

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

JULY 17, 2018

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 Ochis, Supervisor Sather, Supervisor Ziegler and Clerk/Treasurer Coldagelli. Chairman Tammaro led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Audience members in attendance were Randy Costley and Jim Miles; Rick and Tracy Coldagelli; Ron and Mary Hall; Jamie Lindseth; Dan and Joyce Malterud; Jim, Jean and Joe Prittinen; Steve Shykes; Trevor Thompson and Dave and Diane Twite.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of June 19th, 2018, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Chairman Tammaro abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Special Town Board Meeting of June 29th, 2018, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather. Supervisor Branville abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULED GUESTS- Randy Costley and Jim Miles were present representing MnDOT with proposed changes for a project on Miller Trunk Road and Highway 53 intersection and for a second project on Bodas Road to the East Long Lake Road intersection. Both locations were identified as high priority locations due to number of crashes and safety concerns. This would be a joint project between St. Louis County and MnDOT with federal highway safety improvement grant funds. The Bodas Road section would involve closure from the east side of Bodas Road to Highway 53 and the median crossover would be eliminated. On East Long Lake Road, there would only be right in and right out access. Miller Trunk Road and Highway 53 would also only be a right in, right out. The southbound left turn lane from Miller Trunk Road would be eliminated and the left turn lane from Highway 53 would be shortened up. Project could start in 2020 or spring of 2021. There was much discussion regarding bottlenecked traffic at Highway 53 access points as well as other intersections with safety concerns along Highway 53. More public informational meetings will be held in the future at the Town Hall to gather feedback from residents.

Jamie Lindseth was present to discuss the insurance renewal. There was a slight decrease of about \$60. The largest difference came from the police premium doubling, but the rest of the departments went down. The value of the lift stations are increasing and Fayal will see that increase on next year's bill. Clerk Coldagelli updated that the water main claim is finishing up. The tools need replacement and the locker quote has been sent to the Adjuster. Insurance did not cover to repair the water main break. Chairman Tammaro also questioned the use of the Ballfield. Majors and Minors rotated using the field every week.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS- Ron and Mary Hall were in the audience to request from the Board purchasing a portion of the Ballfield property north of the entrance or the entire parcel if the Township was interested. Mr. Hall has purchased property north of the ballfield. He had spoken to Senior Wastewater Operator, Dale Dickson, and received clarification of the sewer line location, easement and rules regarding use. Chairman Tammaro informed Mr. Hall that the Board can discuss it and look into it. Chairman Tammaro questioned if Mr. Hall was looking for a road vacation to which Mr. Hall answered that if he owned the property he would not need that. Chairman Tammaro and Supervisor Sather added that the property was purchased to accommodate parking and possibly a concession stand. Discussion of a potential waterline was discussed and how there was a lack of interest from residents on Park Drive.

Jim, Jeanne and Joe Prittinen were in the audience to introduce their son Joe who would like to volunteer to clean up the grounds. He would be supervised by Jim Prittinen and would volunteer a couple days a week in the mornings.

Motion to take on Joe Prittinen as a volunteer, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS-

Clerk/Treasurer's Report-

Bank statement for the month of June have been received and all accounts have been reconciled. Revenues were \$55,178.81 and expenditures were \$123,962.37. Ending balances for the month of June are:

Miners Checking- \$1,007,321.40
Assessment Savings- \$456,437.60
CD Savings- \$493,513.58

For the month of July to date, revenues are \$592,249.49 and expenditures are \$474,035.79. St. Louis County Tax Apportionment was received on July 5th for \$556,058.66.

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

Ron Hall questioned if the Ballfield road was maintained year-round, which it is.

Other Reports-

Motion to accept the June 18th, June 25th, July 2nd, July 9th and July 16th Employee Meeting Minutes, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Joint Cable Meeting Minutes from July 11th, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the June 13th Fire Department Business Meeting Minutes, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Currently have 20 members. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Joint Recreation Meeting Minutes from July 11th, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the April, May and June Road Report made by Supervisor Ochis, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Fayal Public Utilities Commission Meeting Minutes from June 12th, June Wastewater Operator Report and the Delinquency Report, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather. Chairman Tammamo asked if the Delinquency Report had been shrinking. Clerk Coldagelli added that she had received a deposit for nearly \$6,000 for delinquent utilities from tax forfeit properties. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Motion to accept the Planning Committee Meeting Minutes from May 16th, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

June 20th- Valuation of Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB) under GASB Statement No. 75 prepared by Van Iwaarden Associates. Placed on file.

June 29th- Fax from the City of Eveleth. The aqueduct between St. Mary's and Ely Lake will open on 6/21 due to homeowners reporting that St. Mary's water levels are high. Placed on file.

June 29th- Thank you letter from St. Louis County Board for hosting their Board meeting on June 26th. Placed on file.

June 29th- Letter from AFSCME Council 65 in regards to Supreme Court Case Response. It is unconstitutional to charge or withhold fair share fee payments to non-members. Fayal does not have any. Placed on file.

June 29th- Agreement from Duluth-Superior Area Community Foundation. They have accepted the grant for the tennis court rehabilitation project in Fayal. Listed under Old Business.

July 2nd- Letter from MN Department of Health. A final audit report indicated that organic contaminant analysis of drinking water samples by the MDH Public Health Laboratory from 2013-2015 are valid for compliance and our system meets SDWA standards. Placed on file.

July 2nd- Letter from Minnesota Pollution Control Agency to the IRRRB in regards to the petroleum storage tank release site. The MPCA has closed the file at this time as the MPCA has concluded that the remaining petroleum contamination to soil and groundwater from this release does not appear to pose a threat to public health or the environment under current conditions. Placed on file.

July 2nd - Email from Jeri Venne at the IRRRB. Grant programs are now accepting applications. Placed on file.

July 2nd - Email from Melissa Cox from the Laurentian Chamber of Commerce. The Quad Cities is interested in applying to be a Blandin Broadband Community. Looking for community support. Placed on file.

July 3rd - Email from St. Louis County seeking public input on Comprehensive Land Use Plan. Will be in Orr on July 18th and Duluth July 19th. Placed on file.

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

July 11th - Response from Jonathon Hoel from Miners National Bank. At this time, they believe we have a great opportunity with the 4M fund and thank Fayal for providing Miners the opportunity to compete. Listed under Old Business.

July 11th - Letter from Lora Dugas from St. Louis County. Board of Equalization training is available until February 1, 2019. Placed on file.

July 13th - Email from Dewey Johnson, Emergency Management Coordinator St. Louis County Sheriff's Office. Townships and cities affected by storms starting June 16th through July 12th that had eligible costs are able to apply for disaster assistance and should report initial damage to Dewey Johnson. Placed on file.

July 13th - Email from Melissa Cox Laurentian Chamber of Commerce. If Fayal would like to participate in the Blandin Broadband cohort, the next steps are setting up a steering committee meeting, all participating cities/towns pass a resolution of support and looking at funding potential for a regional feasibility study. If Fayal is interested in serving on a steering committee, they are considering meeting at August 2nd at 9:30 AM or August 6th at 1:00 PM. Supervisor Ziegler will attend. Clerk Coldagelli attended the first meeting.

Will be posting at all the posting sites that election of township officers may be filed with the Town Clerk between the hours of 8:00 AM to Noon Tuesday, July 31st, 2018 through Tuesday, August 14th, between the hours of 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The filing fee is \$2. Offices to be elected are: three (3) supervisors (Seat 1, Seat 3, Seat 5)- 4 year term, one (1) clerk/treasurer- 2 year term.

Clerk Coldagelli also had a conflict of interest question for the Town Board. She has been approached by a council member from Gilbert questioning if they could hire Clerk Coldagelli to assist them by making recommendations to them for improvement of their processes and review their daily operations. Clerk Coldagelli added that assistance would be provided outside of her normal working hours at Fayal. She has already posed the question to a township attorney as well as the Auditor if a conflict would exist, to which it was clarified that it would not be a conflict of interest. Much discussion from the Supervisors. Supervisor Ziegler and Chairman Tammaro were in support of Gilbert staff spending a day or two at Fayal learning and the majority expressed that they were not in support of the Clerk contracting with the City of Gilbert.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Sather-

Fire Department Co-op- Public meeting had 17 people and was a very good presentation. The Consultant's HR Department met with the Fire Chief and Clerk Coldagelli. A draft proposal should be completed by the middle of August.

Emergency Operating Procedures- The draft manual is completed and available for review and revisions. Supervisor Ziegler asked the status on EMS for Fayal to which Chief Shykes added that there was not enough interest.

Recreation Grant- Clerk Coldagelli has secured a \$15,000 grant that the Duluth-Superior Area Community Foundation was taking ownership of and a \$1,000 grant from the Eveleth Area Community Foundation. Clerk Coldagelli read an agreement provided by the Duluth-Superior Area Community Foundation in regards to Fayal abiding by the terms of the grant contract.

Motion to have Clerk Coldagelli sign the agreement, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Coldagelli is awaiting quotes from five companies. One quote received was \$85,000 for a total reconstruct and the second was for \$26,000 to cut out the cracks, but the courts have not been physically looked at by any companies.

Supervisor Branville-

Generator- Chairman Tammaro updated that as soon as the gas line is installed, they will have a new pad

poured and install the generator.

Supervisor Ochis-

2017 Road Project- Chairman Tammaro spoke with Matt Jamnick and he expects it to be done July 31st but would like a final completion date of August 5th.

Motion to have SEH send a letter to the contractor that the work completion date is extended to July 31st, but no later than August 5th or liquidated damages will be accessed, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Ziegler-

Old Bullfrogs Building- Clerk Coldagelli had spoke with the potential buyer that he would like to buy it but was waiting on the bank. Clerk Coldagelli will contact the bank.

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.

Salt/Sand Dome- Clerk Coldagelli and Chairman Tammaro spoke with Chris Ismil from the IRRRB and they are willing to fund \$35,000, but they do not meet until the end of August or beginning of September. The plan will need to be modified to maybe one sand/salt dome if that is all that will be covered and Clerk Coldagelli will have the grant application moved into this new session.

Resolution 2018-06 (Revisit)- Chairman Tammaro no longer wanted to relook at this Resolution once he discovered that some of the residents had paid the \$6,625. Clerk Coldagelli does need to update the Sewer Access Charge resolution to reflect the change and will have that for the next meeting.

Resolution 2018-08- Resolution was just a verbiage change to update to Extraterritorial Fee from 2017-02 and clean up the asterisks.

Motion to approve Resolution 2018-08, A Resolution to Amend Water Services Fees in Accordance with Town of Fayal Water Ordinance #97-3, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2018-09- Resolution to clean up 2012-01 by removing rates listed to coincide with fee schedule.

Motion to approve Resolution 2018-09, A Resolution to Amend Rates and Fees for Extraterritorial Water Patrons, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2018-10 & 2018-11- Clerk Coldagelli had not heard back from the Auditor regarding the investment resolutions. Table until next meeting.

Solar Panels- League of MN Cities denied the claim due to a known manufacture issue. Chairman Tammaro spoke with Jessie Dahl and he is searching for panels that have been removed from other institutions as a replacement option.

NEW BUSINESS

Fire Department Carpeting Quote- Quote for carpeting in the training room. The current carpeting is 15-20 years old and in poor condition. New carpeting is a commercial grade with installation from Floor to Ceiling.

Motion to approve quote for \$1,498.76 to be paid for by Building and Grounds, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Fayal Fire Department retirement of Eric Garman, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Ochis. Clerk Coldagelli will send a letter commending his nearly 20 years of service. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Sather brought forward having the interior doors in the Fire Department painted. Supervisor Branville suggested that they be properly removed, sanded and sprayed to get a nice hard finish on them. There was also a discussion of the condition of the main door and replacement. Possibly a dormer or awning could help protect the door. Chairman Tammaro commented on the condition of the garage doors and the front of the building. Supervisor Branville will have something ready for the next meeting to discuss the replacement costs.

Recreation Board Budget- There was no increase to Fayal. Supervisor Branville commented that over 50% of the budget goes to the Recreation Director. If someone was hired that could work part-time without the benefits, then 80% of the budget could go to the programs. Chairman Tammaro added that there are no

changes to the programs year after year. Maybe the entities could get together to look at the agreement to change how the financial decisions are made? Fayal's contribution is \$15,792 and Supervisor Ziegler posed the question that if Fayal decided to not participate, if the portion that Fayal contributes went to help fund the difference of our residents paying nonresident sports fees, would the cost be less? Jamie Lindseth added that there is a large amount of participants that reside in Fayal, possibly more than both of the cities. Much discussion regarding the Recreation Board.

Motion to approve the 2019 Recreation Board budget proposal, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.

Loader Repairs- Clerk Coldagelli updated that the loader should be done by the end of the week.

Pine Drive Speed Limit Signs- Clerk Coldagelli added that Foreman Zavodnik needed to properly sign for the curves and then the speed limits signs can be placed.

Employee Health Insurance- Supervisor Ziegler brought forward a Minnesota public employee insurance program that is available to employees that are enrolled in PERA. The City of Eveleth met with a representative out of Hibbing today to discuss and for the City of Eveleth it was a 36.5% savings to the City. The program was very similar to what they were currently using. Jamie Lindseth was going to do a little research for us and if that is something that the League would have available. Clerk Coldagelli will reach out to the company, Experienced Insurance Advisors for a quote.

Motion to pay the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority payment for \$349,949.35, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Clerk Coldagelli added that a transfer from Savings to Checking will need to be completed as well. ***Motion carried unanimously.***


Motion to pay the Certificate of Indebtedness to Miners National Bank for \$16,137.15, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to pay the claims of \$501,709.35, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Tammaro adjourned the Regular Meeting at 8:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Heidi M. Coldagelli
Clerk/Treasurer Town of Fayal

Approved:  **Date:** 8-21-18
Chair

Attest: 
Clerk