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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

NOVEMBER 17, 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 Chris Erickson, Eveleth Deputy Police Chief Jesse Linde, Mike Johnson, Jamie Lindseth, Matt Reid, Scott Smith and Jerry Ulman.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 3rd, 2015, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULED GUESTS

Mike Johnson approached the Board asking for support in a zoning change for two residential 40-acre parcels that he purchased to use as gravel pits. There are several other gravel pits within the area. According to Mr. Johnson every property owner within a 1/2 mile radius will need to be notified of his request. He needs to get his application into St. Louis County by December 4th in order to be on the County's January 14th meeting agenda. Chairman Tammaro recommended that it go to the Planning Committee for review but that the Board approve the zoning change at this point due to the time constraints.

Motion to support the zoning change of two 40-acre parcels owned by Mike Johnson from residential to agricultural management and send to the Planning Committee to review and recommend approval, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS

Jamie Lindseth was in attendance representing the EFGSD Recreation Board. The Fayal Town Board had a few questions regarding the 2016 proposed budget. Mr. Lindseth clarified the wage increase for next year was based upon wage increases in the participating cities. He also stated benefits' costs have increased. Chairman Tammaro was just concerned that the budget continues to go up but the services are decreasing. Lifeguards are no longer at our local beaches. Supervisor Ziegler added that rinks in Eveleth now have volunteer flooding which is another cost decrease. Mr. Lindseth will look into what happened to the lifeguards at the area beaches and why those positions are no longer staffed. Supervisor Ochis added that in looking at the 2016 budget there is no budget increase in comparison to the 2015 budget. Chairman Tammaro expressed to Mr. Lindseth that is all the Board wanted was someone to attend a Fayal Board meeting to help answer some of those questions. Chairman Tammaro suggested that the Recreation Director or a representative from the Recreation Board should provide a yearly report to the participating entities.

Chris Erickson was representing the PUC committee and was in attendance to answer any questions in regards to the potential sewer ordinance change.

Deputy Chief Jesse Linde reported to the Board that the speed sign on Ely Lake Drive was up

for a week and that they may try using it again in the spring. Supervisor Sather asked if next time it could be located on the other side of the street. Deputy Chief Linde stated that when he was present the majority of the speeders have come from the direction the sign was placed. He also reported they went through the police supply inventory here at the Hall. Some items were expired but anything that was still viable they did take for use. Supervisor Branville asked if they were planning on using the Police office here at the Hall and Deputy Chief Linde informed the Board that they may start using it.

REPORTS

Clerk/Treasurer's Report-

All bank statements for the month of October have been received and all accounts have been reconciled. Revenues were \$132,409.49 and expenditures were \$255,553.98. It is important to note a final payment for \$148,278.80 to Ulland Brothers for the Woodlawn Drive E project was included in the expenditures.

Ending balances for the month of October are:

Miners Checking- \$736,808.30

Assessment Savings- \$324,450.61

CD Savings- \$535,390.37

Mt Iron Checking- \$59,602.08

For the month of November to date, revenues are \$28,562.30 and expenditures are \$101,696.67. Included in those expenditures is the purchase of the GMC for the Fire Department for \$32,632.90.

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

Other Reports-

Motion to accept the Public Utility Commission Regular Meeting Minutes from October 13th, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Chairman Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Public Utility Commission Delinquency Report, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Chairman Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the October Wastewater Report, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Chairman Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion to accept the Public Access Television Regular Meeting Minutes of November 4th, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion followed that Fayal still needs one representative for the Cable Commission.

Motion to accept the Fayal Fire Department Business Meeting Minutes of October 14th, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville.

CORRESPONDENCE

November 4th- Letter from St Louis County Assessor's Office for proof of compliance for Board of Appeal and Equalization. Forwarded all Supervisors a copy of the instructions to complete online training and submitted the certification form for our current board member Supervisor Branville.

November 9th- Email from Steve Fenske, Attorney at Minnesota Association of Townships. This was his response to Clerk Coldagelli's question regarding special assessments for road projects. He included a link from MAT Information Library regarding the process. Placed on file.

November 16th - Letter from AFSCME Council 65 regarding 2016 dues. No changes to our full-time employees but our part-time employees' dues will be reduced. Clerk Coldagelli cannot calculate their dues until she knows what their 2016 wages will be. Placed on file.

November 16th - Letter from FEMA regarding St Louis County Inland Scoping. Included a CD with the finalized scoping report summarizing the results. Placed on file.

November 16th - Notice of Desire to Negotiate from Minnesota Council 65 AFSCME representative Joe Pershern. Forwarded on to Supervisors Ochis and Sather. Placed on file.

November 17th - Letter from Cliffs Natural Resources notifying that the idle will extend beyond the six months that was originally anticipated and extend through the first of quarter of 2016. Placed on file.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Sather-

SCADA- Project is nearly complete with just a few bugs within the software to workout. Matt Reid from SEH informed the Board that at this point Application for Payment #3 from Telemetry Process Controls can be approved and paid.

Motion to pay Application for Payment No. 3 for \$90,074.52 to Telemetry Process Controls, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Tammaro added for discussion the payment brings the total project to 90% complete. Matt Reid informed the Board that the warranty will start when the project is closed out and that Telemetry Process Controls will be at the Hall the first week of December for training and all the software issues are nearly complete.

Union Contract Negotiations- Meeting will need to be set to meet with the Union representative.

2016 Joint Recreation Budget-

Motion to approve the 2016 Joint Recreation Budget with Fayal's payment of \$15,972.00, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Department Coop- Chairman Tammaro updated the Board that things have been moving on that. Chief Shykes provided the proper names to Eveleth's Clerk for the study and the funding is there. The Eveleth Clerk is writing a resolution and a first meeting date should be soon to follow.

Supervisor Branville-

2017 Levy- Clerk Coldagelli provided updated spreadsheets with an increase of \$3,000 for the Fire Department which would cover the increase in the worker's compensation insurance coverage. Supervisor Branville had concerns of the overall increase from 2010 until 2017. Discussion followed regarding not focusing on the small percentage increase over years but actually reviewing the dollar amount of the increases. Chairman Tammaro added there were a few years with two departments not receiving any funding. It was also discussed that Road and Bridge has road projects to do but not enough in the budget to support those costs. Regarding the fire truck fund, it was discussed if there were grants available and what would happen to the funds if a co-op would come into existence. Assistant Chief Scott Smith added that the Fire Department applies every year but there are very few grants that are awarded. All departments are encourage to continue to look at the budget and see where changes can be made.

Supervisor Ochis- Supervisor Ochis informed the Board that the Foreman was not in support of plowing at Camp Chicagami. The Foreman felt it could damage the equipment because the poor road condition, issues with other residences or organizations wanting plowing services and other issues. Supervisor Ziegler spoke in support of plowing and that it was a small section for a nonprofit located in Fayal. Supervisor Ziegler has experience in plowing and felt the road was suitable and damage was not likely to occur. Supervisor Branville suggested that Fayal try it and if it does not work or has too many issues that we discontinue doing it.

Motion to plow Camp Chicagami, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Supervisors Branville, Ziegler, and Sather voted yes. Chairman Tammaro and Supervisor Ochis opposed. Motion carried.

Supervisor Ziegler-

Fire Department Pickup- Truck has been picked up and it is at the Hall.

Planning Committee- First meeting will be held at the Hall Wednesday, November 18th, 2015.

Ballfield Road- Supervisor Ziegler spoke with the property owners who do intend to come to a future Board meeting to discuss options.

Bullfrog's Blight- The telephone numbers for the owner that Supervisor Ziegler had were all disconnected. He received another possible number that he will try.

Chairman Tammaro-

Resolution 2015-04- Scott Neff was going to look into finishing so it can be approved at the next meeting.

Joint Powers Eveleth, Gilbert, Fayal, Leonidas Sewer- Matt Reid from SEH spoke with the Mayor of Eveleth and was trying to connect with the Mayor of Gilbert.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Tammaro asked Clerk Coldagelli to present the new business. Clerk Coldagelli provided the Supervisors with instructions for the Board of Appeal and Equalization training that can be completed online and it is recommended that at least two more Supervisors take the training.

Clerk Coldagelli requested the approval to purchase a cell phone booster. With the changes to the SCADA system, lift station alarms come via the employee cell phones and reception in the building is poor. Supervisor Branville suggested looking at Perpich TV.

Clerk Coldagelli also informed the Board that she was updating the Town Hall Plaques for the retired Supervisors and Clerks since it has been some time that they were last updated.

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

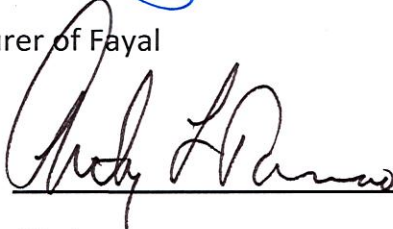
Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Branville.

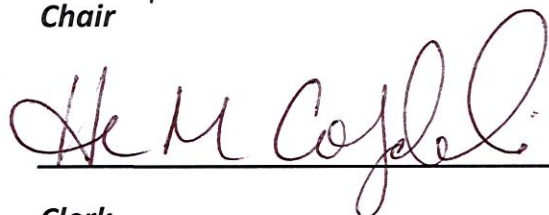
Chairman Tammaro adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi M Coldagelli

Clerk/Treasurer of Fayal

Approved:  Date: 12-1-15
Chair

Attest: 
Clerk