

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

SEPTEMBER 15, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Fayal Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Tammaro. Present were: Chairman Tammaro, Supervisor Branville, Supervisor Ochis, Supervisor Ziegler, and Clerk/Treasurer Coldagelli. Supervisor Sather was absent.

Audience members in attendance were Sandy Ahlin, Chris Erickson, Steve Shykes, Scott Smith, and Jerry Ulman.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 1, 2015, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ochis. Chairman Tammaro abstained. Motion carried.

SCHEDULED GUESTS

Chris Erickson- Chairman Tammaro informed the Board that the Public Utilities Commission made a motion to amend the fee schedule for users of the Fayal Wastewater Collection System. This included a \$1 rate increase as well as a \$200 certification fee for delinquent utilities. Mr. Erickson expressed the problem with the inability to shut off utilities to those delinquent accounts. Without a mechanism to do that, other options were researched that included reaching out to other towns and cities asking how they were handling their delinquent customers. Based on feedback, the decision was made to raise the penalty rate to 10% per month for those with delinquent balances and a \$200 certification fee when the delinquent balances are sent to the county. The increased fees are a way to give the small amount of delinquent customers a financial incentive to pay their bill in a timely manner. Chairman Tammaro also added that once approved, an informational letter would be sent to all the customers in the next month's bills and rates would be effective January 1st, 2016. The certification fee would be effective November 2015.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS

Sandy Ahlin- Recently discovered a sinkhole on her property. It is assumed that the hole derived from the former septic tank site during the sewer project and Mrs. Ahlin was researching the exact former location. Discussion followed regarding different ways a sinkhole can be created. Chairman Tammaro recommended that since the project occurred 15 years ago and the Board recently denied another citizen, that the Board should not create a precedent in filling or fixing the sinkhole. Mrs. Ahlin wanted to know if the Township would provide the original paperwork so she could find the contractor information and original location of septic tank.

Jerry Ulman- Suggested changing/updating the clerk signs at the Town Hall entrances. Supervisor Branville will take care of updating them. Chairman Tammaro asked Mr. Ulman when the next yard waste site was being held and Mr. Ulman stated the second weekend in October.

Steve Shykes- Eveleth Fire Department approached Fayal for donations for Fire

Prevention Week. He thought that Fayal donated \$300 in 2014. Fayal holds a coloring contest and transports winners to school.

REPORTS

Clerk/Treasurer's Report-

All bank statements for the month of August have been received but not yet reconciled. There have been some issues with balancing June's statement that needed to be corrected as well as generally learning the system. By the next Board meeting Clerk/Treasurer Coldagelli should have everything reconciled and up to date. Utility Billing Clerk Diane Dickson and Clerk/Treasurer Coldagelli completed training in Burnsville at Banyon and learned so much so Clerk Coldagelli will be able to successfully reconcile the last few months with the knowledge that she has gained.

For the month of September to date revenues are \$12,674.79 and expenditures are \$269,236.03. A check for \$163,069.13 was made from the apportionment money and transferred to the Assessment Savings which is included in the expenditures.

Current balances are:

Miners Checking- \$455,077.08

Assessment Savings- \$614,708.36

CD Savings- \$553,699.94

Mt Iron Checking- \$114,781.61

It is important to note that Clerk Coldagelli has not completed the transfer from the Assessment Savings to the Miners Checking from the PFA loan payment in August.

Chairman Tammaro asked if Clerk Coldagelli had received the IRRRB reimbursement for the SCADA project which she had not seen yet but was going to follow up with them.

Motion to approve the September 2015 Clerk/Treasurer's Report, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Reports-

Motion to approve the August Road Report, made by Supervisor Ochis, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the August 11, 2015 Public Utility Commission Regular Meeting minutes, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Chairman Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the Fayal Fire Department Business Meeting Minutes of 08-12-2015, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Branville asked Mr. Shykes to keep an eye on the concrete apron and he would prefer not to replace it this year.

Motion to approve the August Police Department Report, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Chairman Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

September 2nd- Letter from Minnesota Department of Revenue regarding 2016 PERA Rate Increase Aid Notice. Township will receive \$512 with one installment on July 20th, 2016 and

the second installment on December 26th, 2016. This aid is intended to offset the increase to PERA employer contribution rates made in 1997. Placed on file.

September 2nd- Fax from City of Eveleth. Notice that aquaduct between St. Mary's Lake and Ely Lake will be open occurring on September 2nd, 2015. On September 9th received another fax notice that this aquaduct was closed on September 9th, 2015. Placed on file.

September 8th- Email from Melissa Cox from Northeast Service Cooperative- invitation to the Northeast Fiber Network Project Celebration September 30th 2015 at 1 pm in Mountain Iron. Placed on file.

September 8th- Thank you card from St Louis County Sheriff and Rescue Squad for our donation. Placed on file.

September 14th- Courtesy letter from St Louis County informing the Township that parcel code 340-0010-04482 has been approved for proposed sale of state tax forfeited land. Placed on file.

September 14th- Packet from League of Minnesota Cities regarding Minnesota workers' compensation information kit. Placed on file.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Branville-

Rec Budget- Chairman Tammaro recommended that the Board decline the Rec Budget increase. The Board has requested that as a courtesy a Rec Board Member come out to a Board Meeting to address the salary concerns. Supervisor Branville agreed.

Motion to not approve the 2016 EFGSD Joint Powers Recreation Board Budget until a Recreation Member, Mark Forte or Craig Homola, justifies the expenditures, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.

Surplus Equipment- Lawnmower will maintain in Fayal's inventory. Makes more sense to keep as a backup/spare because Fayal would receive very little compensation if it were to be sold at auction.

Current Banking- In process of transitioning to Miner's National Bank. Clerk/Treasurer Coldagelli informed the board that she reached out to Miner's Bank with some questions that she was waiting to have answered. She also stated that she still has many checks left over from Mountain Iron that she would like to use up since checks are so expensive.

Deputy Clerk- Memorandum of Understanding was presented to the board from the AFSME Union. Memo includes a \$300 monthly stipend for Utility Billing Clerk Diane Dickson to perform the duties of Deputy Clerk.

Motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding less the line "any extra hours needed to complete special assignments will be paid at the appropriate rate of pay (regular pay or overtime pay)", made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.

Planning Committee- Supervisor Branville had expressed interest in being involved with the Planning Committee. Supervisor Ziegler stated that he needed to meet with former Supervisor Coldagelli to get up to speed with the Planning Committee.

Motion to appoint Supervisor Branville as a liaison alternate for the Planning Committee, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Ochis-

Woodlawn Road Project- Engineer recommended using tack oil on washout. Corner was filled and so far has held up pretty good. Bill was received from Ulland and sent to SEH for review.

Supervisor Ziegler-

City of Gilbert Pumping- Supervisor Ziegler spoke with City of Gilbert employee Lautigar and asked the Board how to proceed. Chairman Tammaro stated that it is against our ordinance to put ground water into our system. He also suggested in the future that if something ever arises that Gilbert let us know.

Ballfield Road- Legally if a road has been maintained for at least 6 years by the Township it exists as a road but only that amount that has been maintained. Still researching if an easement exists. Supervisor Ziegler informed the Board that the sellers were concerned if a new buyer were to purchase the property that a new buyer may have issues with citizens parking at the ballfield. Signs or a snow fence may need to be placed to keep people from parking on private land.

Fire Department Pickup- Chairman Tammaro asked Chief Shykes when the truck would arrive. Chief Shykes stated it will be here in October.

Fire Department Coop- Chairman Tammaro suggested that we choose the date for the first meeting to get the meetings started. Supervisor Branville questioned if Eveleth's Clerk applied for the Coop Study Grant. Chairman Tammaro and Chief Shykes believed it was complete but Clerk Coldagelli will check and work with Cities of Eveleth and Gilbert to get the dates together.

Chairman Tammaro-

SCADA- Masts were in place. Some issues were identified that needed to be fixed but project is nearly complete. Telemetry Process Controls was going to have system running by end of the week.

Gas Line Update- no updates.

NEW BUSINESS

Fire Department Cascade System-

Motion to approve Fire Department purchase of two 6,000 lbs. bottles for \$2,573.00 to upgrade the cascade system, paid for funds received from the MN DNR for work on the wildland fires, by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Tammaro asked Chief Shykes if matching grants were still being given out by the DNR and Chief Shykes stated that they are awarded one during even years.

Resolution 2015-04- Chairman Tammaro read the entire Resolution to establish residential and commercial sewer use fee in accordance with the Town of Fayal Sewer Service Charge Ordinance 98-2. This Resolution supercedes Resolution 2014-05.

Motion to approve Resolution 2015-04, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.

Parcel 340-0042-00490- Clerk Coldagelli informed the Board that an error was made in 2011 and a resident's entire assessment was removed from his taxes versus the intended delinquent utilities. In speaking with St Louis County, the Board has the authority to put the

assessment back onto the taxes and can work with the homeowner in creating a unique payment situation.

Motion to add the assessment back onto parcel 340-0042-00490, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Prevention Week-

Motion to approve a \$300 donation for Fire Prevention Week, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Shykes informed the Board that City of Eveleth will invoice Fayal for that donation.

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


Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Branville, supported by Supervisor Ochis.

Chairman Tammaro adjourned the Regular Meeting at 8:01 PM.


Respectfully submitted,



Heidi M Coldagelli
Clerk/Treasurer of Fayal

Approved:  _____ Date: 10-6-15

Chair

Attest:  _____

Clerk