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# REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

#### OCTOBER 20, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Fayal Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:02 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 Jack and Anna Pollack, Steve Shykes, Scott Smith and Jerry Ulman.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 6, 2015, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.

### SCHEDULED GUESTS

None at this time.

# **AUDIENCE CONCERNS**

Jack Pollack addressed the Board regarding trees that were cut down in front of his property by Lake Country Power. Mr. Pollack was very upset regarding the loss of his trees. Since the trees have already been removed by Lake Country Power there was no action for the Board to take.

Steve Shykes informed the Board that Engine 6 and Engine 91 have had some large repair expenses that have occurred. Engine 6 had actuator valve issues that have caused some major damages and cost \$3,100 to fix. Engine 91 had major damages with pump seals leaking but no further immediate damage will occur by not sending for repair right away. Estimate is from \$3,000-\$3,500 to fix 91. The Board agreed that 91 should be sent down now to fix and not wait. Chief Shykes expressed the concern regarding the large amount of repairs this year and was looking for the Board's help in paying them as the Fire Department 2015 budget cannot support them. Chief Shykes said that pump testing is already worked into their budget so the \$800 fee they can take care of. Chairman Tammaro recommended for the time being to go ahead and have Engine 91 fixed and when the bills arrive look at paying out of Capital Equipment.

Motion to send Engine 91 down for repairs, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Shykes and Assistant Chief Scott Smith said that the seals on 91 should have failed a long time ago and were fortunate that they have last so long. Engine 91 is pump tested yearly to maintain its ISO rating because it is over 20 years old.

Jerry Ulman informed that Board that so far he has had over 120 people utilize the yard waste site drop off. There was still one weekend remaining.

### <u>REPORTS</u>

# Clerk/Treasurer's Report-

For the month of October to date revenues are \$44,978.41 and expenditures are \$228,589.05.

Tentative balances for October are: Miners Checking- \$659,829.96 Assessment Savings- \$322,230.19 CD Savings- \$535,390.37 Mt Iron Checking- \$72,492.57

Also to note we have received our first SCADA reimbursement payment from the IRRRB grant for \$51,683.23 on 10/19. This amount has not been receipted into the system yet. This grant was approved for up to \$110,000 in reimbursements.

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

### Other Reports-

Motion to approve the October 19<sup>th</sup>, Eveleth, Fayal, ISD #2154 Channel 12 Joint Cable Board Regular meeting minutes, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the September 8<sup>th</sup>, Public Utility Commission regular meeting minutes, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the September Wastewater Operator Report, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 E.F.G.S.D. Joint Powers Recreation Board Meeting minutes, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk Coldagelli updated the Board that she sent an email to Recreation Board member Mark Forte requesting a member attend one of our next meetings. Supervisor Ochis also updated the Board letting them know that he spoke with Recreation Board member, Jamie Lindseth, and he would have someone attend one of our meetings in November.

# **CORRESPONDENCE**

October 7<sup>th</sup>- Website Redesign proposal from ColdSnap Technology. Clerk will look into additional options.

October 13<sup>th</sup>- Email from John Jamnick, Eveleth-Gilbert-Fayal-Leonidas Wastewater Plan. All supervisors were provided a copy and will continue to work with committee. Referred to old business.

October 14<sup>th</sup>- Fax from City of Eveleth regarding the opening of the aquaduct between St Mary's and Ely Lake on October 14<sup>th</sup>. Placed on file.

October 15<sup>th</sup>- Letter from the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission- Notice of Public Hearing on October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at Eveleth City Hall at 7 pm regarding application of Minnesota Power for the Line 16 Reroute Project in St Louis County. Placed on file.

October 19<sup>th</sup>- Certificate of Liability Insurance for Hibbing Excavating Inc. Placed on file.

October 19<sup>th</sup>- Eveleth Police Department- Pre-employment background check results for fire dept applicant. Found nothing that would preclude applicant from employment. Placed on file with Fire Department.

October 19<sup>th</sup>- Received Town of Fayal Volunteer Fire Department Constitution and By-Laws revised March 2015. Placed on file.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

# Supervisor Sather-

<u>SCADA</u>- Chairman Tammaro informed the Board that the project is nearly done. There are still a couple of antennas that are having issues and communication with the phones is still an issue.

<u>Union Contract Negotiations</u>- Supervisor Sather informed the Board that Wastewater Operator Dickson was looking at updating his job description for the current contract.

### Supervisor Branville-

<u>Ballfield Road</u>- Supervisor Branville suggested that maybe for the time being table the topic until something comes up. Chairman Tammaro suggested approaching the owners of the property regarding possibly purchasing a portion of it. Supervisor Ziegler offered to work on the project and Supervisor Branville offered to assist him with that.

# Supervisor Ziegler-

<u>Fire Department Pickup</u>- Steve Shykes informed the Board that the truck would be done in a couple of weeks and are expected to receive it the 3<sup>rd</sup> of 4<sup>th</sup> week in November.

<u>Planning Committee</u>- Supervisor Ziegler updated the Board that the Planning Committee is working on a first meeting date of the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in November. **CLERK UPDATE: Meeting is set for 4:30** Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at the Town Hall.

Joint Powers Eveleth, Gilbert, Fayal, Leonidas Sewer- The Fayal Public Utility Commission was holding a special meeting at the Hall on Wednesday October 21<sup>st</sup> regarding the approval of taking part in a Joint Powers Sewer District with Eveleth, Gilbert and Leonidas. Chairman Tammaro informed the Board that SEH was trying to work with the other cities in looking for funding for the project. The Board will need to wait on taking any action until the PUC approves participation on this project.

# **Chairman Tammaro-**

**Fire Department Coop**- Chairman Tammaro informed the Board that a first meeting in November is being looked at. Chairman Tammaro asked that Chief Shykes share with Eveleth City Clerk the quotes for the cost of the feasibility study so the Clerk can submit the grant application. There was also a concern at the number of members and that the committee needs to become smaller because it is getting very cumbersome to schedule a meeting that works for all.

**Resolution 2015-04**- Attorney Scott Neff is looking into.

**2017 Levy-** Clerk/Treasurer Coldagelli provided the Board members with up-to-date revenues and expenditures for their departments to assist them in creating their budgets. Proposed 2017 levy budget was provided to all supervisors with a change of adding a fire truck fund and also a small increase in the police department. Just those changes put the increase at 2.15%. Supervisor Tammaro encouraged the other supervisors to take a really good look at their budgets and try to stay in an overall 3-4% range. Maybe a closer look at some of these items would even allow a decrease in different budgets.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

# Police Contract 2016-

Chairman Tammaro informed the Board that Eveleth is looking at getting a K9 Unit and approached Fayal regarding modifying the Fayal Squad to accommodate and that Eveleth will pay for those expenses. Also a grant is in the works to outfit the police squad with a computer. It appears that Eveleth Police are happy with working with us and maintaining costs within our budget.

Motion to approve the 2016 Police Contract with Eveleth Police Department, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

**Fire Warden**- Clerk Coldagelli informed the Board that the Hall no longer has a Fire Warden to issue burning permits. The Township can either no longer issue them and remove the sign out front stating permits can be granted at the Hall or Clerk Coldagelli would be willing to become a Fire Warden. In speaking with the DNR there was no cost in doing so and it was a simple process. The Board felt it was a nice courtesy to our citizens and would like to continue to issue burning permits at the Hall.

Motion to approve Heidi Coldagelli to become a Fire Warden for Fayal Township, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Chairman Tammaro adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi M Coldagelli

Clerk/Treasurer of Fayel

Approved:

Chair

Attest:

Clerk