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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

NOVEMBER 1, 2016

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 Dale Dickson, Diane Dickson, Deputy Police Chief Jesse Linde, Jamie Lindseth, Nick Preiner, Kristin Ryan, Annie Ryan, Steve Shykes, Scott Smith, and Jerry Ulman.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 18th, 2016, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULED GUESTS- Jamie Lindseth presented that HealthPartners insurance premiums will increase approximately 6% effective 1/1/2017. Deductible will also increase from \$3,000 to \$3,500 for individual and from \$6,000 to \$7,000 for family. Current bill is about \$4,900 and is increasing to almost \$5,300. Average customer premium is \$5,500.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS- Deputy Chief Linde presented the Board with the October Police Report. Chairman Tammaro added that Fayal should look at not collecting the fine money anymore because the lawyer costs are so high.

REPORTS-

Clerk/Treasurer's Report-

Bank statements for the month of October have not been received so this report is tentative. Revenues were \$63,256.38 and expenditures were \$75,173.01.

Tentative balances for the month of October are:

Miners Checking- \$977,083.79

Assessment Savings- \$333,618.06

Mt Iron Checking- \$0

For the month of November, for today, revenues are \$4,385.70 and expenditures are \$48,110.38.

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 October Police Report, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

October 24th- Letter from Walker, Giroux & Hahne regarding three-year audit proposal. Audit fees for years 2016, 2017 and 2018 are as follows: \$16,600, \$17,000 & \$17,400. There would be an additional fee of \$3,000 per year if a federal single audit is required. Refer to New Business. Chief Shykes suggested speaking with Secretary Sailstad to see if both audits could be combined as a cost savings.

November 1st- Letter from GM regarding recall of the 2016 GMC Sierra. Sensing and diagnostic module has a software defect that may prevent the deployment of frontal airbags and pretensioners. Refer to Fire Department.

November 1st- Letter from St. Louis County regarding decision of variance application for Bradley Edworthy. Application for variance was approved. Placed on file.

November 1st- Email from Miner's National Bank regarding switching their accounting and custody of their Bond Portfolio from US Bank to United Bankers Bank. Paperwork was included for Fayal's authorization regarding the pledged securities. Clerk to sign.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Sather-

Long Lake Gas Line- Supervisor Sather heard that people are being connected.

Miller Trunk Gas Line- Clerk Coldagelli updated that from her conversations with Pam Sarvela, the main line could go in within the next couple of weeks.

Farm Tap Leak- Everything complete except the concrete replacement. MN Energy reached out to Fayal regarding becoming their customer. Currently they are the third party collecting the information on behalf of Northern Natural Gas. If Fayal becomes their customer, MN Energy would be responsible for any repairs and would not charge to install the line. Unfortunately, MN Energy notified Fayal after the work was completed fixing the leak. MN Energy recommended speaking to Tufco because they had recently switched. In speaking to Tufco, their bill decreased by 60%. The work that Fayal just completed would be duplicated but at MN Energy's cost. A work order would need to be generated in order to get a no cost feasibility study.

Scheduled Hours- Supervisor Sather stated that the PUC Department and Office hours are working and the Road and Bridge hours are not changing. Employees need to be accountable and sign in when they arrive and leave. Employees also need to make others aware and communicate when an individual is absent or working outside of normal scheduled hours. In regards to Senior Wastewater Operator Dickson, if he needs to work beyond 32 hours and it's warranted that is appropriate. His hours of work listed in the contract are not clear. An M.O.U. stating a minimum of 32 hours and maximum of 40 would be appropriate to correct with the Union. Senior Wastewater Operator Dickson was going to reach out to the Union to complete.

Supervisor Branville-

Parking Lot Improvements- Supervisor Branville was waiting for word from Foreman Zavodnik regarding the status of Mesabi Bituminous completing this year.

Security Camera- DVR is the most expensive part and more cameras can be added. Supervisor Branville stated that more cameras should be added to the complex if spending \$3,000 for the set up and original DVR and camera. Cameras are wired and very clear with good screen quality. There have been a number of thefts and property damage that has occurred at the Hall over the past year that cameras could assist with. Clerk Coldagelli added that there is still mining effects money from 2015 and 2016 to use. Recommended to get a quote for three cameras. Two facing each side of the Town Hall and one towards the backside of the PUC building.

PUC Building- On hold until spring. Received a \$5,900 insurance claim check for replacement.

Fire Hall Roof- Range Cornice Heating and Sheet Metal guarantees the price until spring and Equipment Operator Jurenic will take care of any buildup during the winter.

2018 Levy- Chairman Tammaro suggested a new line item of \$10,000 for Road and Bridge equipment, adding \$5,000 for the Fire Truck line item and increase the Police Department by \$2,000. Clarified for Supervisor Ziegler that the \$10,000 R & B equipment line item would not duplicate the capital equipment as it would be designated specifically for R & B replacement costs. Overall increase will be 2.69% as a start and can be updated as we go.

Property Disposal- Do-Bid will be coming to take pictures this week and our auction lot will also consist of City of Virginia property.

Supervisor Ziegler-

Joint Cooperation with Eveleth, Gilbert, Leonidas, ISD 2154- Supervisor Branville attended the meeting on October 20th. The groups wanted to work together to look at any possible shared services. The meeting went very well. A resolution will need to be approved for participation and next meeting should occur in December.

Fire Department Co-op- Chief Shykes updated that at the last meeting Eveleth and Gilbert were absent and it appears that those cities are not interested in participating with all five communities. Chairman Tammaro

added that he spoke with Chris Ishmil at the IRRRB and Mr. Ishmil would like to get all five communities together and have the study done with the direction that Eveleth, Fayal and Gilbert would work together, Virginia and Mountain Iron working together and in the future a district. Next meeting is 11/21 with all five entities and 11/16 a meeting with just Eveleth, Gilbert and Fayal. Chairman Tammaro and Chief Shykes would like to meet with the Mayor of Eveleth to discuss.

Old Bullfrogs Building- Trees have not been cut. Discuss with property owner and cite for blight.

Pine Drive Signage/Airport Alley/St. Mary's Court- Speeding complaints on St. Mary's Court and Airport Alley. Only one or two residents on Airport Alley.

Motion to add St. Mary's Court to the MnDOT road study, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Joint Powers Eveleth-Gilbert-Fayal-Leonidas Sewer- IRRRB is going to get the communities together.

Sewer Committee- Supervisor Ziegler will reach out to Eveleth to discuss next steps.

2017 Humane Society Contract- Same price as last year and one extra month of patrolling.

Motion to contract with Mesabi Humane Society for 2017 for services and patrolling, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Tammaro-

Emergency Procedures- Table for now.

Generator- No updates.

Board of Canvass- November 15th at 7 PM. Also Supervisors received an email regarding an Alliance group that are encouraging election judges to sign a petition and to not follow state statute regarding challenged voters. Election judges could face fines and jail time if not following state statutes.

NEW BUSINESS-

Additional Employees- Depending upon scheduled hours, an employee with benefits will cost anywhere from \$60,000-\$75,000 per year. Unable at this point for our budget to support it. Supervisor Branville added that the theory behind it is good because of the number of retirements coming, but the departments cannot afford it. At this point, Fayal does not have any definitive dates for any potential retirees.

Health Insurance Premiums- Table pending research.

Motion to accept the retirement and send out a letter of appreciation for Nels Myklebust after 30 years of service with the Fayal Fire Department, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the resignation of Isaac Hudson, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Membership of the Fayal Fire Department is 18 members. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Fire Department/EMS- Chairman Tammaro received two phone calls asking if the Fire Department and EMS can be broken up into two groups. Individuals were interested in being a first responder but not a fire fighter. Chief Shykes was going to look into the feasibility and a rough budget. There is additional cost for paging systems, etc.

Supervisor Ziegler was working on a blight complaint on Ely Lake.

Motion to transfer from Mining Effects \$20,410.26 to the Recreation Department for the Ballfield property purchase, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Sather. Chairman Tammaro questioned if the titling for the tiny sliver next to Clark Blackwood's property was corrected. It was left out of the legal description and the title company is correcting that and resubmitting to recorder. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Motion to disburse to Fire Relief Association the state aid received of \$13,044.42, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried. Supervisor Sather abstained.

Motion to contract with Walker, Giroux & Hahne for audit years 2016, 2017 & 2018, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Supervisor Branville was concerned with how the price consistently increases every year. Chairman Tammaro and Clerk Coldagelli expressed their satisfaction with

the auditors and how new requirements and regulations have been added into the audit over recent years.
Motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Ochis.

Chairman Tammara adjourned the Regular Meeting at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Clerk/Treasurer Town of Fayal

Approved:

[Signature]

Date:

11-15-16

Chair

Attest:

Heidi M. Coldagelli

Clerk