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

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## REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

#### **DECEMBER 15, 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 Deputy Clerk Dickson. Clerk/Treasurer Coldagelli was absent.

Audience members in attendance were Eveleth Deputy Police Chief Jesse Linde, Steve Shykes, and Scott Smith.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

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

<u>AUDIENCE CONCERNS</u>- Steve Shykes reported the fire truck was completed Friday, it is fully functioning, it was used today at a fire. Shykes also reported the vendor backed into the garage door, they will pay for the repairs which have been ordered. Also, the new pickup truck is 100% complete and in service.

Scott Smith nothing at this time.

Deputy Chief Linde nothing at this time.

## **REPORTS**

Bank statements for the month of November have been received and all accounts have been reconciled. Revenues were \$55,772.17 and expenditures were \$232,243.12. There was a payment of \$90,074.52 for Telemetry Process Controls for the SCADA project reflected in the expenditures.

Ending balances for the month of November are:

Miners Checking- \$590,449.21
Assessment Savings- \$326,153.17
CD Savings- \$535,390.37
Mt Iron Checking- \$17,295.78

For the month of December to date, revenues are \$405,506.83 and expenditures are \$189,601.35. St Louis County apportionment money was received December 1<sup>st</sup> for \$381,832.02. From that apportionment money there was a transfer of \$125,986.20 from the Miner's Bank Checking account to the Miner's Bank Assessment Savings. This transfer is listed within the expenditures.

Motion to approve the December Clerk/Treasurer's Report, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ochis. Discussion Chairman Tammaro reports Patty Sabie was here and was explaining how to read the reports and some of the items are actually assets not cash. So, some of the departments may not have as much money as they thought. They are continuing to work and educate us. Motion carried unanimously.

## Other Reports-

Motion to accept the November 10, 2015 PUC Report, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the November Waste Water Report, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Joint Powers Rec Board minutes of 12-9-15, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion to accept the Fire Dept minutes of 11-11-15, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

December 3<sup>rd</sup>- Letter from FHLB Des Moines regarding Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit from Miners National Bank of Eveleth. This is Fayal's public entity pledging letter that the bank provides to cover any deposit money not covered by FDIC. (Generated due to our Apportionment money deposit). Referred to new business.

December 8<sup>th</sup>- Letter from Couri & Ruppe, PLLP regarding their hourly rate will be increasing from \$180 per hour to \$195 per hour effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016. Placed on file.

December 14<sup>th</sup>- Letter from Minnesota Energy Resources regarding Notice Of and Order for Hearing. Minnesota Energy Resources is seeking a rate increase of approximately 5.47%. Placed on file.

December 14<sup>th</sup>- Letter from Minnesota Rural Water Association thanking Fayal Township for their support and informing the Township regarding the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual three-day Water & Wastewater Technical Conference held in St Cloud at the St. Cloud Civic Center March 1-3, 2016. More information regarding the conference is available on their website or the TA Times newsletter. Refer to PUC.

December 14<sup>th</sup>- Letter and dividend check from League of Minnesota Cities. Fayal's dividend share is \$2,285. Since 2010 Fayal has received \$5,468 in dividend returns. (This is by far the largest one that we have received yet). Deposit and then place on file.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

#### Supervisor Sather-

Gas Line- More information will come this spring.

<u>SCADA</u>- The training has been completed, there are still a couple of things to be completed.

#### Supervisor Branville-

#### Union Negotiations-

Supervisor Branville commented on the Clerk's contract, there is a minor change with the grievance procedure that will be removed and the rate of pay will tie in with the union contract.

**2017** Levy- He is inquiring about the timing for the levy, Chairman Tammaro states it has to be done by the annual meeting, and the people have the ability to change it. Supervisor Sather feels the fire dept is not going to have enough money to pay the payment. All of the equipment is ageing, there used to be more grant money available. Shykes agreed with Sather.

Clerk Coldagelli will be working on getting all departments figures for current balances, expenditures and revenues.

## Supervisor Ziegler-

**Ballfield Road** - Nothing at this time.

## Chairman Tammaro-

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

<u>Fire Department Coop</u>- Fire Chief Shykes talked to Mayor Kutsi, they are not sure where they are in the grant process. Shykes will be meeting with Jackie to see where they are in the process.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

## Supervisor Sather-

Motion to Certify the Delinquent Utility list of \$18,887.11 to the St Louis County Auditor and place it on the 2016 payable tax role, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to designate Clerk Heidi Coldagelli to be responsible and accountable for overseeing the nonaudit services performed by Walker Giroux & Hahne, LLC., made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.

## Supervisor Ziegler-

Motion to approve the new list of Fire Department Officers for 2016-2017. Fire Chief- Steve Shykes, Asst. Chief- Scott Smith, Battalion Chief- Bryan Sampson, Captain- Matt Hoffmann, Lieutenant- Nick Preiner, EMS Director- Therese Elverum, Secretary- David Hartman, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Shykes reports the League of MN Cities would like the Town to utilize an application process instead of a vote. Tammaro states that is why the Town Board approves the election.

Motion to table the Mesabi Humane Society contract until the Board has time to read it, made by Chairman Tammaro Supervisor support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to have Clerk/Treasurer Coldagelli sign the FHLB letter of Credit, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Chairman Tammaro wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Supervisor Branville asked Deputy Police Chief Jesse Linde about the Fayal Squad car. Linde reported the car has been updated with new graphics, the squad grant has been approved, and the squad will be used as a K-9 squad. The dog will be delivered soon.

Chairman Tammaro closed the regular meeting to discuss union contract negotiations.

Regular meeting was closed to the public at 7:31 PM. At this time Deputy Clerk Dickson left the meeting.

(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.).

Chairman Tammaro asked to open the regular meeting. Regular meeting was opened at 8:14 PM.

Motion to adjourn the regular meeting by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Ziegler.

Chairman Tammaro adjourned the regular meeting at 8:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,	
Diana Dickson	
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer of Fayal	
Approved: Approved: Date: 1-4-16 Chair	
Attest: M. M. M. M. M. Clerk	