

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

OCTOBER 17, 2017

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 Ochis, Supervisor Sather, Supervisor Ziegler and Clerk/Treasurer Coldagelli.

Audience members in attendance were Kevin Bird, Chris Ismil, Deputy Police Chief Jesse Linde, Scott Smith, Trevor Thompson and Jerry Ulman.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of October 3rd, 2017, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULED GUESTS- Chris Ismil was present from the IRRRB for questions and concerns that the IRRRB Board Members and Commissioner had regarding the Pine Drive Sewer Extension. The intent is to move the project forward for IRRRB Board approval with 100% funding at the next meeting on 10/26. Some concerns arose regarding the sewer access charge that will be charged to the affected residents. The IRRRB was requesting clarification of those costs. Clerk Coldagelli provided Mr. Ismil with some resolutions and ordinances regarding the sewer access charge. Chairman Tammaro stated that the Township is looking at options for the residents such as a moratorium, point-of-sale connection and honoring the previous \$7,000 sewer access charge due to the timing of the increase. In the original ordinance from 1998, the residents had a five-year moratorium. There have been many residents that have connected since the original line went in and paid the \$7,000 sewer access charge. Mr. Ismil's concern was in the past sewer line extensions, the Township made an investment in the installation of the line. He also went on to add that even if the grant is awarded, the IRRRB will not release the funds until it is 100% confirmed that a new business will be going up. Chairman Tammaro addressed that for the residents the line would extend into the right of way. Supervisor Ziegler estimated the cost of the installation from the right of way to the resident's home would average \$1,000-\$2,000 depending on the length of the run and other connection factors. Mr. Ismil questioned if the sewer access charge could be financed through the Township, to which it can at a low interest rate. Mr. Ismil commented on Fayal's rates in comparison to other cities. Chairman Tammaro made him aware that our Water and Sewer Companies are running at a deficit and our rates are proportionate to our costs and fees imposed by the City of Gilbert. Kevin Bird asked about putting it on the taxes, which was not going to be done. Mr. Ismil will bring all the information back to IRRRB Board and they are supportive of the business. Chairman Tammaro added that Fayal is supportive of a business going in, but does not have the money to contribute. Mr. Ismil added that from the MPCA standpoint switching from a septic is ideal, but from the resident standpoint, their septic is their investment. If the septic is at the end of life, then paying a sewer access charge makes sense. Supervisor Ochis added that when the original project came through he was forced to connect even though his sewer was only one year old. Chairman Tammaro added that in regards to the affected residents, Fayal is trying to come up with the best scenario possible.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS-

Scott Smith brought forth that the hot water heater is still having issues in the Fire Hall. Also in the new building, the furnace is having issues again and not turning on.

Jerry Ulman informed the Board at the weekend yardwaste there were about 35 residents each day.

Kevin Bird questioned what would happen to his culverts if the line went through? Chairman Tammaro added that if a culvert is removed, they are replaced at no cost to the resident. Mr. Bird questioned that with the old project 100 feet of line was included for the residents. Chairman Tammaro stated that no that was not planned for this project, but the line was extending to the right of ways. Mr. Bird also questioned the Fire Department marking fire hydrants in Fayal Township on the IAMRESPONDING app. Suggested to mark the hydrants.

Deputy Police Chief Linde presented the September and October Police Reports. There were 71 calls, 29 traffic stops and a handful of citations.

REPORTS-

Clerk/Treasurer's Report-

Bank statements for the month of September have been received and all accounts have been reconciled. Revenues were \$638,310.29 and expenditures were \$112,900.27. This includes a deposit for the Certificate of Indebtedness for \$550,000. Taconite Municipal Aid was also received for \$25,171.40. Ending balances for the month of September are:

Miners Checking- \$1,611,839.68
Assessment Savings- \$332,743.69
CD Savings- \$535,423.48

For month of October to date, revenues are \$21,892.28 and expenditures are \$574,827.73.

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 and September Police Report, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Fire Department Business Meeting Minutes, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Joint Powers Rec Board Meeting Minutes of October 11th, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the September Wastewater Operator's Report, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the October 16th Employee Meeting Minutes, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Public Utility Commission Meeting Minutes from September 12th and the Delinquency Report, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the October 3rd Informational Public Hearing Meeting Minutes, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Supervisor Sather and Chairman Tammara were unable to attend and abstained. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

October 6th- Letter from Michael Peterson, School District Clerk, Fayal Township, an affected precinct for the upcoming school district elections on November 7th, will vote at the Eveleth City Auditorium located at 421 Jackson Street, Eveleth. Placed on file.

October 10th- Letter from Nortrax informing us that our basic factory warranty is due to expire on November 17th for the grader. Nortrax would like to perform a pre-expiration examination. Share with Road & Bridge and Supervisor Ochis.

October 12th- Renewal information for HealthPartners effective 1/01/2018. Insurance monthly premium is increasing from \$5,238.03 to \$5,724.20. No change to the deductibles. Placed on file.

October 13th- Email from Lisa Albrecht, US Bank. The water tender financing is complete and the escrow account has been funded. Placed on file. Chassis has been ordered and should be inspected by a member of the Fire Department.

October 16th- Letter from Clerk Sakrison, City of Gilbert. Letter indicating \$7.50 increase and provided a copy of a resolution approved October 10th at a City of Gilbert Council Meeting to add a new utility service for Waste Water Facility Upgrades. Will start billing the charge in November. Placed on file.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Sather-

Fire Department Co-op- Unsure of status.

Supervisor Branville-

Generators- Supervisor Branville updated the Board that a 42 kW generator is available for \$10,500 and will over double the capacity from our current 20 kW generator. Was originally purchased for Washington Manor for \$36,000, but they are unable to use it and it is brand new. Will need to ensure that it will be compatible.

Motion to purchase generator pending verification of compatibility and to be paid for now out of Building and Grounds, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Ochis-

2017 Road Project- Contractor will return the following day and Thursday to complete paving. Trevor Thompson will go over the issues with the contractor. Unsure at this time, but with the finish work, it is believed that the contractor will submit for a project extension. Chairman Tammaro was okay with an extension as long as the work is done right and any problems addressed. Also requested contractor to correct the manhole on Park Lane. Road project will have a one-year warranty. Contractor has been easy to work with and has done a good job. Intersection will also be fixed on Shady Lane.

Supervisor Ziegler-

Old Bullfrogs Building- Blight violation paperwork needs to be sent to property owner.

Speed Study Pine Drive/St. Mary's Court/Ely Lake Drive/Miller Trunk- Pine Drive and St. Mary's Court study has been conducted and they will provide the results to the Clerk shortly. St. Louis County is very busy at this point and will try their best to complete Ely Lake Drive and Miller Trunk by the end of the year.

Trace Wire Specifications-

Motion to adopt Resolution 2017-13 A Resolution for Water/Sewer Service & Equipment Installation Policy, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Tammaro-

Eveleth/Fayal IRRRB Grant- SEH invited the Eveleth Clerk and Mayor to meet in Fayal and are currently looking at what date works.

Pine Drive Sewer Extension- Chairman Tammaro addressed Supervisor Ziegler to add clarification for the record. Supervisor Ziegler will receive a monetary gain by selling the land to the Developer. The Developer is also related to a former IRRRB Commissioner. Supervisor Ziegler will abstain from any and all topics related to the Pine Drive Sewer Extension. Chairman Tammaro wanted to make it very clear for protection of the Town Board that this project was in no way supported or approved for Supervisor Ziegler's monetary gain.

Emergency Operations Procedures- Eveleth Police Chief spoke to Clerk Coldagelli and asked if Eveleth and Fayal would like to submit a joint plan. In speaking with the Consultant, she stated that is possible and our costs would decrease to \$6,000 to be split between the two entities. That would change our costs from \$5,000 down to possibly \$3,000 or less. Will table to allow Supervisors to look at a sample plan.

NEW BUSINESS-

Engine 91 Tires- Tires have not been replaced on Engine 91 since purchased. Currently out of service due to tire condition. Quote is state bid pricing.

Motion to approve the purchase for tires on Engine 91 from Taconite Tire for \$3,089.36 to be paid from the Mining Effects, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Ochis. Supervisor Sather wanted to make the Board aware that the cost could possibly increase if there were any additional issues when the tires are removed. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

November 7th Meeting - Due to school board elections, cannot meet between 6 PM-8 PM per state statute.

Motion to change meeting time for the November 7th Regular Board meeting to 5:00 PM, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Ziegler Letter- Supervisor Ziegler questioned the Board regarding a letter and information that he had received from Chairman Tammaro. Chairman Tammaro replied that to his knowledge, after John West met with Supervisor Branville and Clerk Coldagelli, he appeared at ease after speaking to them regarding his water access charges. Chairman Tammaro stated he had heard that Supervisor Ziegler stated

that there was no proof that it was Fayal's line to Mr. West. The letter was only to provide the time line to Supervisor Ziegler. Supervisor Ziegler wanted to make it clear that he did not tell Mr. West to request his money back, but through conversation, Mr. West requested researching a refund of his water access charge. Supervisor Ziegler's opinion was those residents were not being provided a service from Fayal and he feels the Ordinance should be rewritten to cover vague areas. The issue has been sent to PUC for review.

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

Motion to adjourn, made by Supervisor Ziegler.

Chairman Tammaro adjourned the Regular Meeting at 8:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Approved: *Andy L. Tammaro*
Chair

Date: 11-7-17

Attest: *Heidi M. Coldagelli*
Clerk