

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

NOVEMBER 3, 2015

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 Eveleth Deputy Police Chief Jesse Linde, Randy Naland, Steve Shykes, Scott Smith and Jerry Ulman.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 20, 2015, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULED GUESTS

None at this time. Chairman Tammaro welcomed Eveleth Deputy Chief Jesse Linde who was in attendance. Deputy Chief Linde stated that either himself or Chief Tim Koivunen would do their best to attend our future meetings. Chairman Tammaro added that they can present their monthly report to the Board and the audience when in attendance as well.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS

Jerry Ulman informed the Board that due to the rainy weather the final weekend in October, there were minimal participants for the yard waste extension. The prior weekend had over 100 Fayal citizens use the site.

Randy Naland, Camp Chicagami Director- Mr. Naland provided information to the Board regarding Camp Chicagami's mission and nonprofit background. St. Louis County has in the past as a courtesy plowed the Camp's 1/2 mile road. This year St. Louis County informed Mr. Naland that they would no longer be able to do that as their route has changed and Mr. Naland approached the Board asking for plowing assistance as a gift in kind service. Supervisor Ochis informed the Board that we do already plow Scout Camp Road. Chairman Tammaro recommended that Supervisor Ochis work with Road Foreman Al Jurenic to see if Fayal can provide that service as a donation and create a waiver if damage were to be incurred. Mr. Naland was also made aware that if the Township does plow the entrance into the property that our other existing roads will have first priority.

Steve Shykes informed the Board that Engine 91 will be fixed in-house versus being sent out for repairs.

Deputy Chief Linde reported to the Board that for the month of October Eveleth Police responded to 47 calls for service and conducted 35 traffic stops in Fayal Township. There were also 5 citations issued for speeding. Ely Lake Drive has received many citizen complaints regarding speeding and a speed sign will be placed on Ely Lake Drive soon by St. Louis County.

REPORTS

Clerk/Treasurer's Report-

Bank statements for the month of October have not yet been received so this report is tentative. Revenues were \$132,561.33 and expenditures were \$255,147.98.

Ending balances for the month of October are:

Miners Checking- \$688,638.60

Assessment Savings- \$323,932.75

CD Savings- \$535,390.37

Mt Iron Checking- \$71,501.93

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

Motion to approve the October 2015 Road Report, made by Supervisor Ochis, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

October 23rd- SCADA bill from Telemetry Process Control. Township employee Dale Dickson called SEH because the paperwork stated the project was 100% complete when it was not. SEH said to disregard bill at this time. Placed on file.

October 26th- Letter from CARE Commission regarding Eveleth-Gilbert All Night Post-Graduation Party and seeking donations. In past years Fayal has donated \$100. Moved to new business.

October 26th- St Louis County Association of Townships Meeting Minutes from 05/27/2015. Placed on file.

November 3rd- Email regarding St Louis County Association of Townships Calendar for 2015-2016 and information regarding annual meeting November 19-21 in Alexandria. Send to all Supervisors and place on file.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Sather-

Gas Line- Minnesota Energy representative Pam Sarvela stopped into Fayal's office and gave an update regarding the project. She stated that the newly hooked up members on Ely Lake Drive will receive a reduction on their monthly bill by \$8.05. The Long Lake project is still moving forward with a start date at some point in 2016. There also will not be any pre-signups required as how the Ely Lake project was handled but there will still be information sessions available.

SCADA- Chairman Tammaro informed the Board that the antennas are all corrected but now there are some issues with the software portion that will need to be rectified before completion.

Union Contract Negotiations- Supervisor Sather updated the Board that a recent meeting was cancelled. There has been some concern since the AFSCME representative Joe Pershern is retiring in November. Supervisor Branville stated that he enjoyed working with him in the past.

Supervisor Ziegler-

Fire Department Pickup- Steve Shykes updated the Board that the truck will be here soon. Supervisor Sather stated that Captain Hoffman informed him it was built and was just awaiting delivery.

Planning Committee-

Motion to appoint to the Fayal Township Planning Committee Membership; Chris Erickson to a 1 year term, Alex Peritz to a 2 year term, Vickie Tuskan to a 2 year term, Heidi Coldagelli to a 3 year term and Joe Uhan to a 3 year term, with Supervisor Ziegler as an Ex-Officio Member and Lee Branville as the alternate, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Tammaro asked to clarify that the Planning Committee was starting terms all over again for the members and basically re-establishing. He also asked to make sure we have a central file that can be located as well. Supervisor Ziegler added that the first meeting will be held 4:30, November 18th at the Hall.

Ballfield Road- Supervisor Ziegler was not able to meet with the property owners since the last Town Board meeting but will be able to connect with them before the next meeting. A map was provided so all Supervisors were aware of where the parcel was located and it's boundaries. Another option was discussed of the owner dividing the parcel with the Township maintaining the road as well as a small area within the ballfield to utilize for parking. In exchange, possibly the waiver of a sewer/water hookup fee could be given in lieu of payment.

Chairman Tammaro-

Fire Department Coop- Chairman Tammaro reiterated that he wanted the committee to hold a kickoff meeting. Supervisor Sather had emailed the committee members looking at downsizing the committee but had not received a response.

Resolution 2015-04- Attorney Scott Neff is looking into this. Clerk Coldagelli informed the Board that she had received a response from attorney Steve Fenske from Minnesota Association of Townships stating that from his research our charges fit into sewer statutes and not usury statutes. This was also consistent with the legal opinion of an attorney from League of Minnesota Cities.

Joint Powers Eveleth, Gilbert, Fayal, Leonidas Sewer- The Board was unsure if the City of Eveleth had actually passed anything at any of their meetings regarding a joint powers agreement but the City of Gilbert had approved a resolution to apply for IRRRB funding. Clerk Coldagelli read Resolution 2015-05 regarding the participation in a joint powers wastewater and/or water district and authorizing the submission of applicable grants.

Motion to approve Resolution 2015-05, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

2017 Levy-

Clerk Coldagelli provided updated spreadsheets with the addition of \$10,000 for Road and Bridge which would bring a tentative increase to 3.8%. This increase can be justified by costs of future road projects. Currently Road and Bridge is negative for 2015 mostly due to the \$175,000 cost for the Woodlawn East Project. Chairman Tammaro clarified that everything is just suggestions at this point and encouraged everyone to look carefully at their budgets and look where increases are needed and look at possibility of decreasing budgets in cases, too. Decreasing the Recreation budget was also discussed. The Board is very frustrated that they still have not had a representative from the Recreation Board attend one of meetings to answer our clarifying questions. Supervisors Branville and Ziegler both did not want to see a budget decrease that may negatively affect area kids involved in sports but they still wanted to hear back from the Joint Recreation Board.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Ochis questioned if the Board had any answers regarding assessments for roads. Clerk Coldagelli was posing the question to Minnesota Association of Townships. An engineer from SEH believed that due to being a Township, Fayal would be unable to assess for roads.

Motion to accept the letter of resignation of fire fighter Ryan Elkington, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Ziegler brought forth the by-laws from the Fayal Fire Relief Association with the amendment increasing the benefit amount and vesting schedule. The Board had previously approved this at a meeting on July 21st and the updated by-laws just needed to be signed.

Chairman Tamaro brought up the blight located outside the former Bullfrogs. Supervisor Ziegler informed the Board that he intended to speak to him regarding the amount of blight outside the building but he had waited to approach the owner because the former Bullfrogs recent fire. Chief Shykes had heard that the building was going to be razed due to the fire. Supervisor Ziegler was going to get in touch with the building owner.

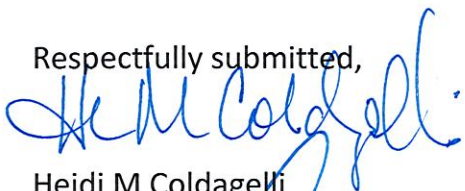
Motion to donate \$100 to CARE Commission, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Sather.

Chairman Tamaro adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Heidi M Coldagelli
Clerk/Treasurer of Fayal

Approved:



Chair

Date:

11-17-15

Attest:



Clerk