

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

SEPTEMBER 18, 2018

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

Audience members in attendance were Sandy Ahlin, Deputy Chief Jesse Linde and John West. Fire Chief Steve Shykes arrived towards the end of the meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of September 4th, 2018, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULED GUESTS- None at this time.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS- Resident Sandy Ahlin was present to revisit the sink hole in her yard and would like to have clarification from the Board their thoughts for not accepting her changes to the agreement. Much discussion. Board members stated that the employees would knock the sides down and then fill the hole, but would not come back if another sink hole were to appear or future settling. Mrs. Ahlin was not concerned with settling, but was concerned with cave ins and years ago was under the impression that septic tanks were crushed and filled, but her's was not. The tank is made of railroad ties and has collapsed. Vice-Chair Branville added that the Township will use the original agreement of knocking down the sides and then filling. Supervisor Ziegler added that with the wet weather it may need to wait a little bit. Mrs. Ahlin was going to have someone review the agreement before she signs it.

John West was present to discuss his letter sent by his attorney. His attorney was also looking for information regarding how the \$3,500 water access charge was created and how it was spent. Clerk Coldagelli added that she had sent to Scott Neff all the information the she had provided Mr. West and many of those questions were answered within those documents. Clerk Coldagelli will be in touch with Mr. West when she receives a response from Mr. Neff.

REPORTS-

Clerk/Treasurer's Report-

Bank statements for the month of August have been received and all accounts have been reconciled. Revenues were \$110,616.03 and expenditures were \$104,266.98. The second half of the Mining Effects Tax was received on 8/27 for \$20,870. Taconite production tax was received 8/27 for a total of \$26,398. Ending balances for the month of August are:

Miners Checking- \$1,282,827.92
Assessment Savings- \$324,075.03
CD Savings- \$493,513.58

For the month of September to date, revenues are \$60,408.44 and expenditures are \$159,674.80.

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

Other Reports-

Motion to accept the August Road Report, made by Supervisor Ochis, support from Vice-Chair Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the September 10th and September 17th Employee Meeting Minutes, made by Vice-Chair Branville, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Joint Recreation Board Meeting Minutes from September 12th, made by Vice-Chair Branville, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Public Access Meeting Minutes from September 5th, made by Vice-Chair Branville, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Fayal Public Utilities Commission Meeting Minutes from August 14th and the Delinquency Report, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the August Wastewater Operator Report, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

September 6th - Email from St. Louis County Planning and Community Development Department with variance application for Russell Williamson. Board of Adjustment will meet regarding application on October 11th. Forwarded to the Planning Committee.

September 7th - Email from Minnesota Employment and Economic Development Department. Notice of public hearing and comment period from September 10th - October 9th regarding 2018 Housing and Community Development Annual Action Plans. Placed on file.

September 7th - Fax from City of Eveleth. Aqueduct between St. Marys and Ely Lake was opened on September 4th. Placed on file.

September 13th - Email from Steve Nelson, St. Louis County. St. Louis County is requesting applicants for six open positions on the Community Development Block Grant Program Citizen Advisory Committee. Placed on file.

September 13th - Notice of Desire to Negotiate from AFSCME Council 65. Clerk will send response.

September 14th - Email from Emily Nelson from North St. Louis County Soil and Water Conservation District. AIS Inspections and Decontamination season will come to a close Sunday, September 23rd. Will be meeting end the September to discuss preliminary results and planning for the 2019 season. Placed on file.

September 14th - Email from Minnesota Department of Health. Grant opportunities available October 1st for community and nontransient noncommunity public water supply systems for managing or eliminating one of more potential sources of contamination. Deadline to apply is October 31st. Forwarded on to the PUC.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Ochis-

2017 Road Project- Waiting for final payoff.

Salt/Sand Dome- Received contract from Greystone and Grant Agreement from the IRRRB. Greystone contract is for one 32' X 60' building for \$41,278.

Motion to accept contract with Greystone, made by Supervisor Ochis, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Will work in conjunction with Mesabi Bituminous and intent is to install this year. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept grant contract from the IRRRB, made by Supervisor Ochis, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion followed regarding the location of the sand behind the Town Hall and hauling when the dome is being constructed.

Supervisor Ziegler-

Fire Department Co-op- Draft plan complete.

Old Bullfrogs Building- Clerk Coldagelli believed that the Fire Department was supposed to meet with the owner, but it had not happened yet.

Speed Study Ely Lake Drive/Miller Trunk- The County has the counters up on both roads.

Tennis Courts- UMAC is guaranteeing price and will come in the spring to complete.

Fayal Waterline/Gilbert Use- PUC approved letter to be sent to SEH.

Motion to send letter to SEH for Gilbert's use, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Vice-Chair Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Chair Branville-

Generator- Gas line is installed. Will be done this fall.

Ballfield Property- There were concerns that if granting easement, property is cut in half and property use is limited. Using the platted road or the sewer line are two other options. Discussion followed that the Town Board purchased that property for a specific reason and that the Town Board needs to stick with that. At this time, the Town Board has not made a decision what to do with that property. Supervisor Ziegler suggested that a gate be used during the offseason and sign for ballfield use only.

Motion that Fayal Township not grant any easements on the ballfield property at this time as we are undecided the use of the property and to avoid any future use conflict with the property, made by Vice-Chair Branville, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.

Mining Effects- Have \$38,000 available for use. \$3,000 needs to be transferred to cover the Emergency Operations Plan. In the past \$10,000 has been used for the Fire Department. The generator has also been discussed as funded with Mining Effects. Table until the next meeting and need to speak with Chief Shykes regarding air packs. Need authorization to transfer funds to pay the water tender payment from Capital Equipment.

Motion to transfer the \$20,000 designated Fire Department money from the Capital Equipment Fund, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Vice-Chair Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk Coldagelli discussed that her and Chairman Tammaro recommended the loader repairs be paid out of the Road & Bridge Fund and then see how their budget looks at the end of the year.

Investments: Resolution 2018-10 & 2018-11-

Motion to table until the next meeting when the Chairman is there, made by Vice-Chair Branville, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Ochis brought forward the purchase of a new steamer for the Road & Bridge Department. This was discussed a few years ago and the proposal at that time was \$14,000, but did not include a generator or a trailer. This estimate from another company is \$17,000 and includes the steamer, generator and trailer. Supervisor Ziegler suggested buying a used or off-lease jetter/vac trailer that could be used by both the PUC and R&B. Supervisor Ochis was in support as long as the trailer would be able to access where the R&B Department needs to get to. Supervisor Ziegler can do some research.

Clerk Coldagelli discussed that the PUC made a motion at their last meeting that when a resident is paying the Water Standby Charge and when they have paid \$3,500, the Water Standby Charge would cease. Supervisor Ziegler does not agree with the Water Standby Charge and thinks it should be eliminated. Will table until the next meeting.

Chief Shykes arrived and Supervisor Ziegler wanted to discuss prices for the Fire Department airpacks. The airpacks are constantly changing so they would all need to be purchased at once and can't do a few every year like turnout gear. Each airpack is approximately \$7,000-\$9,000 each and 19 would be needed. Chief Shykes would like to try for a grant one more time and would know within a year if that would be awarded.

Supervisor Ochis added the brush pile needs to be burned by the Fire Department for the salt/sand dome.

Health Insurance- Special Meeting was on Monday.

October 2nd Meeting Time-

Motion to change October 2nd meeting time from 7:00 PM to 6:00 PM, made by Vice-Chair Branville, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to pay the claims of \$77,821.45, made by Supervisor Ochis, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Chair Branville adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi M. Coldagelli

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Approved: *Andy Z...* Date: 10-2-18
Chair

Attest: *Heidi M. Coldagelli*
Clerk