ismil stated that the community usually benefits from matching funds and Chairman Tammaro added it would take many years to recoup those costs. Mr. Ismil indicated that is why the business, Township and the IRRRB need to work together to see if it would be possible.

Chairman Tammaro asked Mr. Ismil what would be the next steps in this process. First, it would be forwarded to the Fayal Public Utility Commission to look at the project. Mr. Ismil indicated this project is something that the IRRRB Commissioner would support and recommended Fayal submit an application. Chairman Tammaro questioned what would happen if the Township did not choose to assist in the project,

in which Mr. Ismil stated that the IRRRB does not finance private business, only towns and cities for infrastructure projects. Funds are not available from the IRRRB until July 1st but could possibly change with the structural changes occurring at the IRRRB. Mr. Ziegler indicated that with the letter provided by SEH that the County is delaying his inspection while options are being researched. Mr. Ismil recommended next bidding out the project now to pinpoint accurate pricing while the prices are good at this time of year and then see what a grant would cover. Mr. Reid asked if those costs incurred by the Township for that would be reimbursable, which they would, but Mr. Ismil would need those by May 1st.

As a separate item, Chairman Tammaro asked Mr. Ismil what can the Township apply for at the IRRRB. Mr. Ismil stated that if Fayal has a project to submit a pre-application, which will be coming in the future, for different grants out on the IRRRB website. He encouraged the Township to submit the application because even if the IRRRB denies it, it assists in giving the IRRRB an idea of what needs are out there. Mr. Ismil also indicated that a future meeting open to all area townships will occur as a need/discovery round table discussion. Mr. Ziegler returned to his supervisor chair.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS

Deputy Police Chief Jesse Linde presented the Board with February and March Police reports. In February there were 27 calls for service, 4 traffic stops conducted and 3 arrests. In March there were 44 calls for service and 13 traffic stops.

Chief Shykes updated the audience and IRRRB member Chris Ismil that a Fire Department Coop is being considered with merging Eveleth, Gilbert and Fayal. A main station would be constructed at Highway 53 and 37 with each current location maintaining an apparatus. The Clerk of Eveleth is currently working on the submission of the grant application. Mr. Ismil indicated the largest cost savings of mergers are shutting down buildings. He used Bovey and Coleraine as an example of combining Police and Fire and potentially in future departments. When funding these types of projects, first the IRRRB is concerned with the health and safety and secondly the cost savings. Chairman Tammaro added that in the next 7-8 years Fayal could be potentially looking at fire trucks and a water tender. Mr. Ismil suggested looking at additional infrastructure and investments by adding on facilities in order to apply for funding. Chief Shykes added this move could lead to a fire district. Mr. Ismil encouraged the Township to continue looking for the location and to have the study done. He would reach out to the Clerk of Eveleth regarding the paperwork submission.

REPORTS

Clerk/Treasurer's Report-

Bank statements for the month of February have been received and all accounts have been reconciled. Revenues were \$113,509.54 and expenditures were \$122,710.98. Mining Effects funds (1st half) were deposited for \$23,780.00 as well as Town Road Aid of \$16,486.37.

Ending balances for the month of February are:

Miners Checking- \$852,670.92

Assessment Savings- \$463,177.75

Mt Iron Checking- \$8,050.93

Bank statements for the month of March have not been received so this report is tentative. Revenues were \$48,920.43 and expenditures were \$72,493.00.

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 Channel 12 Joint Cable Board meeting minutes of March 9th, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ochis. Clerk Coldagelli added that a member from Fayal is still needed. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Public Utility Commission meeting minutes of February 9th and the delinquency report, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the February 2016 Wastewater Report, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Joint Powers Recreation Board meeting minutes of March 9th, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the February Road report, made by Supervisor Ochis, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Fire Department business meeting minutes of February 10th, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the February and March Police reports, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE-

March 5th- Letter from Minnesota Unemployment Insurance with a reminder of when the wage detail reports are due for each quarter of 2016. Placed on file.

March 8th- Letter from employee Diane Dickson with a synopsis of MRWA St. Cloud Conference March 1-3, 2016. Placed on file.

March 8th- Letter from Minnesota Association of Townships regarding registration for the 2016 Legislative Meeting and Round Table Breakfast Buffet April 13th- 14th held at St. Paul Midpointe Event Center. Placed on file.

March 11th- Letter from City of Eveleth regarding the 2016 Eveleth City-Wide Rummage Sale that will be held Friday, May 6th and Saturday, May 7th from 9 AM to 5 PM. City of Eveleth is requesting Fayal's consideration of allocating \$100 towards sponsoring the event. Moved to New Business.

March 14th- Email from St. Louis County regarding requests for early distribution of 2016 Tax Collections. Early distribution would be paid June 21st versus July 5th. Placed on file.

March 21st- Letter from St. Louis County Association of Townships, meeting minutes from February 24th. Also notice of St. Louis County Association of Townships Annual Meeting & Election May 25th, 2016 at Cotton Community Center 5:30 PM. Placed on file.

March 22nd- Letter from GM regarding safety recall for 2016 GMC. Forwarded to Fire Department.

March 24th- Email from Minnesota Department of Health regarding grant opportunities from \$500-\$10,000 for managing or eliminating one or more potential sources of contamination that MDH has determined presents a risk to the public water supplier. This is a matching grant and deadline is Monday, May 2nd. Placed on file.

March 28th- Thank you card from Beth Pierce from Iron Range Tourism Bureau. Placed on file.

March 28th- Letter and Preventative Maintenance Plan Contract from Range Quality Pest Control. Yearly service cost would be \$402.66 which would be for treatment in September. Sent to Building and Grounds.

March 28th- Letter from Mediacom regarding \$1 billion capital investment plan that will help fund a number of customer initiatives over the next 3 years. Projects include wide-scale deployment of 1 gigabit per second broadband services to all of the 3 million homes and businesses within their footprint; expansion of Mediacom Business fiber network; extension of residential video, Internet, and phone network to pass an additional 50,000 homes; and launch of community Wi-Fi throughout commercial areas. Placed on file.

March 28th- Letter from St. Louis County regarding upcoming Automark and M100 maintenance schedule for May 4th or May 5th. Clerk will take care of.

March 30th- Informational packet dropped off from Northern Natural Gas including services map, general pipeline information and safety sheets. Forwarded to the Fayal Public Utilities Commission.

April 4th- Postcard from MN DNR. Burning permits are required effective April 1st, 2016. Tentative burning restrictions begin for St. Louis County for April 18th. Placed on file.

April 4th- Letter from Mediacom. Reminder to ensure that a digital adapter will be needed to continue receiving Local Plus TV channels on any non-digital ready TV. Clerk will need to pick up one more.

April 4th- Letter from St. Louis County with Hazardous Waste Community Collection Schedule and pharmaceutical collection sites. Placed on file.

April 4th- Letter from Health Partners with a copy of Fayal's Group Policy for Major Medical Expense Insurance. Placed on file.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Sather-

Gas Line- No updates.

SCADA-

Motion to approve final payment of \$1,336.18 to SEH for the SCADA project, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Chairman Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve final payment of \$10,475.51 to Telemetry Process Controls for the SCADA project, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Chairman Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Branville-

Office Manager Contract-

Motion to approve Office Manager's contract, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Chairman Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve Clerk Coldagelli's HRA 2% match from the Township beginning January 1st 2016, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.

Part-Time Help-

Motion to table both resolutions for review, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Ziegler-

Ballfield Road- No updates.

Job Descriptions-

Motion to table the job description changes, made by Chairman Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Ochis wanted to verify the need of a boiler license. He did not think that R & B needed a boiler license for steaming culverts. Supervisor Ziegler thought a low pressured boiler license was necessary when dealing with any form of steam.

Bullfrogs Building- Clerk Coldagelli informed the Board that she spoke with the building owner, Todd Toman, who informed her that the building was deemed a total loss by his insurance company and that he intended to have the Fire Department use it as a training and have G Benz Construction perform the cleanup. Clerk Coldagelli was unsure if the proper demolition processes had begun yet. Chief Shykes added that the College would have to perform the training and Deputy Chief Linde was asked to follow up with property owner. Supervisor Ziegler questioned if the Township is able to work with the insurance company to set up any type of escrow account to hold until the project is complete.

Chairman Tammaro-

Fire Department Coop- No new information.

Joint Powers Eveleth, Gilbert, Fayal, Leonidas Sewer- No new developments.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Branville reviewed the Annual Meeting. Overall there was a low turnout and no issues brought forward. Supervisor Branville commended Moderator Scott Smith for doing a good job. There were no tasks assigned to the Board and there were few questions presented at the Annual Meeting.

The liquor license request for the Eveleth Golf Course was brought forward. Supervisor Branville saw no issues and was in favor of supporting the granting of the full liquor license. Per St. Louis County, the original Conditional Use Permit issued to the Golf Course was approved by the Fayal Planning Committee so the Planning Committee needs to give their approval for the hard liquor license.

Motion to approve the hard liquor license contingent with the Planning Committee, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ochis. Supervisor Ziegler questioned if this motion would become a problem with the Planning Committee seeing that the Planning Committee wanted to make first ruling on topics before the Board approves. Clerk Coldagelli did state that there is still another Board meeting even before the Planning Committee meets again and the Golf Course liquor license is scheduled to be effective May 1st. This motion is allowing the Planning Committee to make their own decision regarding the Liquor License. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Supervisor Ochis informed the Board that the R & B employees were in need of a new toolbox. The current toolbox is over thirty years old and is in poor condition.

Motion to allow R & B to spend up to \$1,000 for a new toolbox, made by Supervisor Ochis, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Ziegler brought forth a resignation letter from Jack Oakman. He has been a fire department member for about 18-19 years. Clerk Coldagelli will send out a thank you card for his service.

Motion to accept the resignation of Jack Oakman from the Fayal Fire Department, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Chairman Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Tammaro added that it was good that Chris Ismil was in attendance representing the IRRRB. The Township will need to submit applications for funding in the future.

Motion to donate \$100 to the City of Eveleth for the City Wide Rummage Sale, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ochis. There are many residents in Fayal that the City Wide Rummage sale advertises for. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion to accept the 2015 Audit from Walker, Giroux and Hahne, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk Coldagelli informed the Board that she wanted to attend a legal short course through the Minnesota Association of Townships but she may have a scheduling conflict and unsure if she will be able to attend the April 21st class.

Motion to allow Clerk Coldagelli to attend the Legal Short Course, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk Coldagelli questioned if she should pay the Humane Society costs from the General Fund because the Police Fund budget does not support the payment.

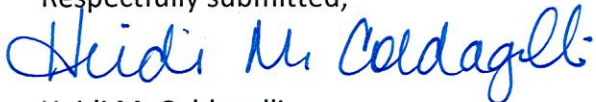
Motion to pay the Humane Society from the General Fund, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion to adjourn the regular meeting by Supervisor Branville.

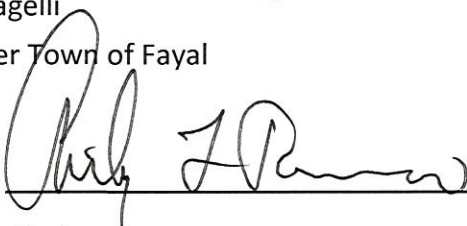
Chairman Tammaro adjourned the regular meeting at 8:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Heidi M. Coldagelli
Clerk/Treasurer Town of Fayal

Approved:



Chair

Date:

4-19-16

Attest:



Clerk