

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

AUGUST 21, 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 Sather, Supervisor Ziegler and Clerk/Treasurer Coldagelli. Supervisor Ochis was absent. Chairman Tammaro led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Audience members in attendance were Ron and Mary Hall; Jesse Linde; Chris and Jim Nelson and John West.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of July 17, 2018, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULED GUESTS- None at this time.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS- Ron and Mary Hall were in the audience to again discuss purchasing a portion of the ballfield property north of the entrance or the entire parcel if the Township was interested. Mr. Hall is building four homes and calculated with tax revenue generated to St. Louis County of approximately \$8,000 per year. Chairman Tammaro communicated to Mr. Hall that the ballfield property was purchased for possible recreation expansion. Supervisor Branville stated that it was a newly purchased parcel and at this time Fayal does not have a defined plan for it. Supervisor Ziegler shared that the Planning Committee made a motion at their last meeting that they recommend the Town Board to keep the property at this time. Supervisor Ziegler added that in the future when plans are created, maybe there will be an interest to sell it. Mr. Hall asked if he could be granted easement across the property? Supervisor Ziegler added that he walked the property and he would not be opposed to a driveway easement. Supervisor Ziegler questioned Mr. Hall about using the sewer line for a driveway. Mr. Hall indicated that would eliminate too much of the yard for future owners. Mr. Hall added there shouldn't be an issue with a road vacation if a driveway easement is granted. Chairman Tammaro asked that Clerk Coldagelli work with Mr. Hall and Scott Neff to work on a driveway easement. Mr. Hall questioned if the entrance to the ballfield was maintained year-round, which it is because there is a lift station at the end of the road. There would also be an issue with access for Mr. Hall on the last lot of his property. There was also discussion on a waterline for those properties if it could work. Supervisor Ziegler will also assist with the driveway easement.

John West was present to ensure that the letter from his attorney was received, which it was listed under Correspondence and has been forwarded on to Fayal's attorney.

Christine and Jim Nelson were present to ask for a \$100 donation for the September 15th Walk to Remember for Alzheimer's. Donation would also receive advertising.

Motion to donate a \$100 for the cause, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Chief Jesse Linde brought forward the June and July police reports. There were 87 calls and 34 traffic stops. Chairman Tammaro asked if the police could patrol over by Maple Lane.

REPORTS-

Clerk/Treasurer's Report-

Bank statement for the month of July have been received and all accounts have been reconciled. Revenues were \$625,607.46 and expenditures were \$662,017.29. St. Louis County Tax Apportionment was received on July 5th for \$556,058.66. The MPFA payment was also paid, accounting for a total of \$349,949.35 of the expenditures. Ending balances for the month of July are:

Miners Checking- \$1,276,478.87
Assessment Savings- \$324,075.03
CD Savings- \$493,513.58

For the month of August to date, revenues are \$30,240.81 and expenditures are \$91,169.18.

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 July 23rd, July 30th, August 6th, August 13th and August 20th Employee Meeting Minutes, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Joint Cable Meeting Minutes from August 1st, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the July Road Report made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion to accept the Joint Recreation Board Meeting Minutes from August 8th, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Planning Committee Meeting Minutes from June 20th, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion to accept the Fayal Public Utilities Commission Meeting Minutes from July 10th, Delinquency Report and the July Wastewater Operator Report, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the June and July Police Reports, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

July 24th- Letter from St. Louis County Planning and Community Development Department with a list of the 1st half of the 2018 permits issued. Placed on file.

July 30th- Letter from Mediacom with rate adjustments effective September 1st, 2018. Placed on file.

July 30th- Letter from Medico with their Annual Report for 2017. Placed on file.

July 30th- Letter from Minnesota Association of Townships. District 10 Meeting and Election Notice for Thursday, August 30th at 6:00 PM at Grand Lake Town Hall. Placed on file.

July 30th- Fax from the City of Eveleth. The aqueduct between St. Marys and Ely Lakes will close on 7/31 as St. Marys Lake is lower than Ely Lake. Placed on file.

July 30th- Email from St. Louis County seeking public input on the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. Public comments needed to be provided by August 13th. Sent to Planning Committee.

July 30th- Letter from Minnesota Association of Townships. September 19-20 Legislative and Research Committee Meeting at the Holiday Inn St. Cloud. Placed on file.

August 2nd- Email from Mediacom with letter to post regarding the status of Broadband Grant Expansion Project. Construction should start in the next few weeks in the Long Lake area. Send to the Public Utility Commission.

August 6th- Letter from Minnesota Fall Maintenance Expo October 3-4 in St. Cloud regarding 2018 education. Placed on file.

August 7th- Letter from the Klun Law Firm to the Fayal Township Public Utilities Commission regarding John West's request to review the legality of the water access fee charged in Fayal Township. Sent to Scott Neff and he was going to respond that the statute of limitations applied.

August 9th- Financial statements from years ending 2016 & 2017 for the Eveleth-Fayal-Gilbert-School District Joint Recreation Board. Placed on file.

August 13th- Email from Amanda Mitchell, St. Louis County Public Works. Notice regarding the continuation of the Aggregate Crushing, Maintenance Striping and Crack Sealing Programs. Forwarded on to Road & Bridge.

August 14th- Email from IRRRB. Pre-application for the Sand and Salt Dome has been accepted and a full application can be submitted. Placed on file.

August 16th- Letter from Couri & Ruppe. Effective January 1st, 2019, their hourly rate will be increasing to \$200 per hour for all general legal work and to \$220 per hour for all development work. Placed on file.

August 20th- Letter from Minnesota Department of Revenue. Taconite Municipal Aid to be received on September 15th is \$25,959. Placed on file.

August 20th- Letter from the City of Eveleth. The proposed rates would coincide with Eveleth residents' rates. Current rates for Fayal are 1- \$75.00/month service fee to Fayal Township & \$4.48/1000 gallons. Proposed rates for Fayal are: \$15.00 Debt Service/each customer & \$3.85/1000 gallons. Sent to the Public Utilities Commission.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Sather-

Fire Department Co-op- Should receive the final draft plan soon.

Recreation Grant- Clerk Coldagelli solicited quotes from seven companies starting in March of this year. Quote received from Upper Midwest Athletic, who was the only vendor that physically came out to look at the courts. Quotes were also received from Sports Court for just under \$60,000, but it was for a different type of material and the Tennis Court Doctor estimated \$85,000 for a full reconstruct, but still had not provided any type of cost breakdown. The quote from Upper Midwest had two plans, but the \$18,000 plan should take care of the courts. Clerk Coldagelli added that the grant is matching so that we could also purchase nets, etc. Supervisor Ziegler asked if we could add a change order for the posts?

Motion to proceed with \$18,000 base bid from Upper Midwest Athletic, with the addition of the posts with a change order if needed, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Bullfrogs Building- Clerk Coldagelli left a message with the owner and potential owner regarding the delinquent taxes and the status of selling to the potential buyer. Recommended to ticket for blight and send all the proper paperwork certified.

Emergency Operating Procedures-

Motion to approve Resolution 2018-12 A Resolution Adopting The Town of Fayal Emergency Operations Plan (EOP), made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Tammaro-

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

2017 Road Project- Clerk Coldagelli updated that awaiting final paperwork.

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

Salt/Sand Dome- Clerk Coldagelli needs to submit the application and should be able to use the prior resolution. The same application would be submitted and the IRRRB should be able to match about \$28,000.

Supervisor Branville-

Generator- Gas line was being worked on yesterday. Slab needs to be replaced and then it can be installed.

Sandy Ahlin- Supervisor Branville stated that Fayal should standby the original offer. Mrs. Ahlin would like that if that area caves in again that Fayal returns to fix it. The Town Board told another resident no that had made a similar request. Willing to resend original letter out.

Motion to standby original motion, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Ziegler-

Pine Drive Speed Limit Signs- Locates were done and stakes are in. Supervisor Ziegler questioned if "Children at Play" signs could be installed. Clerk Coldagelli has approached the County with that question in the past and they said no to putting those up because the signs are actually a distraction and they give residents a false sense of security.

Sewer Access Fee: Resolution 2018-13- Reducing the Sewer Access Fee to \$6,625.

Motion to approve Resolution 2018-13, A Resolution to Amend Town of Fayal Resolution 2017-04 Setting a Sewer Access Fee for the Town of Fayal Wastewater Collection System, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Investments: Resolution 2018-10 & 2018-11- Table until next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Sather brought forward that Engine 3 is having some wiring issues. It has been fixed in-house many times in the past. An estimate is approximately \$2,700 to have professionally rewired. The Fire Department requests that Capital Equipment cover that cost. Chairman Tammaro suggested paying out of budget and then see how the budget is at the end of the year. Supervisor Branville added that Capital Equipment was not intended for normal maintenance.

Building Estimates- Supervisor Branville and Clerk Coldagelli walked the grounds to identify cosmetic issues to the buildings. Received estimates from Overhead Door to replace dented garage door panels.

Motion to accept quote from Overhead Door, pending outcome of a second quote, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Supervisor Branville requested that if anyone notices anything in the future to bring it forward and to watch so we can identify who does the damage. Supervisor Ziegler asked if Overhead Door was the only quote we acquired and asked if we tried Pat O'Toole. Discussion about quotes. Motion amended to include pending outcome of a second quote. Employee Jurenic was working on assisting with the sheet metal replacement. Supervisor Sather added that carpeting was coming on Thursday. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Ordinance 98-2 Amendment #4- First reading of the changes. Changing the date of when the start of certification of the delinquent utilities to the taxes takes place. Prior date was too late and missing cutoff for tax forfeit properties.

Motion to approve 1st reading, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Blandin Broadband Community: Resolution 2018-14-

Motion to approve Resolution 2018-14, A Resolution Authorizing the Town of Fayal to Participate in the Blandin Broadband Communities Program Cohort for the Quad Cities Region, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Casual Labor Employee Wage Request- Casual Labor Employee Jack Wynne would like to request a raise from \$15, up to \$18 when he returns next year. He has been doing a wonderful job here at the Hall. Discussion regarding casual labor rates. Next year he would like to address all the trees within the right-of-ways of the Township. If he returns as a part-time position in April/May, versus a casual, then should be okay.

Mining Effects- Water Tender Change Order was paid from Mining Effects and Emergency Operations is still outstanding. Generator needs to be included and Fire Department turnout gear or air packs have not been allocated yet. The building could possibly be repaired with Mining Effects and can look at the next meeting.

Yard Waste Estimate- Received a quote for \$3,500 to chip the pile. Ziegler suggested burning it ourselves in the winter and discussion followed. Keep on agenda for now.

Motion to pay the claims of \$297,172.68 made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Tammaro adjourned the Regular Meeting at 8:17 PM

Respectfully submitted,

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Clerk/Treasurer Town of Fayal

Approved:

Andy J. Romano

Chair

Date:

9-4-18

Attest:

Heidi M. Coldagelli

Clerk