

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

**OCTOBER 2, 2018**

The Regular Meeting of the Fayal Town Board of Supervisors was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Tammaro. Present were: Chairman Tammaro, Supervisor Branville, Supervisor Ochis, Supervisor Sather, Supervisor Ziegler and Clerk/Treasurer Coldagelli. Chairman Tammaro led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Audience members in attendance were Andy Johnson and Brian Jussila with MnDOT, Deputy Chief Jesse Linde, Steve Shykes and John West.

***Motion to approve the minutes of the Special Town Board Meeting of September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried. Chairman Tammaro abstained.***

**SCHEDULED GUESTS-** Andy Johnson was present from MnDOT to discuss relocating and building a new facility on the corner of Thunderbird Trail and Highway 53. The existing site is currently owned by the City of Eveleth and the City is willing to negotiate. MnDOT is not interested in the property on the lake. The acreage is 32 acres, but MnDOT is interested in about 20 acres. They would like Fayal's support in the relocation. During the summer they have little activity, but during the winter there are backup alarms from the equipment. There is currently no water to the site. MnDOT would like to leave sellable lots for the remaining acreage, or enough for a park. Entrance would most likely be off Thunderbird Trail. State Patrol could be coming with. They are testing the site for contaminant soils in October to begin moving forward.

Steve Shykes was present to discuss a number of items for the Fire Department. Chief Shykes informed the Board that he met with the Eveleth and Gilbert Fire Chiefs last week and they decided they would like to apply for a regional SCBA grant. They are looking at hiring a grant writer for a cost of \$1,200 to be split amongst the cities.

***Motion to proceed funding for a grant writer for the SCBA grant at \$400 max, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.***

Chief Shykes would also like to apply for a grant for an extractor and a dryer for turnout gear. The extractor removes the contaminants from the gear. The Fire Marshall's office has a grant out there with a 10% match. Between the extractor and dryer, the cost is approximately \$6,000.

***Motion to submit the grant, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Ochis. At this time unsure of the cost. Motion carried unanimously.***

Fire Department is also interviewing two applicants. Discussed \$10,000 for turnout gear from the Mining Effects. Since price is going up, would like both 2018 & 2019 Mining Effects contributions. Chairman Tammaro asked to wait until next meeting for a decision. Chief Shykes and Clerk Coldagelli will need to work on finishing the water claim. Adjustor is willing to cover the first few lockers, but they all need replacement. Another grant is possibly available for radios and the cost would be \$1,000 with a grant writer.

***Motion to spend \$1,000 for a radio grant, made by Supervisor Ochis, support from Supervisor Ziegler.*** Supervisor Branville asked where the funds will come? Chairman Tammaro suggested to look at the Fire Department budget at the end of the year. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

**AUDIENCE CONCERNS-** John West was present to follow up regarding the response from Fayal's attorney. His attorney was also looking for information regarding how the Water Access Charge was spent and the legality of the charge. Clerk Coldagelli stated that Fayal's attorney recommended charging \$20 to research information that has already been provided to Mr. West. Chairman Tammaro recommended that Mr. West have his attorney write another letter requesting the information. Discussion regarding Sewer Access Charge and nonbuildable lots. Chairman Tammaro added that if more information is requested, the Clerk is

instructed to charge.

## **REPORTS-**

### **Clerk/Treasurer's Report-**

Bank statements for the month of September have not yet been received so this report is tentative. Revenues were \$79,371.43 and expenditures were \$174,535.74. Tentative ending balances for the month of September are:

Miners Checking- \$1,155,397.98  
Assessment Savings- \$324,930.54  
CD Savings- \$493,513.58

For the month of October to date, revenues are \$3,885.19 and expenditures are \$76,171.02.

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

### **Other Reports-**

***Motion to accept the August 1<sup>st</sup> Fire Department Business Meeting Minutes, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to accept the September 24<sup>th</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup> Employee Meeting Minutes, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to accept the Planning Committee Meeting Minutes from August 15<sup>th</sup>, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.***

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

September 19<sup>th</sup>- Letter from St. Louis County Auditor-Treasurer. St. Louis County Land and Minerals Department incorrectly posted some activity to the Tax Forfeited Land Apportionment account that was contrary to state statute. The County now needs to go back and correct the postings and will make adjustments to future apportionment amounts. Town of Fayal was over paid in 2015 \$22.71 and under paid in 2016 \$46.09 for a total amount under paid of \$23.38. Placed on file.

September 21<sup>st</sup>- Email from Scott Neff, Trenti Law Firm with response to Ms. Pederson regarding John West claim. Letter states that the Town respectfully denies the claim of Mr. West. Sent to the Public Utilities Commission and placed on file.

September 21<sup>st</sup>- Email from St. Louis County Planning and Community Development Department. Public hearing regarding proposed draft of the St. Louis County Comprehensive Land Use Plan will be held Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM at the St. Louis County Public Works Lower Level Training Center in Virginia. Placed on file.

September 23<sup>rd</sup>- Email from Arrowhead Procure. Annual meeting notification for November 19<sup>th</sup> in Grand Rapids. Each governing body of a member unit is entitled to two delegates to represent it and must be identified prior to the annual meeting. Placed on file.

September 24<sup>th</sup>- Email from St. Louis County. 2019 AIS Prevention Program request for proposals application is now available. Applications are due by December 5<sup>th</sup>. Moved to New Business.

September 24<sup>th</sup>- Email from the Office of the State Auditor. 2018 Fire State Aid will be deposited October 2<sup>nd</sup>. For Fayal, 2018 fire state aid is \$10,354.96 and supplemental aid is \$2,463.91 for a total of \$12,818.87. Placed on file.

September 27<sup>th</sup>- Email from HealthPartners with notification of medical insurance that is set to renew soon. They also offer HealthPartners Dental plan if Fayal is interested in a quote. Placed on file.

September 27<sup>th</sup>- Thank you card from the Bears PTA regarding donation to the Eveleth-Gilbert Bears PTA Bingo event. Placed on file.

September 27<sup>th</sup>- Letter from St. Louis County Planning and Community Development Department. St. Louis County Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 regarding variance application for Russell Williamson. Item is listed under New Business.

October 1<sup>st</sup>- Thank you card from Christine and Jim Nelson regarding Fayal's donation to the Walk to

Remember. Placed on file.

October 1<sup>st</sup>- Email from Vic Lund regarding results of the speed studies done on Ely Lake Drive and Miller Trunk Road. Listed under Old Business.

October 1<sup>st</sup>- Email from Melissa Cox, Laurentian Chamber of Commerce. The Blandin Broadband Grant has been submitted. On October 19<sup>th</sup> will receive notification if the application was accepted. If application is accepted some dates to remember are, October 23-24 is Border to Border Broadband Conference on Gull Lake, November 8<sup>th</sup> Blandin Broadband Kick-off Meeting at Laurentian Chamber of Commerce and December 5<sup>th</sup> IRBC Kick-off meeting at Blandin Foundation in Grand Rapids. Placed on file and share with the Public Utilities Commission.

October 1<sup>st</sup>- Letter from Chris Sailstad regarding distribution of State Aid as well as the \$14,000 pension contribution from the 2018 Fire Department budget. Moved to New Business.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Supervisor Sather-**

**Fire Department Co-op-** Final draft plan complete. Summary is that the Consultant is recommending an operational consolidation. Each entity would have control of the Fire Department through the Joint Powers Board and the communities fund. A taxing district was not recommended as it is very cumbersome. A new station is recommended on Highway 53/Highway 37 and each Fire Station would still have one fire truck for ISO purposes. Chief Shykes recommended that a meeting be held with the Consultant as well as officials from all three communities as the next step. Could hold public hearings as well for public response.

#### **Supervisor Branville-**

**Generator-** Should be completed in the next couple of weeks.

**Speed Study Ely Lake Drive/Miller Trunk-** The County recommended increasing Ely Lake Drive to 40 mph as 60-80% of residents are traveling above the posted speed limit. Vic Lund from St. Louis County was going to follow-up with Clerk Coldagelli regarding next steps.

#### **Supervisor Ziegler-**

**Old Bullfrogs Building-** Chairman Tammaro said that Fayal needs to send out the blight violation.

#### **Chairman Tammaro-**

**Health Insurance-** Chairman Tammaro and some of the employees met with Jamie Lindseth regarding the insurance. The plan is not quite apples to apples and requires a little more work for the employee, but it appeared to be a good health insurance plan. Chairman Tammaro did follow up with some teachers and they didn't have issues with it. Chairman Tammaro would like to consider it when working on the contract. Clerk Coldagelli asked Experienced Insurance Advisors what would happen if you change networks and the answer was it doesn't affect the deductibles. She also clarified that cost levels would affect the deductible that the employee is subject to depending upon what cost level clinic is selected.

**Mining Effects-** Table until next meeting.

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

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Casual Labor Hire-** Hiring Committee recommended Mike Erjavec as the most qualified applicant. He is close to the Town Hall, open availability and multiple skills. As a member of the Hiring Committee, Clerk Coldagelli did not participate in the decision due to conflict of interest.

***Motion to hire Mike Erjavec, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.***

**Culvert Steamer-** Supervisor Ziegler needed to get some prices for vac trailers.

**Water Standby Charge-** Will send back to the PUC to review and table for now.

***Motion to distribute state aid payment of \$12,818.87, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to distribute \$14,000 from the Fire Department Budget to the Fire Department Relief Association, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Ochis. Supervisor Sather abstained. Motion carried.***

**Motion to rescind motion to disburse \$12,818.87, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion to distribute state aid payment of \$12,818.87 to the Fire Department Relief Association, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Ochis. Supervisor Sather abstained. Motion carried.**

**Yard Waste Site Budgeted Item**- Chairman Tammaro brought forward budgeting \$1,000 a year for chipping in the future to protect the sand/salt dome. Chief Shykes added that if it is burnt more frequently, it is far enough away that there is not a concern of damage to the dome. Chairman Tammaro said then we can continue to burn it a couple times a year.

**Aquatic Invasive Species**- Clerk Coldagelli would like to participate next year if St. Louis County Soil and Water Conservation District is willing to work with Fayal again. There were nearly 1,000 inspections conducted over the summer.

**Motion to participate again with the Aquatic Invasive Species Grant program with St. Louis County Soil and Water Conservation District, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.**

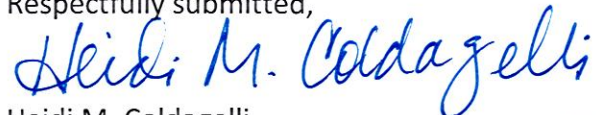
**Variance Request**- Planning Commission drafted a letter to defer the decision for the Russell Williamson property to St. Louis County.

**Motion to agree with Planning Commission decision, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.**

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

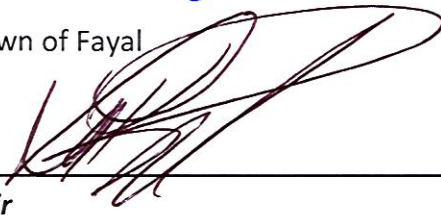
Chairman Tammaro adjourned the Regular Meeting at 6:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Heidi M. Coldagelli  
Clerk/Treasurer Town of Fayal

Approved:

  
Chair

Date:



Attest:

  
Clerk