

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

DECEMBER 18, 2018

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 Sather, Supervisor Ziegler and Clerk/Treasurer Coldagelli. Supervisor Ochis was absent. Chairman Tammaro led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Audience members in attendance were Deputy Police Chief Jesse Linde, Steve Shykes and students Noah Sandnas, Alec Gritzmacher and Robbie Licari.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of December 4th, 2018, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULED GUESTS- None at this time.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS- Steve Shykes brought forward a couple of items. A-1 donated a water rescue suit. There were also items left for clean up from the gas line installation and some complaints regarding quality of work. Chief Shykes also wanted clarification regarding the \$1,000 payment for the consultant services for the Fire Department Co-op study. Could put the budget over and the Board will make sure the Department is whole.

REPORTS-

Clerk/Treasurer's Report-

Bank statements for the month of November have been received and all accounts have been reconciled. Revenues were \$57,277.54 and expenditures were \$237,852.62. Ending balances for the month of November are:

Miners Checking- \$916,402.80
Assessment Savings- \$325,923.66
CD Savings- \$525,110.66

For the month of December to date, revenues are \$469,596.05 and expenditures are \$123,486.02.

Motion to approve the Clerk/Treasurer's Report, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Clerk Coldagelli stated that through December, all Departments are positive, but once the audit entries are added, the Fire Department will be very close. The Department is still waiting for \$2,000 in deposits to come through before year end. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Other Reports-

Motion to accept the Fayal Fire Department Business Meeting Minutes from December 12th, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Joint Powers Rec Board Meeting Minutes from December 12th, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the December 17th Employee Meeting Minutes, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Joint Cable Access Board Meeting Minutes from December 5th, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Public Utilities Meeting Minutes from November 13th, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Delinquency Report, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the November Wastewater Operator Report, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE-

December 4th- Email from RAMS with board meeting minutes from October 25th. Placed on file.

December 5th- Letter from Mediacom. Effective January 1st a \$2.00 rate adjustment will occur on the local broadcast station surcharge, family TV and prime TV. A \$0.20 increase will occur on the regional sports surcharge. Clerk Coldagelli did speak with Mediacom and they are working on the project completion. They will come back in the spring if necessary to finish restoration and cleanup. Placed on file.

December 12th- Email from RAMS. Annual meeting and dinner will be held Thursday, January 10th, 2019 at the Mt. Iron Community Center at 5:00 PM. Placed on file.

December 17th- Letter from League of Minnesota Cities with dividend check for 2018 for \$456.00. Placed on file.

December 18th- 2019 animal control contract with Contented Critters. Price has remained the same at \$2,400 per year up to 50 animals yearly. Move to New Business.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Sather-

Fire Department Co-op- Looking at rescheduling for January.

Supervisor Branville-

Union Contract Negotiations- Came to an agreement with the employees and Union. Decided to stay with existing health plan because the other was too new. Also capped the health savings account. Will look in 2019 at a new healthcare plan. Raise on the wages was \$0.50/\$0.50/\$0.60. Pager was also increased \$0.20.

Motion to approve the employee union contract as negotiated by Supervisor Branville and Chairman Tammaro, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Generator- Hometown Electric will complete final connections at the 1st of the year.

2020 Levy- Chairman Tammaro would like all the accounts positive at the end of the year and all look good. Clerk Coldagelli suggested looking at the Road & Bridge budget for an increase. Their expense budget exceeds what is levied every year.

Supervisor Ziegler-

Old Bullfrogs Building- An attorney, Jackie Corradi-Simon, was going to work with Mr. Toman's attorney to come to a resolution.

MnDOT Relocation- Meeting for residents 12/20.

Water Standby Charge- PUC made a motion to approve to stop paying the water standby charge but the monies will still carry with the property if they or a future owner were to connect.

Motion to approve as per the PUC motion, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

[Clerk's Note: The Public Utility made a motion at their December 11th meeting that stated: "Motion by Chris Erickson to change the Standby Water Charge to say the Standby Water shall be paid every month up to the maximum of the then current Water Access Charge. The monthly Standby Water Fee shall be transferrable to future property owners. Any payments already made may be applied to the current Water Access Charge if the property owner ceases to make monthly payments and decides to connect in the future. Second by Amy Jackson. Motion carried unanimously."]

Employee Hours and Contractor Schedules- Supervisor Ziegler would like to have set hours for the employees from 7:00-3:30. Need to figure out what to do with the 32-hour employees. With contractors, during the summer, the contractors work long days. Will leave for next meeting to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

Parking Lot Building & Grounds Payment- For 2019, the payment is \$18,592.27.

Motion to allocate \$15,000 of the 2019 Mining Effects to Building and Grounds for the parking lot payment, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support by Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Tammaro added that in 2019 there should be very little projects needed, so there should be some funding for SCBA's and can get a game plan together for how to accomplish that.

Supervisor Ziegler wanted clarification for one of the vendors on the claim register and questioned the purchasing of some tools. Questioned if employees are clearing with Supervisors and do the employees need these tool replacements?

Lodging Tax-

Motion to distribute 2018 Lodging Tax of \$1,393.90 to Iron Range Tourism Bureau, made by Chairman Tammaro, support by Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Contented Critters- Did pick up a few animals in 2018 and provides that information to Fayal after pickup.

Motion to approve 2019 Animal Control contract with Contented Critters, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support by Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to pay the claims in the amount of \$61,735.09, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Tammaro wanted to thank Supervisor Dave Ochis for all of his years of service and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.


Motion to adjourn, made by Supervisor Ziegler.

Chairman Tammaro adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Heidi M. Coldagelli
Clerk/Treasurer Town of Fayal

Approved:  _____ Date: 11/9/2019
Chair

Attest:  _____
Clerk