

**TOWN OF FAYAL**  
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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD**

**DECEMBER 6, 2016**

The Regular Meeting of the Fayal Town Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:01 PM by Chairman Tammaro. Present were: Chairman Tammaro, Supervisor Ochis, Supervisor Sather, Supervisor Ziegler and Clerk/Treasurer Coldagelli. Supervisor Branville was absent.

Audience members in attendance were Scott Smith and Trevor Thompson.

***Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to approve the minutes of the 2016 Board of Canvass, made by Supervisor Ochis, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.***

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

**AUDIENCE CONCERNS-** Scott Smith updated that there were four fire departments that responded to the K & B fire. Supervisor Ziegler added that the fire departments did a great job and thanked them for their assistance.

**REPORTS-**

**Clerk/Treasurer's Report-**

Bank statements for the month of November have been received and all accounts have been reconciled. Revenues were \$50,376.96 and expenditures were \$124,837.20.

Ending balances for the month of November are:

Miners Checking- \$903,217.26

Assessment Savings- \$333,618.06

For the month of December to date, revenues are \$383,625.98 and expenditures are \$89,649.65. St. Louis County apportionment money was received on December 2<sup>nd</sup> for a total of \$377,253.06 and was distributed among the departments.

***Motion to approve the Clerk/Treasurer's Report, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Ochis.*** Chairman Tammaro added that the Township does not receive 100% of the apportionment money levied due to residents that do not pay. Discussion led to agreement that all departments be funded to account for the loss in levy revenue so each department needs to be prepared not to have full funding of their budget to account for that. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

**Other Reports-**

***Motion to accept the Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of September 21<sup>st</sup> and October 19<sup>th</sup>, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.***

**CORRESPONDENCE**

November 15<sup>th</sup>- Mesabi Humane Society January-October 2016 Animal Control Report for Fayal. Sent to all Supervisors. Placed on file.

November 21<sup>st</sup>- Resignation email from Donna O'Connor from the Fayal Public Utilities Commission. Listed under New Business.

November 22<sup>nd</sup> - Letter from Lake States Tree Service regarding contracted work with Lake County Power to begin January 2017 with completion by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017 for routine vegetation management. Work will involve trimming and removing trees, selective herbicide treatment of brush and stumps within easement and removal of danger trees where applicable. Placed on file.

November 22<sup>nd</sup> - Facts and findings from St. Louis County Board of Adjustment. Bradley Edworthy's variance application was approved. Clerk has forwarded on to the Planning Committee. Placed on file.

November 28<sup>th</sup> - Letter from Minnesota Association of Townships. Financial statements for July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015-June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016 for MAT and MATIT. Placed on file.

November 30<sup>th</sup> - Email from Arrowhead Regional Development Commission (ARDC). ARDC now has an Arrowhead Grant Assistance Program to assist local communities and agencies in developing and submitting successful grant applications. Placed on file.

December 1<sup>st</sup> - Board Meeting Minutes of the Range Association of Municipalities and Schools from October 27<sup>th</sup>. Placed on file.

December 5<sup>th</sup> - Email from Federal Home Loan Bank regarding \$500,000 Letter of Credit for Miners National Bank. Placed on file.

December 5<sup>th</sup> - Email from Miners National Bank to change pledge agreement from US Bank to United Bankers Bank. Needs authorized signature. Moved to New Business.

December 5<sup>th</sup> - Letter from the IRS stating they received Fayal's tax-exempt bond form issued September 30, 2016 for \$188,817 and matures September 30, 2021. Placed on file.

December 6<sup>th</sup> - Letter from St. Louis County Association of Townships Meeting Minutes from October 26<sup>th</sup>. Placed on file.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Supervisor Sather-**

**Joint Powers Eveleth-Gilbert-Fayal-Leonidas Sewer-** Proceed setting up a meeting with City of Eveleth and eventually bring Gilbert in when new council members begin.

#### **Supervisor Ochis-**

**Lake Country Power Farm Tap-** Clerk Coldagelli was unable to submit a feasibility study but has to submit a work order and then cancel it in order to determine cost to Lake Country Power.

#### **Supervisor Ziegler-**

**Old Bullfrogs Building-** More trees in the back need to be cut by contractor and the doors are now shut.

**Property Disposal-** Currently on Do-Bid and closes 12/13/2016.

**2018 Levy-** Currently proposed 2.69% increase. Departments need to look at their budgets. Supervisor Ziegler suggested increasing Fire Department Truck Fund to \$20,000. Chairman Tammaro suggested looking at Police as well because they are currently funded at the bare minimum.

**Health Insurance Premiums-** Clerk Coldagelli spoke with Attorney Scott Neff and he reviewed the contract but needed to see an older M.O.U. from 2004 before making a recommendation. Without the M.O.U. he was leaning towards Fayal fully funding. Clerk Coldagelli has no control over HSA's so unable to determine if any employees hit their deductibles in 2016.

#### **Chairman Tammaro-**

**Fire Department Co-op-** Chairman Tammaro spoke with the mayor of Eveleth and they are back participating. Clerk Coldagelli drafted a letter for all communities to approve to present to the IRRRB.

**Motion to approve the letter of support with the communities of Eveleth, Gilbert, Mt. Iron and Virginia to participate in a joint fire study, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Pine Drive and St. Mary's Court Signage-** Clerk Coldagelli needs to reach out to MnDOT as she hasn't heard back from them yet.

**Generator-** Table for now.

Emergency Procedures- Chief Shykes and Clerk Coldagelli are working on.

Joint Cooperation with Eveleth, Gilbert, Leonidas, ISD 2154-

*Motion to approve Resolution 2016-13, A Resolution to Support Minnesota Council for Community Growth, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.*

Fire Department/EMS- Fire Department was researching.

Election Costs-

*Motion to approve the overage for election costs of \$365.86, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Chairman Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.*

Grader-

*Motion to pay \$30,000 down payment to Nortrax from Capital Equipment Fund, made by Supervisor Ochis, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.*

NEW BUSINESS-

*Motion to certify delinquent utility bills and certification fee to St. Louis County for \$20,479.43, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.*

*Motion to accept the resignation of Public Utility Commission member Donna O'Connor, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Chairman Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.*

*Motion to post vacancy for Public Utility Commission with a deadline for submitting a letter of interest for January 31<sup>st</sup> 2017, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Ochis. Billing Clerk Dickson can place in utility bills for January's billing. Motion carried unanimously.*

Ballfield Property- Clerk Coldagelli was not sure if not filing by end of the year would cause problems for property taxes in 2017. St. Louis County is stating that it is in one parcel and the surveyor is placing the property in question in a different lot. Suggestion was to place in the lot that it belongs in according to County and file if it is only an additional recording fee if necessary to proceed.

*Motion to designate Clerk Coldagelli to be accountable and responsible for overseeing the nonaudit services, made by Chairman Tammaro, support Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.*

US Bank Pledge Cancellation-

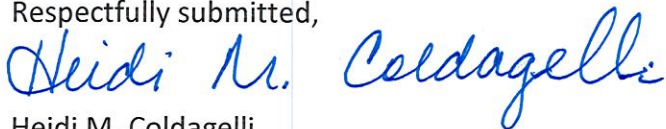
*Motion to cancel pledge with US Bank, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.*

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

*Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather.*

Chairman Tammaro adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Heidi M. Coldagelli

Clerk/Treasurer Town of Fayal

Approved:

  
Chair

Date: 12-20-16

Attest:

  
Clerk