

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

JUNE 18, 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 Chad, Supervisor Sather and Clerk/Treasurer Coldagelli. Supervisor Ziegler arrived at 7:04. Chairman Tammaro began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Audience members in attendance were Sandra Ahlin, Deputy Police Chief Jesse Linde, Steve Shykes and Chris & Jody Vest.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of May 21st, 2019, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Supervisor Chad abstained. Motion carried.

SCHEDULED GUESTS- None at this time.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS- Chris and Jody Vest were present to discuss concerns regarding a fence erected by Laura Hendrickson on Thunderbird Trail E. Chairman Tammaro informed the Board that he looked at the fence that ran about a half mile down the road. Chairman Tammaro's concern was the fence being damaged during plowing. Ms. Hendrickson stated that former Foreman Zavodnik had instructed her where to place the fence. The road appears to be a section line road. Supervisor Ziegler arrived at this time. The Vests had concerns regarding the location of the fence right off the road, safety, as well as continued maintenance to the standard that has currently been met. They would not want the level of maintenance to diminish due to the obstruction. The Vests also informed the Board that in 1997 or 1998 they gave 16 1/2 feet to the Township for the length of their property and then after their property minimum maintenance began. The Town Board was just notified of the issue and will continue to look into it.

Sandra Ahlin was present to discuss her complaint regarding the use of the recycle bins. There is consistently cardboard not broken down. The bins are changed on Tuesdays and by Saturday they are full. Clerk Coldagelli had spoken with the County and the contractor last Fall. They did not have enough receptacles for additional pickups. They stated that we can call when the bins are full, but it is a 24-48 response time. Clerk Coldagelli will follow up again to see if anything has changed. Ms. Ahlin provided recycle information to the Board that she received from the County.

REPORTS-

Clerk/Treasurer's Report-

Bank statements for the month of May have been received and all accounts have been reconciled. Revenues were \$60,163.10 and expenditures were \$87,502.70. Ending balances for the month of May are:

Miners Checking- \$902,332.37

Assessment Savings- \$451,763.74

CD Savings- \$80,833.68

4M Fund- \$409,097.30

For the month of June to date, revenues are \$33,491.17 and expenditures are \$171,468.45.

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 28th, June 3rd, 10th and 17th, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Public Access Television Meeting Minutes from June 5th, made by Supervisor

Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Fire Department Business Meeting Minutes from April 10th, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Joint Recreation Board Meeting Minutes from June 12th, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Planning Commission Meeting Minutes from April 17th, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Public Utilities Commission Meeting Minutes from May 14th, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion to accept the May Wastewater Operator Report, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE-

May 17th- Letter from Chris Grahek from St. Louis County with state bridge inspection reports. Placed on file.

May 21st- Minnesota OSHA safety presentation regarding Violence in the Workplace on Thursday, June 27th from 9-11 at the Gilbert Community Center. All are welcome. Placed on file.

May 24th- Email from Brian Boder from St. Louis County regarding 2019 contract for dust control. Ordering must be done directly through Envirotech Services. Sent to Road & Bridge.

May 28th- Letter from Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. The Ely Lake Public Water Access will be closed July 8th- mid-September while it is being improved and re-built. At this time, there is no other public access entry point. Placed on file.

June 3rd- Letter from the Minnesota State Demographic Center. April 1, 2018 population estimates are 1,787 and household estimate is 789. Share with Planning Committee.

June 3rd- Letter from League of Minnesota Cities. The Board of Directors voted at its May meeting to set a preliminary maximum members dues increase of 3% for the League's 2020 fiscal year. Placed on file.

June 4th- Letter from CenturyLink regarding property damage claim at 4534 Park Drive. They are currently investigating the incident and are providing notice of potential liability claim for damages to CenturyLink property. On February 13th, the grader damaged one of the pedestals when it was plowing in the area. Forwarded to insurance.

June 14th- Thank you card from Eveleth-Gilbert Bears PTA regarding Fayal's Bingo donation. Placed on file.

June 17th- Email from Range Association of Municipalities and Schools with Board Meeting Minutes from April 25th. Placed on file.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Sather-

Fire Department Co-op- Meeting went well with the State Fire Marshall's Office. Need to develop a resolution to establish a committee to move forward with the process. The suggestion from the State Fire Marshall's Office was to expand our committee to five members from each entity.

Motion to approve Mark Chad to the Fire Department Co-op Committee, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Purpose of expanding committee is for formation of subcommittees. Meeting was well attended and good information provided. Once an official commitment comes from all the cities, then can apply for up to \$90,000 in grant assistance to move from study stage to implementation stage. Grants can cover such things as trademarking name and attorney costs for development of by-laws. Discussion regarding developing resolution and what it consists of. Resolution is just for forming committee.
Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Branville-

Generator- Not complete yet. Can be turned on if there is an outage.

Town Foreman Vacancy- Closed on Monday. Received five applications. Hiring Committee will sit down and review and score applications with interviews starting the week after the 4th.

Supervisor Chad-

Old Bullfrogs Building- Currently in the court system. Supervisor Chad would like to get a name badge for identification purposes when investigating blight complaints. Clerk will work on that.

Supervisor Ziegler-

Cracksealing- Still working on.

Chairman Tammaro-

Recognition Program- Clerk Coldagelli has completed a Resolution and an exhibit for review.

MnDOT Relocation- No updated information.

Gilbert Wastewater Treatment Debt Service- Missed including the commercial rate in the motion at the last meeting. Resolution included for approval.

Motion to approve 2019-04 A Resolution to Amend Residential and Commercial Sewer Use Fees in Accordance with the Town of Fayal Sewer Service Charge Ordinance 98-2, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Blandin Broadband Grant-Resolution 2019-03-

Motion to approve 2019-03 A Resolution Authorizing the Town of Fayal to Participate in the Blandin Broadband Communities Collaborative Feasibility Study for the Quad Cities Broadband Community, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

Also included an estimate for updating website and would be a 50/50 grant.

Commission Vacancies- Vacancy on Channel 12 Cable Access Board.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to hire Andrew Carlson as a Fayal Firefighter pending employment physical and background investigation, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously

Summer Casual Labor Employee- Chairman Tammaro brought forward that he spoke with employee Jack Wynn and he is willing to help in any way while we are down an employee. He is also willing to carry the pager and Chairman Tammaro would like to increase his wage to \$20/hour and pay him the same compensation as the employees for the pager.

Motion to pay employee Jack Wynn \$20 per hour, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Supervisor Branville stated that having Mr. Wynn during this transition will take pressure off of the staff and allow the Hiring Committee to not have to rush to replace the Foreman. Mr. Wynn has a proven track record of excellence in working for the Township. Pay is retroactive to June 17th for payroll purposes. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Job Descriptions- Supervisor Ziegler has been reviewing. A few notables that he would like to change would be the Working Foreman works with the Water/Wastewater Operator and schedules work with them. Also added a wastewater license. Supervisor Ziegler would like the Foreman training with the Wastewater Operator so once retirement time comes for the Wastewater Operator, the Foreman can oversee that Department. Also just a few minor changes and adding the PUC work to all the job descriptions. Supervisor Ziegler will continue to work on.

Loader/Grader Training- Once a Foreman is hired employees Wynn, Dickson and new employee will have mandatory training to learn the equipment.

Supervisor Ziegler brought forth the work of the manholes and the driveway that needs to be fixed. Chairman Tammaro informed the Board that Wastewater Operator Dickson marked the manholes, employee Wynn will cut the blacktop and Dickson will lower them. Will need to follow up with Equipment Operator Jurenic regarding the driveway.

Copy Machine- Clerk Coldagelli included a quote for a new copy machine. Have been trying out a demo for the past two weeks. Just informational at this point.

Chairman Tammaro informed the Town Board that the employees and himself have been meeting with

Experienced Insurance Advisors again regarding health insurance. Chairman Tammaro is going to meet with our current agent, Jamie Lindseth, now that he has this same product available. Discussion regarding insurance and the Union.

Chairman Tammaro also brought forward that black dirt was ordered and to be charged to the PUC. All of our remaining black dirt was placed along the lift station on Golf Course Road and has migrated further down the road. Discussion regarding the ditch being fabric and rip rap. Supervisor Ziegler will get in touch with Jola & Sopp for a quote. There is no more black dirt at this time and it will not be ready until next year.

Motion to pay the claims in the amount of \$171,468.45, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn, made by Supervisor Branville.

Chairman Tammaro adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi M. Coldagelli

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Clerk/Treasurer Town of Fayal

Approved:

Phil Z...
Chair

Date: 7-16-19

Attest:

Heidi Coldagelli
Clerk