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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

JULY 16, 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, Supervisor Ziegler and Clerk/Treasurer Coldagelli. Chairman Tammaro began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Audience members in attendance were Steve Shykes, Chris Vest and John West.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of June 18th, 2019, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULED GUESTS- None at this time.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS- Steve Shykes informed that the new firefighter has passed the background check and the physical. John West was present to follow up on his questions that were sent to attorney Scott Neff. Chairman Tammaro stated that there were some additional items that will be sent to Mr. Neff and will check on the status.

REPORTS-

Clerk/Treasurer's Report-

Bank statements for the month of June have been received and all accounts have been reconciled. Revenues were \$84,096.70 and expenditures were \$173,114.60. Of those expenditures, \$24,950 was paid to Upper Midwest Athletic Co. for the tennis court project, \$16,168 was paid for the Fire Department extractor/dryer project and \$11,671.69 was paid for AEDs and supplies. Ending balances for the month of June are:

Miners Checking- \$813,143.67
Assessment Savings- \$451,934.54
CD Savings- \$80,884.26
4M Fund- \$409,803.22

For the month of July to date, revenues are \$591,955.04 and expenditures are \$393,147.73.

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

Other Reports-

Motion to accept the Employee Meeting Minutes from June 24th, July 1st, 8th and 15th, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Fire Department Business Meeting Minutes from June 12th made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Joint Recreation Board Meeting Minutes from July 10th, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Planning Commission Meeting Minutes from May 22nd, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Public Utilities Commission Meeting Minutes from June 11th, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE-

June 20th- Letter from Minnesota 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.

June 20th- Postcard from MnDOT notifying of two intersection improvement projects on Highway 53. Placed on file.

July 8th- Phone call from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. The Ely Lake boat landing will for now remain open. The project received no bids, so the project is going to be rebid with hopes that it will still be completed this year. Placed on file.

July 8th- Letter from Minnesota Department of Health. The drinking water service connection fee will increase effective January 1, 2020 from \$6.36 to \$9.72. This is the annual fee we have been charging our drinking water system customers and passing through to the MN Dept of Health. The fee amount has not changed since 2005. Shared with the PUC. Moved to New Business.

July 9th- Letter from St. Louis County Planning and Community Development Department with variance application for Michael Thompson. Sent to the Planning Committee. Placed on file.

July 11th- Letter from FHLB Des Moines with Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit. Placed on file.

July 12th- Letter from Summer Work Outreach Project seeking donations for its program that provides six-weeks of life-skill and employment training, as well as mentorship and traditional skill learning opportunities for youth ages 11-14. It also provides a small stipend to the youth for their dedication and hard work in our communities. Moved to New Business.

OLD BUSINESS

Chief Shykes wanted to let everyone know that National Night Out would be held Tuesday, August 6th from 5:00-8:00. The Fire Department is going to help set up, cook and would like to use the old chairs. Supervisor Ziegler volunteered the use of his grills if they are needed.

Supervisor Sather-

Fire Department Co-op- Meeting date will be the 2nd Monday of every month at 6:00 PM. Will rotate between Eveleth, Gilbert and Fayal. At the Fire Department business meeting, there was some hesitation with the merger. The members want to ensure that the high standard of service is held in high regard.

Motion to approve Resolution 2019-05 A Resolution Authorizing the Formation of a Fire Department Shared Services Committee with the Town of Fayal and the Cities of Eveleth and Gilbert, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Sather. Committee members named are Tony Tammaro, Mark Chad, Heidi Coldagelli, Steve Shykes and Greg Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Fire Department Co-op Meeting Minutes from June 3rd made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Shykes informed the Board that there are grant opportunities from the State Fire Marshal's office for things such as lawyer's fees, badges, uniforms, stencils, etc. There may be a grant opportunity up to \$90,000.

Hendrickson Fence- Former Foreman Zavodnik had let the Township know that he had not given the homeowner authorization to put the fence there. The fence needs to come down as once snowfall comes it will end up being knocked down by the plow. Discussion regarding permits and set backs. Chris Vest informed the Board that St. Louis County rules are 15 feet from the road right-of-way. Mr. Vest added that in 1998 he gave the Township 16.5 feet for maintenance.

Motion to send letter to homeowner to move fence further back, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Discussion that needs to be moved by September 1st. Discussion regarding road right-of-way and type of road. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Supervisor Branville-

Town Foreman Vacancy- Two candidates qualified for interviews and interviews will be conducted on Thursday.

Supervisor Chad-

Old Bullfrogs Building- Currently in the court system. Greg Buckley who owns the nearby storage buildings is

having vandalism issues. Chief Shykes informed the Board that the staircase on that building is extremely dangerous. Clerk Coldagelli suggested speaking to Commissioner Nelson. Discussion if there is a St. Louis County Blight Officer. Supervisor Ziegler will contact Commissioner Nelson.

Generator- Need to check if Hometown Electric has completed the project.

Supervisor Ziegler-

Cracksealing- Still working on. Equipment Operator Jurenic is the only one in Road & Bridge.

Job Descriptions- Supervisor Ziegler has been working on. Pager needs to be in everyone's job description. In the future, would like to extend the Foreman's position to include both Road & Bridge and the PUC. Proper licensure would be required. Chairman Tammaro added that Wastewater Operator Dickson will need to assist in plowing a few roads this winter as the new Foreman is learning. The Foreman will need to work closely with the PUC. Discussion regarding winter plowing and help.

Employee Health Insurance- Will be scheduling a meeting with a representative from the PEIP program to meet with the Town Board. In meeting with the Union, the Union is disagreeing that the insurance is the same or better. Current agent, Jamie Lindseth, is looking into some options for healthcare. The plan being looked at requires a primary care provider designation and a little bit of paperwork if using multiple providers. So many entities are moving to PEIP that there is a risk that rates can increase with the influx of new members, but there is a significant reduction in cost for the Township in comparison to its current healthcare plan.

Chairman Tammaro-

MnDOT Relocation- No updated information. Steve Shykes informed the Board that they are conducting core samples at the site.

Commission Vacancies- Chairman Tammaro had concerns that with the school collaboration/consolidation, would Channel 12 Cable Commission and the Joint Rec still exist? The Commissions have been discussing.

Recognition Program- Clerk Coldagelli spoke with DeLyle Pankratz who reviewed the proposed program and gave some additional feedback that Clerk Coldagelli will add.

Blandin Broadband Grant- Clerk Coldagelli had wanted to upgrade the Township website and submit for a grant match of 50%. It is a one-time website design charge of \$1,500. Would like to include forms to download off the site, a calendar listing hall availability, etc.

Motion to approve \$1,500 for website design, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Should fall under 50/50 grant and qualify as software. Motion carried unanimously.

Minnesota Department of Health Annual Fee-

Motion to increase the annual water service connection fee from \$6.36 to \$9.72, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Summer Work Outreach Project- Other local communities have donated. Great program for kids and now Eveleth-Gilbert School District is involved. Limited to a small group of kids and this year has 40 participants. The group has assisted Habitat for Humanity, visited the nursing home, visited businesses with tours, etc.

Motion to donate \$1,000 to SWOP from the General Fund, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Recycling Center/Dirt Pile- Letter is drafted for the bills. Residents are taking equipment down to the dirt piles and screening which is posted as against the rules. If it continues, it will shut down. The recycling area is a huge mess. It took the casual labor employee an hour and a half last week just to pick up the boxes that everyone left next to the bins. Need larger signs for both areas. Supervisor Sather will look into making larger signs.

2020 Joint Rec Budget- Table for now.

Orderly Annexation Agreement- Have not held 20 years of continuous water service with Gilbert.

Motion for the Clerk to draft a letter to Gilbert that the Town Board has decreed the Orderly Annexation Agreement is null and void based on the terms of the agreement were broken by the fact that the 20 year continuous water service was not met, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Discussion regarding annexation and recent Midway Township case. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk/Treasurer Term Correction Ordinance 2002-1- Legally the Clerk/Treasurer should be a four-year term.

Has been in error since it changed to November elections years ago. State of Minnesota Elections Department recommended sending to an attorney to determine how to rectify.

Motion to send Ordinance 2002-01 for correction to attorney Scott Neff, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

Blacktop- Supervisor Ziegler marked over at Larson's house. Manholes are being cut this week. There is another manhole over on Golf Course that needs repair as well. Also there is a section near the Town Hall where the blacktop needed repair from the plow. If it cannot be completed in house, someone needs to be hired.

Do-Bid Surplus Equipment- There are some chairs and other items that can go on Do-Bid. The Fire Department also has some items.

Motion to sell surplus items on Do-Bid, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Casual Labor Employee Wynn- Chairman Tammaro would like to see Casual Labor employee Jack Wynn back next year and not have to wait like this year for approval. Supervisor Ziegler suggested having him as a seasonal part-time casual labor employee. He is learning on the equipment and learning other departments at the Town Hall. Can set a wage for part-time seasonal employees and are only limited if he fills a union position.

Motion to have employee Jack Wynn as a seasonal part-time casual labor employee at \$20.00 per hour, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Could also have a part-time casual labor employee in the winter at \$20.00 per hour. Mr. Wynn will complete a new application every year. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion to pay the MPFA payment in the amount of \$309,487.70, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to transfer from the Assessment Savings to the Checking in the amount of \$309,487.70, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to transfer from the Checking to the Assessment Savings \$173,538.61 from the St. Louis County Apportionment, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Tammaro brought forward that the PUC discussed transferring the 5% that is retained for administrative charges from the Lodging Tax to the PUC. The reason being that at Veteran's Park, RV's are disposing on site, but not all of those disposals are being charged.

Motion to transfer the 5% left over from the Lodging Tax be transferred to the PUC's budget to assist in covering miscellaneous sewage use, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Chairman Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to pay the Certificate of Indebtedness payment to Miner's National Bank for \$9,108.44, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to pay the claims in the amount of \$394,818.88, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Tammaro adjourned the Regular Meeting at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi M. Coldagelli

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Clerk/Treasurer Town of Fayal

Approved:

[Signature]
Chair

Date:

8-21-19

Attest:

Heidi M. Coldagelli
Clerk