

**TOWN OF FAYAL**  
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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD**

**SEPTEMBER 06, 2016**

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 Ochis, Supervisor Ziegler and Clerk/Treasurer Coldagelli.

Audience members in attendance were Deputy Police Chief Jesse Linde, Kalin Kvitek, Steve Shykes, Scott Smith, Russ Troutwine and Jerry Ulman.

***Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.***

**SCHEDULED GUESTS-** Russ Troutwine was present regarding the rebranding of his store and St. Louis County notified him of issues with the new electronic sign. The Ely Lake Short Stop area is currently zoned residential and in order to have the electronic sign, Short Stop property would need to be zoned commercial. Chairman Tammaro added that the type of sign is actually what the issue was with St. Louis County. Chairman Tammaro stated that this issue will need to go to the Fayal Township Planning Committee at their next meeting September 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 PM.

**AUDIENCE CONCERNS-** Jerry Ulman was present to address the yard waste site open October 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30. He would again be at the site during the hours of its duration.

Deputy Chief Linde presented the Board with the July and August Police Reports. There were 96 calls for service, 51 traffic stops with 18 citations issued. The car is running well.

Chairman Tammaro asked Chief Shykes about the Old Bullfrogs building and there has been no developments.

**REPORTS-**

**Clerk/Treasurer's Report-**

Bank statements for the month of August have been received and all accounts have been reconciled. Revenues were \$106,986.79 and expenditures were \$310,437.21. Of those expenditures there is a transfer from checking to savings for \$177,739.80 from the St. Louis County apportionment money.

Ending balances for the month of August are:

Miners Checking- \$1,008,987.48

Assessment Savings-\$337,602.86

Mt Iron Checking- \$8,057.03

For the month of September to date revenues are \$7,608.86 and expenditures are \$65,156.78.

***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 Public Utilities Commission Meeting Minutes of June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and the Delinquency Report, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

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

***Motion to accept the July and August Police Reports, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

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

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

August 29<sup>th</sup> - Recall notice from Ranger Chevrolet Buick regarding the brake pedal pivot nut/bolt loose. Forwarded on to the Fire Dept. Placed on file.

August 29<sup>th</sup> - Letter from St. Louis County regarding Election Emergency Plan. Requested was an order of succession form for completion designating a successor in the event that the election administrator is unavailable. Placed on file.

August 29<sup>th</sup> - Letter from St. Louis County regarding cities and townships effected by the July 21<sup>st</sup> storms. Meeting was August 31<sup>st</sup>. Placed on file.

August 31<sup>st</sup> - RAMS meeting minutes from 6/23. Placed on file.

September 6<sup>th</sup> - Letter from St. Louis County regarding Community Development Block Grant. Program open house and public meeting on fiscal year 2015 program accomplishments will be held Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 in Proctor and Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 held at 8586 Enterprise Drive in Mt. Iron. Placed on file.

September 6<sup>th</sup> - Letter from MN Department of Revenue regarding an error in receipt of our Disparity Reduction Aid payment. The full payment was sent to Fayal Township in error at the end of August. As a result Fayal will not receive their second half scheduled for December since Fayal has already received the full amount. Placed on file.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

##### **Supervisor Sather-**

**Long Lake Gas Line-** Moving forward on installation. Several residents have complained that they have not seen any letters regarding the installation of natural gas and encouraging connections.

**Miller Trunk Gas Line-** The gas company did a re-evaluation and was able to cut the estimated costs in half. A draft letter was provided by Minnesota Energy. Minnesota Energy asked if there was any way that Fayal would be able to facilitate final payments and then Fayal would be responsible for refunding customers if it comes in higher or lower. From an audit standpoint Clerk Coldagelli did not think that would be an acceptable practice. The Township can facilitate collection but is unable to assist financially in terms of payment.

**Park Drive Water Extension-** No updates.

**Differding Lane Possible New Water/Sewer Customer-** No updates.

##### **Supervisor Branville-**

**Kitchen Improvements-** Still in progress.

**Fire Hall Roof-** Three quotes have been provided and still waiting on a couple more. In Equipment Operator Jurenic's opinion the initial quotes seem very expensive compared to the work being done. Supervisor Branville would like a decision made by the next meeting because it is fall already. The work needed would include a plan for ice melting system and new gutters to divert the water away from the building.

**Piano and MISC Disposal-** Supervisor Branville was going to have someone remove the stove from the kitchen and have Clerk Coldagelli contact Do-Bid or Two Rivers Auctions regarding misc property. Chairman Tamaro asked the departments to check for surplus or unneeded materials. Senior Wastewater Operator Dickson had some old radios for disposal.

**Fire Department Sign-** Supervisor Branville was okay with paying for the sign from Building and Grounds and the Fire Department will paint the back on a work night.

##### **Supervisor Ochis-**

**Farm Tap Leak**- Supervisor Ochis was in contact with Gulbranson Excavating and was waiting for a quote from them. Same size PVC pipe will be bored in. Concrete will need to be removed by the door. Metal drop will connect to the meter. Project needs to be done by end of the year. It is our responsibility to remove the concrete.

**Parking Lot Improvements**- No developments.

**Supervisor Ziegler-**

**Fire Department Co-op**- Chief Shykes updated Board that another meeting will take place at the IRRRB on September 14<sup>th</sup>. The plan is for the study to look at several options for the Fire Departments' of Fayal, Eveleth, Gilbert, Mountain Iron and Virginia. The funding would be coming from the IRRRB to pay for the study.

**Joint Powers Eveleth, Gilbert, Fayal, Leonidas Sewer**- It appears that Gilbert is not interested and Supervisor Ziegler would like to speak with Fayal's PUC as well as City of Eveleth. Currently, we are contracted with Gilbert and Fayal is very disappointed that Gilbert's actions are not a cost saving measure. They are not representing their customers and citizens from a financial standpoint.

**Chairman Tammaro-**

**PUC Building**- With the last rain there have been no leaks. Clerk Coldagelli is still working with insurance if it warrants a claim. Still have not received an estimate for replacing the sheetrock.

**Grader Purchase**- Clerk Coldagelli had clarified with the Road and Bridge employees that both were in favor of the John Deere Motor Grader. She also updated all the rates and payments on the spreadsheet and was still in favor of funding with US Bank as the overall lowest in percentage rate, payment and interest paid over the term of the loan. Clerk Coldagelli added that other equipment will need to be replaced and the need to remain within a \$20,000 annual payment range.

Supervisor Branville was originally concerned that in the event of a repair, Ziegler was located closer than Nortrax. Supervisor Branville clarified that he understands there is a 5 year warranty period, transportation costs were minimal and a loaner was also available during repair issues. He also was concerned regarding conversations he had heard regarding the diesel engines in winter operation. Kalin Kvitek of Nortrax was in the audience and reassured the Board that is more so in the on road industry. On the construction side, there has not been that issue. In regards to freezing of the fluid, the grader is stored indoors overnight and it also has a heating element. Supervisor Branville added that the visibility with the John Deere windshield far surpassed Ziegler's Caterpillar product and the safety concept was a large concern. It was also added that the mobile mechanic for John Deere is located in Eveleth. Delivery time varies as it is 45 days from factory and a couple weeks for the snow equipment installation. Most likely November delivery and the equipment would need to be paid for at that time. Clerk Coldagelli had highlighted all the different payment options that she liked which came down to US Bank and John Deere Financing. With the US Bank lease, application to close takes about a week and they would need a letter from the township attorney to support the financial transaction which can be sent to Scott Neff. Chairman Tammaro added that we have thoroughly checked different departments to ensure that we are following the proper procedures when not using sealed bids. Clerk Coldagelli added that one thing she had read regarding financing is that the loan must be approved using government financing. Chairman Tammaro questioned at what point do we do the down payment, which can be when we order or at delivery. Supervisor Branville read Resolution 2008-09, A Resolution to Purchase Grader.

***Motion to purchase John Deere Motor Grader for \$218,817 with trade in, financing through US Bank and approve Resolution 2008-09 A Resolution to Purchase Grader, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.***

Chairman Tammaro added that once the grader purchase is complete that the Board should work with the Fire Department and look at options for them to replace their water tender.

**Ballfield Property**- Chairman Tammaro brought forth a road document that describes how roads are established and that through maintenance the road entering the ballfield has been acquired by Fayal. Chairman Tammaro spoke with Edwards and Associates and in doing some research St. Louis County has the property undervalued and in looking at comparables, the property is valued at \$18,000 to \$20,000.

***Motion to purchase the parcel located at the ballfield and to make an offer to the sellers for \$20,000, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather.*** Chairman Tammaro added he will work with Edwards and Associates to proceed with making offer. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

**Emergency Procedures-** No updates.

**Business Permit-** Planning Committee did not take any action and will follow the County's recommendation. Clerk Coldagelli will follow up with the County to check the status on the cease and desist orders.

**Variance Request-** Planning Committee motioned to support the variance application of the resident on Bodas Trail and a letter was sent to St. Louis County stating such. Clerk Coldagelli clarified that the Fayal Planning Committee can make the appropriate decisions and respond to the County but keep the Town Board aware of any actions taken. St. Louis County Planning and Zoning always has the final say in the decisions but they will always take into consideration our stance on any applications.

The Board reflected back to the sign at Short Stop and Clerk Coldagelli stated that the issue lies with St. Louis County and that the type of sign installed is not allowed in a residentially zoned area. St. Louis County does not like those type of signs due to their distraction of drivers and possibly the dangers that come with that. The sign company that installed that sign was not clear with St. Louis County of what type of sign was being installed which is why St. Louis County originally gave a verbal authorization to approve. St. Louis County has instructed Fayal that they do not support "spot zoning." Currently, in Fayal, there are not any areas that are zoned commercial. Supervisor Ziegler thought there were areas that were zoned commercial and Clerk Coldagelli will look into.

**Speeding Pine Drive-** Police currently monitoring. Placing speed signs has been an issue in a past. According to road manual, it appears that 35 mile per hour will apply. Currently, without a speed sign it defaults to 55 miles per hour. Clerk Coldagelli will check into.

**Erkkila Property-** St. Louis County Auditor asked Fayal to amend the resolution to include the extension of the payoff by four years. Chairman Tammaro read Resolution 2016-06.

***Motion to adopt the Amendment to Resolution 2016-06 A Resolution to Remove a Special Sewer Assessment Levied in Error and Transfer to Correct Parcel, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.***

**NEW BUSINESS-**

***Motion to accept the Fayal Fire Department resignation of firefighters Dave Hartman and Chris Novak, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to disburse to the 2016 Relief Association contribution of \$14,000, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Ochis. Supervisor Sather abstained. Motion carried.***

Clerk Coldagelli brought forth estimates for a new computer tower and a server. The ports are broken in the front and the tower is 4 1/2 years old. Typical life span is 5 years. Currently, Clerk Coldagelli and Billing Clerk Dickson's computers are tied together, so if Clerk Coldagelli's computer becomes inoperable Billing Clerk Dickson's computer will not work either. It is not immediate that a replacement needs to occur but something in the near future.

Chairman Tammaro brought forward issues with the generator and that there is a burnt winding. The issue doesn't affect the lights but it does affect the computers. It will be an expensive repair or replacement. Chairman Tammaro asked for quotes for just a standalone generator to run the computers, a repair of the current generator and also a brand new generator. Roger from Roger' Online did say that the constant kicking on and off of the generator will cause wear and tear on the computers.

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

Clerk Coldagelli added that if there were any storm damage issues that citizens can contact St. Louis County.

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting by Supervisor Branville.

Chairman Tammaro adjourned the Regular Meeting at 8:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Heidi M. Coldagelli

Clerk/Treasurer Town of Fayal

Approved:

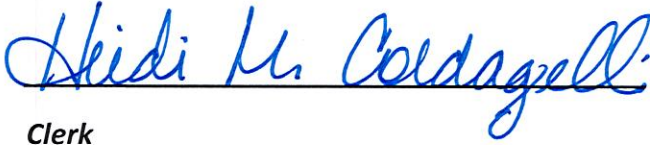


Date:

9-20-16

Chair

Attest:



Clerk