

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

APRIL 17, 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 Jason Janesich, Deputy Police Chief Jesse Linde, Emily Nelson, Anita Provinzino, Steve Shykes, Carol Thomas and Jerry Ulman.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of April 3rd, 2018, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULED GUESTS-

Mediacom- Jason Janesich discussed the Mediacom expansion to the Long Lake area. Mr. Janesich applied for a broadband grant in 2016 and received a \$263,000 grant. The project will pass 167 unserved homes and 92 underserved homes within the Township. The project is approximately \$675,000. The project will start this summer and will have approximately 20 miles of underground lines. Letters will be sent to residents in the area. Chairman Tammaro questioned if commitments from residents were attained, which there were no commitments yet. Approximately 90% of the lines will be underground. Chairman Tammaro asked why the rates were so high, to which Mr. Janesich stated it was due to local broadcasting stations. The majority of costs come from the major networks that are able to charge per subscriber. The competition has also been affected by those large costs this year as well. The Township receives a portion of their franchise fees based on the number of video subscribers. Lines run to the home will be at no charge during the project. After the project, there could be a cost for new subscribers. Contractors will be out speaking with homeowners.

St. Louis Soil and Water Conservation District- Anita Provinzino and Emily Nelson were present to discuss the AIS watercraft inspection and decontamination program. For the past couple of years, they have served Lake Vermilion, Burntside, Shagawa and Fall Lake. Last year they completed 20,008 inspections. Also completed a pilot program with the DNR for inspections at resorts and completed 3,100 inspections at 10 resorts. On boats entering, 22% had recently come from a lake that had some sort of infestation. Inspection season will run when there is open water until mid-September. There are 500 hours projected for Ely Lake and 500 hours for Ore-Be-Gone. Ely Lake does have a growing population of rusty crayfish and Ore-Be-Gone has Eurasian milfoil and zebra mussels. Inspections will take place on Ely Lake and decontaminations at Ore-Be-Gone. The decontamination units have filters to reclaim the water being used. Discussion was held regarding expanding to other boat landings. Pleasant Lake boat landing may be the only other known landing in the Township. Can add additional landings next year if funding is available. Five staff members will staff each site and all is funded through a grant. The decontamination unit could be stored at Fayal and St. Louis County Soil & Water could maintain ownership, possibly even leasing space. Clerk Coldagelli expressed her gratitude to Ms. Provinzino and Ms. Nelson for helping Fayal and the tremendous opportunity to assist in protecting our lakes.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS- Carol Thomas was present to discuss water settling in her yard. She commended employee Al Jurenic steaming and taking care of the water damming. The water does not continue down to her neighbor's culvert on O'Laughlin Lane. It appears that the neighbor's culvert is either angled or set too high. Mrs. Thomas would like to have someone assess the culvert in order to try to resolve the problem.

Steve Shykes updated the Board that a representative from MnDOT called regarding the closure of the intersection of HWY 53 and Long Lake Road and cutting off the crossover at Bodas Road and Long Lake Road due to the number of accidents. Construction will begin this spring. Chief Shykes also added that Chairman Tammaro, Supervisor Ochis, Supervisor Ziegler and Clerk Coldagelli met with the Consultants regarding the Fire Department Co-op. Those present were very supportive of the consolidation. The Consultant will be meeting with Eveleth and Gilbert. Their recommendation should be received in about five months.

REPORTS-

Clerk/Treasurer's Report-

Bank statement for the month of March have been received and all accounts have been reconciled. Revenues were \$53,414.34 and expenditures were \$156,358.03. Ending balances for the month of March are:

Miners Checking- \$1,076,455.14
Assessment Savings- \$454,982.07
CD Savings- \$535,821.82

For the month of April to date, revenues are \$12,188.12 and expenditures are \$61,511.00.

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 April 9th and April 16th Employee Meeting Minutes, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion to accept the Joint Rec, Board Meeting Minutes from April 11th, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Clerk Coldagelli and Supervisor Ochis had a long conversation with Joint Rec Board member Jamie Lindseth regarding the Town Board's concerns. There were concerns with lack of organization and program growth. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Motion to accept the March 20th Public Utilities Commission Meeting Minutes, February Wastewater Operator Report and the Delinquency Report, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

April 4th- Letter from Lake Country Power. Annual Meeting Thursday, April 19th at Cromwell-Wright School in Cromwell at 6:00 PM. Placed on file.

April 9th- Letter from Department of Natural Resources regarding how and when to notify the DNR for maintenance work on state land and public water utility license crossings. Placed on file.

April 9th- Letter from FHLB of Des Moines with Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit issued on behalf of Miners National Bank. Placed on file.

April 11th- Email from Bonnie Hundreiser regarding EOP project. Will be receiving a basic plan portion for review and revisions the week of the 16th. The pace should pick up now in the 2nd quarter to move the plans forward. Placed on file.

April 11th- Email from Duluth Superior Community Foundation. 2018 Community Foundation Annual Celebration schedule Wednesday, May 23rd at 4 PM at Greysolon Ballroom. Placed on file.

April 16th- Email from St. Louis County Auditor-Treasurer. Upcoming Automark/M100 Maintenance is scheduled May 2nd and May 3rd at the Northland Building in Virginia. Clerk Coldagelli will be bringing the equipment.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Sather-

Fire Department Co-op- Chief Shykes already discussed.

Recreation Grant- Clerk Coldagelli is waiting to hear back on the grants and waiting for the snow to melt in order to request some estimates. Fire Relief Association will take on the grant for us.

Supervisor Branville-

Generator- Chairman Tammaro updated that there are some items that need to be completed prior to the generator install. Would need authorization to run a gas line, install the concrete pad and buy some new parts. Supervisor Branville stated the funds could come from Buildings & Grounds. Cost will likely run \$3,000

to \$4,000.

Motion to authorize \$2,000 from Buildings & Grounds for infrastructure work for the new generator, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.

Mediacom Agreement/Ordinance-

Motion to approve 1st reading of Ordinance 2018-01, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Ochis-

Road Project 2017- Will work with SEH regarding the culvert.

Supervisor Ziegler-

Old Bullfrogs Building- Mr. Toman has not returned messages. Will have Chief Koivunen try to contact him and then if no response will send a certified letter.

Emergency Operations Procedures- Chief Shykes asked if this could hold off until the consolidation is handled and Clerk Coldagelli will discuss that with Ms. Hundreiser.

Employee Benefit CD- Clerk Coldagelli provided a projection and recommendation. Have forwarded on to the PUC for their input.

Election Equipment Contract-

Motion to accept the grant for the election equipment, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to enter agreement for \$3,185 for the election equipment, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Tamaro-

Speed Study Pine Drive/Ely Lake Drive/Miller Trunk- Pine Drive is now complete and posted speed limit signs can be installed. Waiting for the County to complete Ely Lake Drive and Miller Trunk.

Pine Drive Sewer- In speaking with the IRRRB, the significant change in the business plan does not appear to be sufficient to proceed with the grant.

Salt/Sand Dome- Grant application was submitted to the IRRRB. SEH met with Foreman Zavodnik and will be back to finalize both sites. The small one will be back by the last garage.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Preventative Maintenance Contract- For yearly maintenance of the sirens at a cost of \$1,300.

Motion to approve the maintenance contract for the sirens, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Supervisor Ziegler asked if that could come out of our new line item for public safety, to which was answered that it could. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Yard Waste Site- Jerry Ulman has retired from the position. The first weekend is going to be canceled and open the next three. Will only be open Saturdays and Sundays. Will play it by ear to be open additional weekends during the summer or make changes to the schedule.

Resolution 2018-05- Need to approve a resolution on a yearly basis designating the polling place.

Motion to approve Resolution 2018-05, A Resolution Designating Annual Polling Place, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Chairman Tamaro adjourned the Regular Meeting at 8:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Approved: *Andy J. Pomeroy*
Chair

Date: 5-1-18

Attest: *Heidi M. Coldagelli*
Clerk