

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

DECEMBER 1, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Fayal Town Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Tamaro. Present were: Chairman Tamaro, Supervisor Branville, Supervisor Ochis, Supervisor Sather, Supervisor Ziegler and Clerk/Treasurer Coldagelli.

Audience members in attendance were Matt Hoffman, Eveleth Deputy Police Chief Jesse Linde, Nick Preiner, and Scott Smith.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of November 17th, 2015, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULED GUESTS- None at this time.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS- Deputy Chief Linde presented his November Police Report. Fayal had a total of 35 calls and 15 traffic stops with 3 citations. Eighty hours of patrol time were logged in Fayal for the month of November.

REPORTS

Clerk/Treasurer's Report-

Bank statements for the month of November have not yet been received so this report is tentative. Revenues were \$55,312.92 and expenditures were \$232,243.12.

Ending balances for the month of November are:

Miners Checking- \$589,931.42

Assessment Savings- \$326,153.17

Mt Iron Checking- \$17,354.32

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

Chairman Tamaro informed the Board that the second half of the St Louis County Apportionment money has been received and those funds will be distributed to fund the departments.

Other Reports-

Motion to accept the November Road Report, made by Supervisor Ochis, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the November Police Report, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

November 20th- Name Change Endorsement Letter from Medico confirming that terms and benefits have not changed due to the name change from Lincoln Republic Insurance Company to Medico Life and Health Insurance Company. Placed on file.

November 30th- Minutes from the October 28th St Louis County Association of Townships regular meeting. Placed on file.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Sather-

Gas Line- More information will come this spring.

SCADA- Eight hours of training is currently underway for all five employees.

Supervisor Branville-

2017 Levy- Supervisor Branville commented that he had noticed in the local papers that other area cities are reporting maximum levy increases and that he feels more comfortable with our levy budget as it is much lower compared to the other entities. This year the levy was approached much earlier than in previous years. The Board still wants to take a close look at balances and budgets to see if any departments can have any reductions. Clerk Coldagelli will be working on getting all departments figures for current balances, expenditures and revenues.

Supervisor Ziegler-

Ballfield Road- Property owners will most likely meet with the Board beginning in 2016 to discuss options regarding the property.

Bullfrog's Blight- Supervisor Ziegler spoke with the owner of the building and the blight outside has been removed. Building owner was unsure at this point if the building will be demolished or repaired.

Chairman Tammaro-

Joint Powers Eveleth, Gilbert, Fayal, Leonidas Sewer- SEH met with Mayor of the City of Gilbert. Should be moving forward shortly.

Fire Department Coop- Chairman Tammaro updated the Board that things will now be moving forward as the IRRRB grant has been submitted and approved. The committee will also need to decrease in size as it is too large at this point.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Tammaro brought forward Ordinance 98-2 Amendment #3. He informed the Board that the Public Utilities Commission approved the revisions and Attorney Scott Neff and PUC member Chris Erickson assisted with drafting the changes.

Motion to adopt revisions to Ordinance 98-2 Amendment #3, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Sather. Chairman Tammaro amended the motion to also publish revisions in the Mesabi Daily News per state statute, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Ochis asked the Board if any more information had been reported regarding a Road Assessment Policy. Clerk Coldagelli had received some information from a Minnesota Association of Township attorney, Steve Fenske, whether it was a possibility. The attorney stated that the statute allows the town to assess a landowner only to the extent the value of their property was increased by the improvement.

Supervisor Ziegler informed the Board that Engine 91 was having pump issues. Assistant Chief Smith stated that in replacing the pump seals more problems were discovered due to age and rust. Originally a new pump was estimated at \$30,000-\$40,000. A repair option is to epoxy a new valve with a cost of \$12,000. A new pump installed would actually cost approximately \$20,000 installed and possibly an additional \$2,000 for updates. Fayal Fire Department officers currently recommend the Town Board approve the purchase of a new pump which would also include a warranty. Assistant Chief Smith stated it would be about 6 weeks for repairs and if the Board opted to purchase a new

pump the installer is prepared to schedule it for repairs immediately. Supervisor Ziegler recommended that the Board allow the purchase of a new pump for Engine 91.

Motion to purchase a new pump for Engine 91, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Tamaro asked about rusting and possibly adding a filter to prevent rust in the fire trucks. Assistant Chief Smith stated that there are some very simple fixes and Captain Hoffman already had the fix placed in Engine 6 to prevent the same type of issue in the future.

Chairman Tamaro informed the Board about dedicated ROW for S Boulevard and how a nearby property owner, Michael Wilen, approached Clerk Coldagelli regarding the Township vacating the property and Mr. Wilen purchasing it. In researching, Clerk Coldagelli found that it is a dedicated right of way and that the Township does not actually own the property. In speaking with a Township Attorney and St Louis County ROW employee, the Township does not need to do anything regarding this matter and that Mr. Wilen can petition in district court to attempt to purchase the property.

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

Motion to close the regular meeting to discuss union contract negotiations made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Regular meeting was closed to the public at 7:29 PM.

(Clerk's Note: Per MN Statute 13D.03 Subd. 2 (a) & (b) the closed portion of the meeting was audio recorded. The audio recording will be preserved for two years after the contract is signed and will be made available to the public after all labor contracts are signed by the Board.)

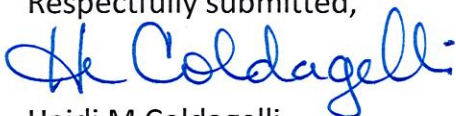
Motion to open the meeting made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

Regular meeting was opened at 8:18 PM.

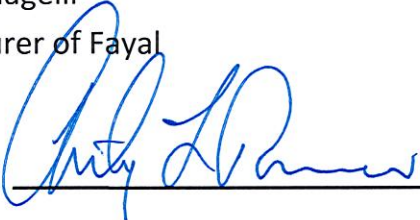
Motion to adjourn the regular meeting by Supervisor Ochis.

Chairman Tamaro adjourned the regular meeting at 8:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Heidi M Coldagelli
Clerk/Treasurer of Fayal

Approved: 

Chair

Date: 12-15-15

Attest: 

Clerk