

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

JUNE 19, 2018

The Regular Meeting of the Fayal Town Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 PM by Vice-Chair Branville. Present were: Vice-Chair Branville, Supervisor Ochis, Supervisor Sather, Supervisor Ziegler and Clerk/Treasurer Coldagelli. Chairman Tammaro was absent. Vice-Chair Branville led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Audience members in attendance were Chris Erickson and DeLyle Pankrantz.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of May 15th, 2018, made by Supervisor Ochis, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Special Town Board Meeting of June 1st, 2018, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULED GUESTS- Chris Erickson was present from the PUC to discuss some investment options for the Town. Interest rates have increased and the banks have been slow to keep up. Fayal has significant balances in regular savings accounts earning little interest. According to the State Auditor's Office, investing needs to go through a firm and the League of MN Cities sponsors a program that is compliant with state law. Supervisor Branville asked if we had approached Miner's Bank to consider a rate match first before pursuing this. If Miner's will not match, there is a resolution that needs to be approved and Clerk Coldagelli will add a few things to the investment policy.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS- DeLyle Pankrantz was present and questioned the status on the road project and if it wasn't going to be completed soon, if he could take his skid steer down to the dirt pile to fix his driveway approach. Chairman Tammaro was okay with giving the contractor an extension on the landscaping and shouldering. Supervisor Ziegler had spoke with Matt Jamnick recently and he indicated the extension would be more like a week or two. The contractor was worried about Range Landscape being able to come out. Supervisor Ochis will check on the status and provide that information to Mr. Pankrantz. Clerk Coldagelli added that they have not been paid for the work, there is also still the 5% retainage outstanding and the warranty doesn't begin until the work is complete. Supervisor Ochis did not want Mr. Pankrantz doing any work as that is the contractor's responsibility. Supervisor Ziegler did not have an issue granting the contractor an extension from the original June 15th date. The contractor is finishing up their other projects that were ahead of Fayal last year. Vice-Chair Branville agreed and added there were weather factors that have impacted the schedule. Supervisor Ochis would like the project done without delay.

REPORTS-

Clerk/Treasurer's Report-

Bank statement for the month of May have been received and all accounts have been reconciled. Revenues were \$62,722.46 and expenditures were \$79,977.57. Ending balances for the month of May are:

Miners Checking- \$1,076,277.23
Assessment Savings- \$456,265.33
CD Savings- \$535,821.82

For the month of June to date, revenues are \$12,151.08 and expenditures are \$95,913.81.

Motion to approve the Clerk/Treasurer's Report, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Reports-

Motion to accept the May 9th Fire Department Business Meeting Minutes, made by Supervisor Sather,

support from Vice-Chair Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Channel 12 Meeting Minutes from May 2nd and June 6th, made by Vice-Chair Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the May 21st, May 29th, June 4th and June 11th Employee Meeting Minutes, made by Vice-Chair Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Planning Committee Meeting Minutes from April 18th, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Fayal Public Utilities Commission Meeting Minutes from May 8th and the Delinquency Report, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept May Wastewater Operator Report, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support Vice-Chair Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

May 21st- Email from the St. Louis County Association of Townships. Annual Meeting Minutes from 5/23/2017. Placed on file.

May 22nd- Letter from the League of Minnesota Cities. The Board of Directors voted for no dues increase for the 2019 fiscal year. Cities could still see a slight increase or decrease in dues because they are based on population. Placed on file.

May 23rd- Email from Range Association of Municipalities & Schools. Board Meeting Minutes from March 22nd. Placed on file.

May 31st- Email from St. Louis County. Information regarding 2018 contract award for Calcium Chloride Dust Control. Forwarded on to Road & Bridge.

June 4th- Letter from St. Louis County regarding St. Louis County Comprehensive Land Use Plan- Draft Goals and Objectives. They would like any feedback during the week of July 16-19 at the public workshops held at various locations in St. Louis County. Forwarded on to the Planning Committee.

June 5th- Email from Range Association of Municipalities & Schools. Board Meeting Minutes from April 26th. Placed on file.

June 7th- Letter from Minnesota State Demographic Center. As of April 1st, 2017, population estimates are 1,792 and household estimates are 791. Placed on file.

June 15th- Letter from Lake Country Power. Notice of Capital Credit Allocation. Total capital credit allocation is \$676.19 and unretired capital credits to date are \$6,316.54. Placed on file.

June 18th- Letter from Department of Natural Resources. Our application for the Outdoor Recreation Grant Program was not selected for funding this year. Placed on file.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Sather-

Fire Department Co-op- Clerk Coldagelli will get flyers over to Gilbert and Eveleth for a public informational meeting July 12th at 7:00 PM. Vice-Chair Branville attended a meeting with the Mayors, Clerks and the consultant. The meeting went well and the consultant was very knowledgeable.

Emergency Operating Procedures- Should be done soon.

Recreation Grant- Eveleth Area Community Foundation should be able to take it, but if not, the IRRRB indicated that the Eveleth Elks was just closing out a grant and that could be another possibility. One estimate received was from a company that is doing the courts for Tennis For All, and they believed it could be repaired by cutting out the cracks based upon pictures that were received. The other estimate required a complete reconstruct. Vice-Chair Branville commented that there was less damage than what he expected and he thought that cutting out the cracks could fix the issue. Clerk Coldagelli was concerned about the raised fence posts and what further damage that could cause. Supervisor Ziegler added that eventually the courts will need to be replaced.

Supervisor Ochis-

Loader Repairs- Do not have the estimate yet, but it has significant issues and will need to be at Ziegler for at two weeks. Went in for routine repairs and then the issues were discovered.

Supervisor Ziegler-

Old Bullfrogs Building- Possibly going back to the Bank and a new owner will do cleanup.

Speed Study Ely Lake Drive/Miller Trunk- The County has it on their summer/fall schedule.

Eveleth/Fayal Development Project- This is the City of Eveleth's project and no further information.

Pine Drive Sewer Extension- The property will no longer being sold to the developer.

Salt/Sand Dome- Clerk Coldagelli spoke with the IRRRB at the end of last week regarding the solar panels and their malfunction. Of the 60 panels, 8 are not working and the manufacturer has gone out of business. The IRRRB offered to pay demo costs to remove. At this point they are still generating energy and that would not make sense. During this same conversation with the IRRRB, Clerk Coldagelli was made aware that the IRRRB turned down their Salt/Sand Dome application. This project had verbal approval back in March and Clerk Coldagelli was instructed to proceed with the project. May need to speak with Commissioner Phillips if no response from Mr. Ismil and the Clerk will work to rectify the situation.

Generator- Vice-Chair Branville is working on the gas line.

Playground- Chips and fabric will be laid tomorrow. The employees spent hours hand shoveling and tilling. The vac truck spent two days removing the chips. Going forward, fresh chips will be added periodically.

Summer Picnic- Wednesday, June 27th at the Town Hall.

Sewer Access Charge Resolution 2018-06- At the last PUC meeting, Greg Buckley clarified that his motion was to change the Sewer Access Charge to \$7,000, not the original \$6,625. Supervisor Ziegler disagreed and stated that the Sewer Access Charge should be \$6,625 and that residents should not be subject to a rate that takes into consideration interest because unlike the original \$6,625 that was financed on resident's property taxes, this Sewer Access Charge would be paid upfront because financing on the taxes is not an option. Supervisor Ziegler does not agree that it is fair to charge interest on top of a rate to residents that don't have an option to pay it over time. At the last Town Board meeting, the Board approved \$6,625.

Motion to approve 2018-06-A Resolution to Amend Residential and Commercial Sewer Use Fees in Accordance With The Town of Fayal Sewer Service Charge Ordinance 98-2 with the original Sewer Access Charge of \$6,625, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Gianlorenzi Property Resolution 2018-07-

Motion to approve 2018-07 A Resolution Recognizing a Parcel Not Subject to a Sewer Access Charge, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Sandy Ahlin Property- PUC made a motion to fill in her drywell, but the Township will not be responsible for any landscaping or damage. In 2015, the Township did not fill the sink hole or provide material. If equipment causes any ruts or damage the Township is not liable and will not do any restoring. To Clerk Coldagelli's knowledge, the PUC would like dirt hauled down to the property and the hole filled. Supervisor Ochis would like a form drafted that Fayal is not responsible for damage from equipment crossing the yard or further settling.

Motion to agree with the PUC recommendation, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Vice-Chair Branville. Motion carried. Supervisor Ochis opposed as he would like to know the reasoning behind the PUC recommendation.

Supervisor Branville-

NEW BUSINESS

Police Car Estimate- Estimate from Frank's Tire to replace catalytic converter for a total of \$1,850.

Motion to accept request to pay half of the bill, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.

Casual Labor Rate- Last fall it was discussed that when a casual labor employee is running large Township equipment, such as the dump truck or the grader, the rate of pay would be \$20/hour. The motion that was made at another meeting was to pay \$20/hour to casual labor employees that are snowplowing.

Clarification is needed.

Motion to pay casual labor employees \$20/hour if operating heavy equipment, made by Supervisor Ochis, support from Vice-Chair Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Solar Panels- Supervisor Ochis asked if the IRRRB would replace the solar panels with new ones. The broken ones cannot be replaced, either. The company is out of business and cannot be retrofitted with another panel. Vice-Chair Branville suggested keeping an eye open for grant opportunities. This is a known issue that is specific to the manufacturer that their panels have delamination issues.

Election Judges-

Motion to appoint as election judges Cathy Korva, Sharon Crep, Doug Gregor, Amy Brazerol, Diana Dickson, Carol Pellin, Eleanor Eck, Jan Mesich, Robert Mavec, Tracy Salin, Becky Dean, Linda Brown, Tom Dean and Linda Shykes, with the recommendation to pay election judges \$11/hour and head judge \$12/hour, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolutions 2018-08 & 2018-09 Extraterritorial Water- Billing Clerk Dickson asked for clean-up of two resolutions. Much discussion regarding Water Access Charge and Tap In Inspection Fee and the resolution clarity.

Motion to table the resolution changes for 2018-08 & 2018-09 until the next meeting, made by Vice-Chair Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Supervisor Ziegler made a motion to adjourn.

Vice-Chair Branville adjourned the Regular Meeting at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi M. Coldagelli

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Clerk/Treasurer Town of Fayal

Approved: *[Signature]*
Chair

Date: 7-17-18

Attest: *Heidi M. Coldagelli*
Clerk