

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

SEPTEMBER 5, 2017

The Regular Meeting of the Fayal Town Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 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 Matt Reid, Steve Shykes, Scott Smith, Trevor Thompson and Jerry Ulman.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of August 15th, 2017, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULED GUESTS- None at this time.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS- Jerry Ulman informed the Board that the upcoming weekend will be last dates for the yard waste site summer schedule. Fall schedule starts October 13th.

REPORTS-

Clerk/Treasurer's Report-

Bank statements for the month of August have not yet been received so this report is tentative. Revenues were \$98,877.01 and expenditures were \$101,849.16. Tentative balances for the month of August are:

Miners Checking- \$1,088,000.85

Assessment Savings- \$330,040.03

CD Savings- \$535,221.12

For month of September to date, revenues are \$2,347.95 and expenditures are \$36,376.98.

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 August 21st Employee Meeting Minutes, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Planning Committee Meeting Minutes from July 19th, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

August 18th- Letter from Minnesota Department of Revenue. Taconite municipal aid will be received September 15th for \$25,188. Placed on file.

August 21st- Letter from Couri & Ruppe. Legal service rate increase effective January 1st, 2018 will increase to \$190 per hour for general legal work and \$210 per hour for all development work. Placed on file.

August 21st- Flyer from Edward Jones regarding investment rates and CD rates. Placed on file.

August 22nd- Letter from St. Louis County. Community Development Block Grant fiscal year 2018 program open house and public meeting regarding 2016 program accomplishments on Thursday, September 14th in Mt. Iron. Placed on file.

August 31st- Letter from Mediacom. On or around September 27th, Mediacom will add ION HD to HD Local Plus TV on channel 824. A digital receiver or adapter is required to view. Placed on file.

September 1st- Letter from St. Louis County with proposed disposal fee changes. Sent to R&B.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Sather-

Fire Department Co-op- No updates.

Fire Department/EMS- No updates.

Water Tender- Financing in place and paperwork being completed from HGAC. Supervisor Sather read aloud Resolution 2017-11.

Motion to approve Resolution 2017-11, A Resolution to Purchase a Water Tender, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

Fiber Optic in the Town Hall- NESC will fix the issue at our expense. Clerk presented a quote from Roger's Online and recommended fixing ourselves.

Motion to proceed with Roger's Online for \$850, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

Pine Drive Sewer Extension- Grant application is in review with the IRRRB and a public hearing is needed.

Motion to hold a Public Hearing regarding the Pine Drive Sewer Extension and invite residents required within the applicable distance for October 3rd at 6:30 PM before the Town Board Meeting, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Ochis. Supervisor Ziegler abstained. Motion carried.

Supervisor Branville-

Generators- Electrical is complete and will research generator options.

Supervisor Ochis-

2017 Road Project- North Airport will begin paving the following day and soft spots will be corrected as they go. There is a great deal of driveway interest that the contractor will most likely address in the spring. The building also had slight damage to the garage, but it is not clear who hit it.

Supervisor Ziegler-

Old Bullfrogs Building- Scott Lesnau from St. Louis County is working on deeming a health hazard. Supervisor Ziegler will reach out to Keith Nelson to try to speed up the review process.

Pine Drive and St. Mary's Court Signage- Speed study is still on schedule for fall of 2017.

Speed Study Ely Lake Drive/Miller Trunk- Also on schedule for fall.

Dump Truck Rental- Supervisor Ziegler will continue working on with the Clerk.

Motion to table, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Matt Reid went back to the road project to discuss some drainage issues at Woodlawn Drive and South Shady intersections. The County was going to be doing some grading and reconstruct to correct.

Trace Wire Specifications- Wastewater Operator Dickson needs to work with Clerk Coldagelli to develop a Resolution for the next meeting.

Discipline Policy- Clerk Coldagelli added a longer version and a shortened version of the discipline policy to choose from to adopt. The longer version provided more detail and gives you exactly what to do.

Motion to adopt the long version of the Discipline Policy, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Tammaro-

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

Eveleth/Fayal IRRRB Grant- Eveleth- SEH is waiting to have a follow up meeting.

Chairman Tammaro received a phone call from a resident on Pine Drive questioning being reimbursed for his water line because the line was turned over to the City of Eveleth. Chairman Tammaro read a section of the minutes from 2008 where he stated that a portion of the residents on the Eveleth water line should be refunded with the exception of those who paid on Pine Drive because that line belongs to Fayal. Kunnari, Dertinger, Ziegler and Malenius received refunds because that was the line turned over to Eveleth.

Emergency Operations Procedures- The other communities will be working with the consultant in January.

NEW BUSINESS-

Hockey Nets-

Motion to purchase new hockey nets and frames for \$831, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Ziegler brought forth a request from Jim Rostvit to put a concrete slab out the back of his garage over the Township mainline. Supervisor Ziegler didn't find an issue with class-5 but with the Fayal Ordinance cannot place a permanent structure over mainline.

Senior Wastewater Operator Dickson received an estimate from Aquapower for cleaning all 30 liftstations for \$3420, plus tipping fees at the landfill. When the work was completed in 2010, the cost was \$5250.

Motion to award \$3420, plus tipping fees, to Aquapower to be paid from the Maintenance Contingency, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.

Gilbert Wastewater Upgrade Fee- Gilbert approved a \$7.50 wastewater upgrade fee effective November despite a recommendation of \$17.50. The PUC will meet Tuesday to recommend what Fayal should increase our fees to. Chairman Tammaro met with Greg Buckley and Chris Erickson from the PUC and Mr. Erickson recommended a \$5.00 increase. As of now, have not been officially notified from Gilbert of an increase.

Motion to approve a \$5.00 increase, if recommended by the PUC, in order to mail the letter out to our customers, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Discussion that Gilbert's fee will likely increase due to the number of change orders encountered already. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Colangelo Property- Mr. Colangelo submitted a request to the Engineer that he would like his driveway fixed from work done in 2010. He told the engineer damage stemmed from an injection done when the contractor was directional drilling. He later told the engineer that the contractor parked equipment on his driveway. The pictures he provided were too difficult to see. There is a crack over his culvert which would occur because the culverts are not very deep. Mr. Colangelo told the Engineer he was unsure if it was the contractor or the engineer who told him they would fix it back in 2010. The Board discussed that eight years has passed and to mail Mr. Colangelo a letter stating the Town is not going to fix it.

Director of Operations- Chairman Tammaro brought forward a flow chart to address all the departments and who is responsible, but can discuss at the next meeting. There seems to be a lack of decision making and accountability. According to the Reorganizational Meeting, the Town Board appoints the department heads and any foreman position does not have to be eliminated. Can use as a trial basis and during next contract can look at permanently if it works. The employees will report to the Director and the Supervisors will serve in the same capacity. Discussion revolved around the logistics of the position, the impact on the employees and how it would assist the departments. The hope is this position would bridge the relationship and communication gaps from the employees and alleviate some of the pressure from employees. The Supervisors opted to move forward and recommended appointing Heidi Coldagelli to the position. There would need to be compensation for her and all the departments would need to contribute to those costs.

Motion on a trial basis effective September 6th through contract ending December 31st, 2018, appoint Heidi Coldagelli as Director of Operations with the job description as written and compensated at a \$10,000 annual increase to her salary made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ochis. Chairman Tammaro added that now at these Monday morning meetings there is action that can be taken with the Director of Operations directing the work of the employees. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

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

Chairman Tammaro adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi M. Coldagelli
Clerk/Treasurer Town of Fayal

Approved:

Chair

Date:

9-19-17

Attest:

Clerk