

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

MAY 21, 2019

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 and Clerk/Treasurer Heidi Coldagelli. Supervisor Chad was absent and Supervisor Ziegler arrived at 7:03. Chairman Tammaro began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Audience members in attendance were Deputy Police Chief Jesse Linde, Therese Elverum, Betsy Olivanti and Melissa Cox.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of May 7th, 2019, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Special Town Board Meeting of May 20th, 2019, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULED GUESTS-

Melissa Cox & Betsy Olivanti- Blandin Broadband Grant- Betsy Olivanti educated the Board regarding the grant history and what it encompassed. The grant has \$150,000 available for projects and the feasibility study component has \$25,000 available for a 1:1 match. Supervisor Ziegler arrived at this time. The study would look at the costs of expanding broadband to homes in our area. Applications for projects to utilize the grant will be accepted and funds are available until July 2020. Discussion regarding the initial broadband expansion to the Town Hall and the feasibility study would not be possible without that extension. Chairman Tammaro encouraged Fayal's participation in the study in order to advocate for service for the underserved areas in Fayal. Mrs. Olivanti explained that participants in the feasibility study should see a return on their investment with funding for projects within the Township through the grant process.

Motion to contribute \$1,000 from the General Fund to participate in the feasibility study, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

Therese Elverum- Eveleth Ambulance- Therese Elverum was present on behalf of Eveleth Ambulance and informed the Board that they have been approved by the City of Eveleth to purchase a new ambulance. They currently have a 2004 and 2010 ambulance. Both are in poor condition and at the end of their life cycle. Call volume for 2018 ended at 851 calls and for 2019 they are on track to exceed that number at 1,200. The ambulance cost estimate is \$250,000. There is a power load to avoid lifting the patient, but at a cost of \$45,000. Central Lakes is willing to donate \$5,000 towards this cost and Mrs. Elverum is asking for the remaining cost of \$40,000. An ambulance's life cycle is approximately 10 years and that contribution would break down to about \$4,000 per year. Chairman Tammaro suggested tabling to the next meeting for discussion. The Eveleth City Council will possibly look at replacement of the second ambulance in October. Mrs. Elverum also reminded the Town Board that it was National EMS Week.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS- Deputy Police Chief Jesse Linde presented the February 1st-April 30th crime report. There were 103 calls, 17 traffic stops and 10 tickets issued. Chairman Tammaro brought forward that they have been setting aside funds in the Public Safety Fund for the police car, but then questioned if it needs to be utilized for the ambulance?

REPORTS-

Clerk/Treasurer's Report-

Bank statements for the month of April have been received and all accounts have been reconciled. Revenues were \$55,278.40 and expenditures were \$125,330.72. Ending balances for the month of April are:

Miners Checking- \$929,671.97
Assessment Savings- \$451,763.74

CD Savings- \$80,833.68
4M Fund- \$408,361.54

For the month of May to date, revenues are \$43,092.73 and expenditures are \$87,127.70.

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 Employee Meeting Minutes from May 6th, 13th and 20th, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Public Access Television Meeting Minutes from May 8th, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Joint Recreation Board Meeting Minutes from May 7th, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Police Report from February 1st - April 30th, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Public Utilities Commission Meeting Minutes from April 9th, made by Chairman Tamaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the April Wastewater Operator Report, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Chairman Tamaro. Supervisor Branville commended the thorough report. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Motion to accept the Delinquency Report, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Chairman Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE-

May 17th- Email from Range Association of Municipalities & Schools with meeting minutes from February and March. Placed on file.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Sather-

Fire Department Co-op- Meeting should be scheduled June 3rd at 6:00 PM.

Ballfield Bleachers- Supervisor Sather presented bleachers for purchase.

Motion to purchase two bleachers for a cost of \$2,641.00, made by Supervisor Sather. Chairman Tamaro would like to check with the state bid price to see if there is one cheaper before ordering and if one cheaper is found to purchase there. ***Support from Supervisor Ziegler.*** Payment will come from the Recreation Fund. Supervisor Branville commented on how expensive the cost of freight has been on these larger items that we have been purchasing. Supervisor Ziegler clarified that in the case of the bleachers they would be coming most likely on their own 16 foot pallet and they are being unloaded. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Supervisor Branville-

Generator- Hometown Electric is waiting on one small piece.

Supervisor Ziegler-

MnDOT Relocation- Fayal has not received any further feedback, but Senior Wastewater Operator Dale Dickson completed locates for Hwy 53 and Thunderbird Trail.

Cracksealing- Chairman Tamaro asked Equipment Operator Jurenic to look into creating a program.

Chairman Tamaro-

Commission Vacancies- PUC recommended approval for Cam Jayson.

Motion to approve Cam Jayson to the Public Utilities Commission for a three-year term, made by Chairman Tamaro, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Bullfrogs Building- Blight notice was mailed out again but as certified mail to be compliant with our Ordinance. Once ten days has expired it will be dealt with in court.

Recognition Program- Clerk Coldagelli has completed the Resolution but has some details of the plan to finalize.

Discussion regarding purchasing power of Foreman as he is leaving. Supervisor Ziegler will follow up with him and have Equipment Operator Jurenic complete any future purchases in the meantime.

Gilbert Wastewater Treatment Debt Service- The City of Gilbert is increasing their Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade rate by \$12.00 for a new rate of \$19.50. Chairman Tammaro informed the Board that per a meeting with two members of the PUC, the Clerk and Billing Clerk, that he is recommending Fayal increase the Gilbert Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade rate from \$7.50 to \$19.50, but reduce our monthly service charge by \$4.00, for a total of an \$8.00 increase. This decrease in our service charge is possible from paying off that third loan.

Motion to approve increasing Gilbert Wastewater Debt to \$19.50 and reduce the service charge to \$46.80 for a bill total of \$72.00 and send a letter to all the residents notifying them of the change effective July 1st, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Summer Schedule-

Motion to cancel the 1st meeting of the month for June, July and August and the Clerk and Chairman are authorized to pay the regular bills, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Summer BBQ- Clerk Coldagelli informed the Board that the week that the BBQ has been held in the past, she would not have the employee help and then she will be unable to help the following week. Would like to postpone until possibly August or Supervisor Ziegler suggested a fall BBQ into September.

Town Foreman Vacancy- Waiting for the ad to run and receiving applications. Has been posted internally. Discussion regarding internal and external posting time as there is nothing listed in the contract. Unsure at this time if adjusting anything in the job description. Supervisor Ziegler would like to see an addition of working with the PUC in order to learn the job. Everyone should know everyone's job and possibly in the future the Foreman could be in charge of the both departments. Fayal could have three employees that work in all departments. Supervisor Ziegler will review the job description.

Televising and Cleaning Project 2019- Two bids were received and Great Lakes Pipe Service was low bid at \$41,173.90. Would be paid from the current cash balance.

Motion to approve awarding bid to Great Lakes Pipe Service, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Pump Repairs Lift Stations P1, J2, K, M1, L1, S & R-

Motion to authorized pump repairs by Minnesota Pump Works in the amount of \$6,586.82 to be paid from Maintenance Contingency, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Eveleth Ambulance- Discussion regarding how to contribute and an amount. Discussed funding from other sources such as Public Safety, Capital Equipment and Mining Effects.

Motion to contribute \$20,000 for the Eveleth Ambulance, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Chairman Tammaro. Discussion regarding where funding will come from. Can be paid from the General Fund. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Supervisor Ziegler brought forward two citizen complaints. Chad and Danielle Larson have issues with their driveway matching to the road. Their car is scraping and they ripped the jack off their camper. Equipment Operator Jurenic took a look at it last year and in the past they placed gravel on it. Supervisor Ziegler recommended they use hotmix and either rent a plate tamper or borrow one from the City of Eveleth. Second complaint is from Gerard Karpik and the puddles forming in the road. That is a county road and Clerk Coldagelli will let the County know.

Motion to pay the claims in the amount of \$30,499.43, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Tammaro adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi M. Coldagelli

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Clerk/Treasurer Town of Fayal

Judy F. [Signature] _____ **Date:** 6-19-19

Chair

Heidi M. Coldagelli _____

Clerk

Attest: