

**TOWN OF FAYAL**  
**4375 SHADY LANE, EVELETH, MN 55734**

*Heidi M. Coldagelli, Clerk/Treasurer*

*Anthony Tammaro, Chairman*

*Supervisors: Lee Branville, Dave Ochis, Richard Sather, Patrick Ziegler*

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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD**

**DECEMBER 05, 2017**

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 member in attendance was Scott Smith.

***Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.***

**SCHEDULED GUESTS-** None at this time.

**AUDIENCE CONCERNS-** None at this time.

**REPORTS-**

**Clerk/Treasurer's Report-**

Bank statements for the month of November have not yet been received so this report is tentative. Revenues were \$54,091.76 and expenditures were \$172,136.31 Tentative balances for the month of November are:

Miners Checking- \$962,656.54  
Assessment Savings- \$335,310.21  
CD Savings- \$535,423.48

For the month of December to date, revenues are \$424,134.06 and expenditures are \$71,277.91. The St. Louis County apportionment was received 12/01 for \$408,373.35.

***Motion to approve the Clerk/Treasurer's Report, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather.*** Chairman Tammaro added that with the apportionment money some very old delinquent utilities were received. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

**Other Reports-**

***Motion to accept the November 27<sup>th</sup> and December 4<sup>th</sup> Employee Meeting Minutes, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.***

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

**CORRESPONDENCE**

November 27<sup>th</sup>- Letter from Minnesota Association of Townships with enclosed audited financial statement from July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016- June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The Township is also encouraged to obtain a no-obligation workers' comp quote. Placed on file.

November 29<sup>th</sup>- Certified letter from Mediacom. Effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 rates are increasing. Local Broadcast Station Surcharge will increase by \$4.78, Region Sports Surcharge by \$0.85, Family TV by \$3.54, HD DTA by \$1.00, SD DTA by \$2.00, DVR Service by \$4.04 and Standard installation will be a flat \$99.99 rate. Placed on file.

December 4<sup>th</sup>- Letter from St. Louis County Fair requesting donations. Moved to New Business.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Supervisor Sather-**

**Fire Department Co-op-** A plan has been submitted for review for the grant. In the past, Gilbert has not wanted to be involved, but maybe with a new chief, may change their minds.

**Old Bullfrogs Building-** Firefighter training has been taking place and doors and windows have been removed. Has another couple days for 10 day compliance for the blight notice. Concerned about someone trespassing and getting hurt.

**Supervisor Branville-** The heat issue is fixed in the PUC building and a larger expansion tank was installed. Supervisor Branville added that he turns the heat down in the building and questioned the Fire Department if there was a reason it was set at 72 degrees? Assistant Chief Smith added that 60 degrees is fine. The hot water heater appears to be working as well in the Fire Hall.

**Supervisor Ochis-**

**2017 Road Project-** Project will be completed in spring.

**Supervisor Ziegler-**

**Speed Study Pine Drive/Ely Lake Drive/Miller Trunk-** Would anticipate the County will address in the spring.

**Eveleth/Fayal Development Project-** Unsure of what will happen, in its infancy.

**Humane Society Contract Renewal-** Contented Critters is preparing a quote for Clerk Coldagelli.

**Resolution 2017-17 Sewer Rates-** Supervisor Ziegler was correct that the monthly service charge was reduced by \$2.00 and the new wastewater upgrades were added for \$7.50, resulting in a \$5.00 increase. Corrected the resolution and added a new line for wastewater upgrades. Clerk Coldagelli also added a new accounting item to track on the accounting side.

***Motion to adopt the revised 2017-17 A Resolution to Amend Residential and Commercial Sewer Use Fees in Accordance With the Town of Fayal Sewer Service Charge Ordinance 98-2, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.***

**2019 Levy-** Supervisor Branville thought it looked good. Chairman Tammaro spoke with Chief Shykes, who indicated that SCBAs will need to be replaced and they are very expensive. Assistant Chief Smith stated they have about a dozen and they may have a 10-year lifespan. Currently they are staggered for expiration. Discussion led to Police and Fire shortages. Chairman Tammaro suggested that the General Fund is typically healthy to fund shortages and Mining Effects Funds are also available to be depleted on yearly basis. Supervisor Ziegler suggested adding a new line item for Public Safety to account for any shortages in Police and Fire Funds. Clerk Coldagelli added that with Mining Effects, the Board had allocated \$12,300 to be used for parking lot improvements, which were rolled into the Road Project.

***Motion to allocate the \$12,300 from Mining Effects that was designated for the parking lot and not used to be put back into the Building and Grounds budget, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.***

**Chairman Tammaro-**

**Pine Drive Sewer Extension-** No update from Developer.

**Emergency Operations Procedures-** Contract received from Hundrieser Consulting LLC.

***Motion to contract with Hundrieser Consulting LLC for a creation of a joint emergency operations plan with the City of Eveleth with a cost to Fayal of \$3,000, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Ochis. Supervisor Ziegler asked if it would be paid from Mining Effects, which it could. Motion carried unanimously.***

**NEW BUSINESS-**

**Employee Health Care Deductible Request-** Foreman Zavodnik submitted a request to be reimbursed \$250 for meeting the \$7,000 deductible. Foreman Zavodnik was requested to return the \$250 in February once the Board discovered that the \$7,000 HSA deposit exceeded his max HSA contributions of \$6,750. The other employees qualified to keep the excess \$250 due to qualification as a catch-up contribution. There was much discussion regarding the contract, interpretation of the HSA funding and legality of returning the \$250 to employee.

***Motion that the HSA has already been fully funded and not grant Foreman Zavodnik's request, made by***

**Supervisor Branville, support from Chairman Tammaro.** Supervisor Ziegler questioned why the Board fully funded \$7,000 in January of 2017 when the contract references \$6,000? Within the contract there is conflicting language of fully funding HSAs and then references monetary limits within the contract. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Office Manager Contract Healthcare Savings Plan-** Clerk Coldagelli was contacted by an auditor from Minnesota Healthcare Retirement Systems. In auditing the Office Manager and Foreman contracts, in order to participate in the Healthcare Savings Plans, the retirement portions of the two contracts have to match.

**Motion to amend Article V, Section 4 of the Office Manager contract to match the AFSCME contract, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Northern Natural Gas Encroachment Agreement-** Agreement from Northern Natural Gas for work completed down by PUC building. Work has already been completed during 2017 Road Project and is a formality.

**Motion to approve Northern Natural Gas Encroachment Agreement, made by Supervisor Ochis, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Delinquent Certifications-** Chairman Tammaro commented on how the list is getting smaller. Discussion arose with two residents for smaller amounts owing. Clerk Coldagelli added that the Ordinance will need to be amended to certify delinquents October 1<sup>st</sup> as per state statute. Supervisor Ziegler recommended a minimum dollar amount as well.

**Motion to certify list to the County Auditor after making another attempt to contact the two residents with smaller balances, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Little Free Library-** Wastewater Operator Dickson offered to build a Little Free Library to put by the posting board at the Town Hall.

**St. Louis County Fair Donation-**

**Motion to deny the Fair's request for donation, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.**

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

Scott Smith suggested placing a baby changing station in the restrooms, Clerk Coldagelli will look into.

Chairman Tammaro adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Heidi M. Coldagelli*

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Approved: *Andy L. Roman*  
Chair

Date: 12-19-17

Attest: *Heidi M. Coldagelli*  
Clerk