

**TOWN OF FAYAL**  
**4375 SHADY LANE, EVELETH, MN 55734**

*Heidi M. Coldagelli, Clerk/Treasurer*

*Anthony Tammaro, Chairman*

*Supervisors: Lee Branville, Dave Ochis, Richard Sather, Patrick Ziegler*

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**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD**

**JUNE 20, 2017**

The Special Meeting of the Fayal Town Board of Supervisors was called to order at 6:34 PM by Chairman Tammaro. Present were: Supervisor Branville, Supervisor Ochis, Supervisor Sather, Chairman Tammaro, Supervisor Ziegler and Clerk/Treasurer Coldagelli.

Fire Department members Steve Shykes, Matt Hoffmann and Scott Smith were also present to discuss the water tender.

**Water Tender-** Matt Hoffmann updated the Board that the Fire Department went back to the vendor and the vendor removed the top compartment, framing and rear discharge piping. Price was reduced by \$30,000. The truck would still have the auxiliary pump. The new spec has an elliptical tank and does not have a hosebed. The new spec is \$256,000, but a few items were missed that could be removed to reduce the price even further. One important feature that was lost in the new design was the rear discharge because of no place to put piping. The Fire Department is not in favor of an elliptical tank. Supervisor Ziegler asked if going to a square body allows for cabinets to install at a later date, which it is possible. There is also a cost for approximately \$5,000 for a turn table balance study, which is a device that electronically shifts the weight in the tender. American poly tank is the type of tank that is wanted.

Chief Shykes presented the financing information that he had gathered. The payments were broken down based upon \$246,000, \$200,000 and \$185,000 loan amounts. Financing ranged from 3 years to 15 years with a \$40,000 down payment. Chief Shykes stated the interest rate varied based up how many years financed. From the 2017 Levy, the Fire Truck Fund will receive \$10,000 and from the 2018 Levy a \$20,000 increase will be added. A little research will still be needed for financing. The Fire Department was disappointed from the vendor because their request was not addressed in a timely manner for a spec and they have had little time to review since it was just received. The Board would like to take action at the next Regular Town Board Meeting. There are many factors to take into consideration such as a future need for a fire truck and the future of a fire department co-op. Coldagelli had spoken to a township attorney and they had stated that leasing is fine but need to follow the sealed bid process and the state cooperative venture program. State of Minnesota state bid site needs to be used first and then can utilize another state's state bid site.

***Motion to adjourn, made by Chairman Tammaro, support by Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

Chairman Tammaro adjourned the Special Meeting at 6:58 PM.

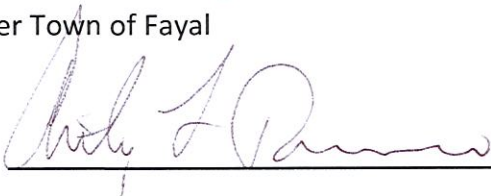
Respectfully submitted,



Heidi M. Coldagelli

Clerk/Treasurer Town of Fayal

**Approved:**



**Chair**

**Date:**

7-18-17

**Attest:**



**Clerk**

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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD**

**JUNE 20, 2017**

The Regular Meeting of the Fayal Town Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:03 PM by Chairman Tammaro. Present were: Supervisor Branville, Supervisor Ochis, Supervisor Sather, Chairman Tammaro, Supervisor Ziegler and Clerk/Treasurer Coldagelli.

Audience members in attendance were Deputy Police Chief Jesse Linde, Matt Hoffmann, Nick Preiner, Matt Reid, Steve Shykes, Scott Smith and Jerry Ulman.

***Motion to approve the minutes of the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization of May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ochis. Supervisor Sather and Supervisor Ziegler abstained. Motion carried.***

***Motion to approve the minutes of the Special Town Board Meeting of May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Supervisor Branville abstained. Motion carried.***

***Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017, made by Supervisor Ochis, support from Supervisor Sather. Supervisor Branville abstained. Motion carried.***

***Motion to approve the minutes of the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization of May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ochis. Supervisor Ziegler and Supervisor Sather abstained. Motion carried.***

***Motion to approve the minutes of the Special Town Board Meeting of June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.***

**SCHEDULED GUESTS-** None at this time.

**AUDIENCE CONCERNS-** Jerry Ulman informed the Board that the yardwaste site will be open the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of July. For June, there were approximately 40 residents a day. Deputy Chief Linde presented April and May Police Reports. For both months, 67 calls, 30 traffic stops and 12 citations issued.

**REPORTS-**

**Clerk/Treasurer's Report-**

Bank statements for the month of May have been received and all accounts have been reconciled. Revenues were \$59,383.71 and expenditures were \$113,286.15.

Ending balances for the month of May are:

Miners Checking- \$893,434.16  
Assessment Savings- \$450,153.36  
CD Savings- \$535,022.60

For month of June to date, revenues are \$28,766.77 and expenditures are \$123,618.01.

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

**Other Reports-**

***Motion to accept the Channel 12 Public Access Meeting Minutes from May 3<sup>rd</sup> (revised) and June 7<sup>th</sup>, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to accept the Fire Department Business Meeting Minutes from May 10<sup>th</sup>, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to accept the April and May Police Report, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to accept the May Road Report, made by Supervisor Ochis, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to accept the Public Utilities Commission Meeting Minutes for May 9<sup>th</sup>, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to accept the Public Utilities Variance Request Hearing Minutes for Brent Robillard from May 9<sup>th</sup>, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to accept the May Wastewater Operator Report, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to accept the Planning Committee Meeting Minutes of April 19<sup>th</sup>, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

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

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

May 18<sup>th</sup>- Flyer from Minnesota Association of Townships. 2017 Summer Short Courses will be held in Carlton on June 29<sup>th</sup>. Placed on file.

May 18<sup>th</sup>- Letter from League of Minnesota Cities. The League offers disability and life insurance through Ochs, Inc. Placed on file.

May 19<sup>th</sup>- Minutes from St. Louis County Association of Townships Annual Meeting from 5/25/2016. Placed on file.

May 22<sup>nd</sup>- Letter and membership cards from Minnesota Association of Townships. As a reminder the membership cards are for identification or proof of government status to obtain special pricing and discounts. Cards distributed to Supervisors.

May 22<sup>nd</sup>- Email and letter from St. Louis County informing the Board that Public Works has been replacing and updating the fleet of trucks utilized for snow removal. The new trucks are significantly larger than the truck being replaced. With the larger vehicles, increased damage is occurring to snowplowing equipment as overhanging limbs and obstructions are damaging and destroying the equipment. If our Township intends to partner/contract with St. Louis County for winter maintenance, an inspection of the roads is necessary during the month of June and Road Supervisors need to contact the District Superintendent to schedule a review. Sent to Road and Bridge.

May 23<sup>rd</sup>- Letter from St. Louis County Board of Adjustment regarding decision for Bradley Edworthy. Variance application was approved. Sent to Planning Committee.

May 23<sup>rd</sup>- Letter from St. Louis County Board of Adjustment regarding decision for John Torma. Variance application was approved. Sent to Planning Committee.

May 23<sup>rd</sup>- Letter from League of Minnesota Cities. The League of Minnesota Cities Board of Directors voted at its May meeting to set a maximum member dues schedule increase of 0% for 2018 fiscal year. Placed on file.

May 23<sup>rd</sup>- Letter of Understanding from AFSCME representative Tim Hoshal regarding Foreman Zavodnik's schedule request. Located under Old Business.

May 25<sup>th</sup>- Notice from Minnesota Power regarding notice of public hearings for proposed rate increase. Written comments are accepted through July 3<sup>rd</sup> and the public hearing was held June 19<sup>th</sup> in Eveleth. Placed on file.

May 25<sup>th</sup>- Letter from St. Louis County Planning Department. Public hearings for variance applicants Jim and Jeanne Prittinen will be held on Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 A.M. and variance applicant Tedd McCue will be held at 10:00 A.M. Sent to Planning Committee. Planning Committee had recommended no comment.

May 25<sup>th</sup>- Postcard from Minnesota Power to sign up for a free energy analysis. Placed on file.

June 2<sup>nd</sup>- Letter from Lake Country Power. 2016 Capital Credit Allocation was \$508.36. Placed on file.

June 2<sup>nd</sup> - Letter from Minnesota State Demographic Center. Annual population and household estimates for April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 are: Population estimate 1,794 and Household estimate of 790. Fayal has until June 24<sup>th</sup> to challenge if necessary. Placed on file.

June 2<sup>nd</sup> - Letter from FHLB of Des Moines with enclosed Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit issued to Fayal on behalf of Miners National Bank. Placed on file.

June 5<sup>th</sup> - Variance application for Roger Helland to remove an existing deck and replace with a three season structure. Sent to Planning Committee.

June 6<sup>th</sup> - Promissory Note Release for Richard and Lynda Lapine. Parcel 340-0100-00261, Sewer Access Charge was paid in full on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Chairman and Clerk need to sign.

June 7<sup>th</sup> - Letter from Ida Rukavina from Senator Klobuchar's office. Our letter was received by their office in regards to the Gilbert wastewater treatment facility and their office is working to find a solution or a funding mechanism on the federal level that could help with local communities. Placed on file.

June 7<sup>th</sup> - Fax from City of Eveleth. The aqueduct will close on June 7<sup>th</sup>. Placed on file.

June 12<sup>th</sup> - Email from Eveleth Area Community Foundation Fund. 2017 Grantwriter's Workshop will take place Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. August 1<sup>st</sup> is the application deadline to apply for a Eveleth Area Community Foundation grant. Placed on file.

June 12<sup>th</sup> - Letter from Chris Sailstad, Fayal Fire Relief Association Treasurer, requesting disbursement of the 2017 Relief Association contribution from the Fire Department Budget. Located under New Business.

June 12<sup>th</sup> - Letter from the Eveleth-Gilbert High School Class of 2017 thanking Fayal for our contribution to their All Night Graduation Party. Placed on file.

June 13<sup>th</sup> - Range Association of Municipalities and Schools Board Meeting Minutes from April 27<sup>th</sup>. Placed on file.

June 15<sup>th</sup> - Notice from BLM Companies, LLC to disconnect water utilities at 7689 Cedar Island Lane. The US Department of Housing and Urban Development has acquired title to the address through foreclosure. Employee Dickson did contact BLM and clarified that currently the water is shut off at the property, but we are unable to cease service and HUD is responsible for payment. Placed on file.

June 15<sup>th</sup> - Letter from St. Louis County Land and Minerals Dept. St. Louis County is proposing a sale of state tax forfeited land. A private sale to adjacent landowners requires the approval of the municipality. The land is parcel 340-0010-05940. The Land and Minerals Department has determined that the tax forfeited land cannot be improved because it does not comply with local ordinances regarding minimum area, shape frontage or access; and, that the highest and best use of the land can be achieved by adding it to an adjoining parcel. Our municipality may recommend to the county board conditions to be imposed on the sale. If a response is not received within 30 days of the date of this letter the proposed land sale will be deemed approved. Placed on file and no action taken.

June 19<sup>th</sup> - Letter from St. Louis County Board of Adjustment. Facts and Findings for applicant John Torma and Facts and Findings for Bradley Edworthy. Sent to Planning Committee.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Supervisor Sather-**

**Fire Department Co-op-** Chief Shykes informed that Board that he spoke to the Eveleth Mayor and they would like to initiate the co-op with just Eveleth and Fayal. Later on Gilbert could be added. The fire departments would like to meet to come up with a plan. Eveleth preferred that IRRRB not be involved but if there is money available it should be utilized.

**Fire Department/EMS-** Chairman Tammaro spoke to Therese Elverum and 2 of the 4 residents that responded may be interested in the Fire Department. Also interested in a community CPR class.

**Water Tender-** Discussed at Special Meeting.

**Ballfield Dugouts-** One dugout complete. Supervisor Branville added that Matt Hoffmann and Dan Brakke would assist Foreman Zavodnik in finishing the other dugout and to complete before August. Chairman Tammaro stated that the field is being overrun by weeds and Hoffmann spent a few hours working on it and we will dedicate some more time cleaning it up.

#### **Supervisor Branville-**

**Joint Cooperation with Eveleth, Gilbert, Leonidas, ISD 2154-** No updates.

**Supervisor Ochis-**

**2017 Road Project-** Out for bids and July 10<sup>th</sup> contracts could be awarded.

**Employee Request-** M.O.U. was drafted by the Union. Employee Zavodnik expressed interest in working 4 ten-hour shifts per week through October. Board was concerned that with Fridays that Equipment Operator Jurenic could be gone and then overtime or comp time would occur. Supervisor Ziegler couldn't see how it could work unless both employees worked 10 hour shifts. Concern also was for the length of time of the leave. There needs to be someone in each dept five days a week from R&B and PUC.

***Motion to deny Foreman Zavodnik's request, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.***

**Supervisor Ziegler-**

**Joint Powers Eveleth-Gilbert-Fayal-Leonidas Sewer-** No progress.

**Old Bullfrogs Building-** Supervisor Ziegler was working on a blight complaint, but in speaking with Deputy Chief Linde can Fayal have an attorney draft a letter to Mr. Toman and the Bank stating that the property is unsafe and should be deemed condemned. The fear is the building will never be torn down and need to place a demand that it be removed or Fayal Township may be responsible for removal if it goes tax forfeit.

***Motion to have an attorney draft a letter to Mr. Toman and the Bank that holds the note on the property to have the building condemned and torn down, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.***

**Mediacom Agreement-** Clerk Coldagelli did not think Ms. Sunde was going to pursue.

**Eveleth/Fayal IRRRB Grant- Eveleth-** SEH was meeting with Eveleth the following day.

**Fiber Optic in the Town Hall-** The fiber should be shielded in the Fire Hall. Still waiting for NESC to respond.

**Volunteer Appreciation BBQ-** Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> 5:00 to 6:30 PM.

***Motion to not exceed \$900 on the summer BBQ, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.***

**Chairman Tammaro-**

**Emergency Procedures-** Working on.

**Pine Drive and St. Mary's Court Signage-** The roads are on MnDOT's speed study schedule for fall of 2017.

**Ordinance Revision 98-1-** Chairman Tammaro completed 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the summary of changes.

**NEW BUSINESS-**

***Motion to disburse \$14,000 to the Fayal Fire Relief Association for 2017 from the Fire Department Budget, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Ochis. Supervisor Sather abstained. Motion carried.***

***Motion to accept the recommendation of the Fire Department membership committee to hire Curtis Schramm to the Fayal Fire Department, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to accept the recommendation of the Fire Department membership committee to hire Hunter Tarr to the Fayal Fire Department, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

Supervisor Branville brought forth the wiring situation that runs from the main building, to the skating shack and then to the PUC/Fire Department Building. He would like to look for quotes to have that properly run from the main building and at the same time address the generator issue. Clerk Coldagelli has looked into how that can be funded.

***Motion to approve Supervisor Branville acquiring bids for generator upgrade and wiring upgrades to the PUC Building, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.***



Supervisor Ziegler brought forward the dump truck rental. Clerk Coldagelli was going to reach out to Eveleth to request their policy. Supervisor Ziegler also brought forward the liftstation upgrades that would call out if a pump runs an extended period of time. The program upgrade is \$3,993 and Wastewater Operator Dickson could do some of the self testing to save approximately \$1,000.

**Motion to upgrade the SCADA system for the liftstations, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.**

Supervisor Ziegler brought forward a benefitted parcel belonging to Jeremy Nelson. When the property was split and sold it was subject to sewer access charges. Send to the PUC for review.

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

**Motion to pay \$11,515 to SEH for the Road Project, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.**

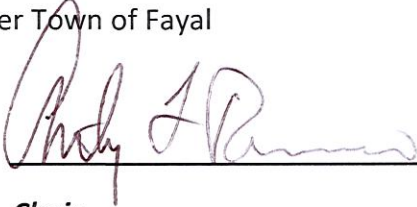
**Motion to adjourn made by Chairman Tammaro.**

Chairman Tammaro adjourned the Regular Meeting at 8:02 PM.

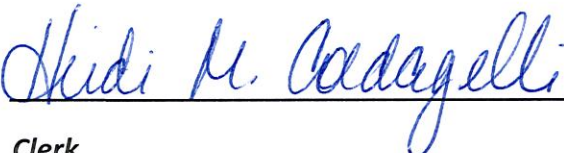
Respectfully submitted,



Heidi M. Coldagelli  
Clerk/Treasurer Town of Fayal

Approved:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair

Date: 7-18-17

Attest:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk