

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

**DECEMBER 19, 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 Deputy Police Chief Jesse Linde, Scott Smith and John West.

***Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.***

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

**AUDIENCE CONCERNS**- Assistant Fire Chief Scott Smith updated the Board on the status of the water tender. Working with vendor to try to change chassis gear ratio back to what was originally ordered. Truck may be ready by midsummer.

**REPORTS-**

**Clerk/Treasurer's Report-**

Bank statements for the month of November have been received and all accounts have been reconciled. Revenues were \$54,268.78 and expenditures were \$172,486.31. Ending balances for the month of November are:

Miners Checking- \$962,483.56  
Assessment Savings- \$335,310.21  
CD Savings- \$535,423.48

For the month of December to date, revenues are \$451,868.88 and expenditures are \$101,787.39. 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 Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.***

**Other Reports-**

***Motion to accept the Joint Cable Board Meeting Minutes from December 6<sup>th</sup>, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to accept the Joint Recreation Board Meeting Minutes from December 6<sup>th</sup>, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to accept the December 18<sup>th</sup> Employee Meeting Minutes, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.***

**CORRESPONDENCE**

December 6<sup>th</sup>- Email from Mary Presnail, DNR. Workshop will be held Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM in Carlton regarding updating floodplain mapping for Carlton County. Neighboring community officials are also welcome to attend. Placed on file.

December 6<sup>th</sup>- Email from Theresa Sunde from Mediacom with extension agreement between Fayal and Mediacom. Clerk Coldagelli will need to work on as she was sent an Ordinance. Table for now.

December 8<sup>th</sup>- Letter from St. Louis County regarding Comprehensive Land Use Plan Update. The letter stated there have been concerns raised by a couple of townships that have individual plans wanting to

make sure their goals and policies will be included in the new unified plan. The County's intent is to work with townships in reviewing their goals and policies and to include those to the extent practical in the new plan. On the included map of land use plans, Fayal Township's updated plan was not included, which Clerk Coldagelli sent to Mary Anderson with the County. Placed on file.

December 11<sup>th</sup>- Bank statement from US Bank. Escrow disbursement paid to Custom Fire Apparatus for \$90,597.00. Remaining escrow balance is \$121,059.22. Placed on file.

December 11<sup>th</sup>- Packet from Benchmark Engineering regarding letter of interest for engineering services for 2018. Placed on file.

December 12<sup>th</sup>- Email from RAMS with invitation to the Annual Meeting scheduled January 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM at the Mt. Iron Community Center. Guest speaker is Governor Mark Dayton. Deadline to RSVP is 12/29. Also included was a proposed Constitutional Amendment to the RAMS By-Laws. Supervisor Branville made a motion for Chairman Tammaro to be the representative, Supervisor Branville also suggested rotating meetings.

December 15<sup>th</sup>- Email from Amanda Mitchell from St. Louis County regarding 2018 aggregate crushing, maintenance striping and crack sealing program. Forwarded on to R&B.

December 18<sup>th</sup>- Dividend from League of Minnesota Cities for 2017 received for \$1,125. Placed on file.

December 18<sup>th</sup>- Letter from Minnesota Energy regarding notice of and order for hearing. The Commission has authorized an interim rate increase of approximately 3.78% effective January 1, 2018 and the rate will remain in effect until a final decision is made. Forward to the PUC.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Supervisor Sather-**

**Fire Department Co-op-** Chief Shykes sent proposals out today. If anyone had any questions or suggestions they could reach out to him. Supervisor Ziegler suggested incorporating the Eveleth/Fayal Police into the plan if a new building would be constructed as a public safety building. If a new building were to be constructed, it would most likely also include the ambulance service as well.

**Humane Society Contract Renewal-** Chairman Tammaro stated that animal patrolling over the years has worked and now are seeing few issues. Supervisor Sather added that the police could keep an eye out for animals as they are patrolling. Contented Critters provided a sample contract. Police Chief Tim Koivunen believes that Contented Critters would be in agreement with a \$200/month fee.

***Motion to contract with Contented Critters for animal control services for \$200/month, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville.*** Clerk Coldagelli will notify the Humane Society that Fayal will not renew their contract and thank them for their services. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

**Employee Health Care Deductible Request-** The Union Representative contacted Clerk Coldagelli to notify the Board that there are no tax laws or statutes that prohibit the Board from being able to honor Foreman Zavodnik's request. Supervisor Ziegler stated it was already acted on at the last meeting. No further action was taken.

**Supervisor Branville-** Supervisor Branville brought forward contracting for services with TruGreen for lawn services for 2018. The pricing remains the same as in prior years.

***Motion to approve TruGreen bill for \$1,850.44 from Building and Grounds, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.***

**2019 Levy-** Chairman Tammaro suggested shifting \$3,000 from the Recreation Department over to the Police. Fire Department was increased \$3,000. Supervisor Branville brought concerns that the tennis courts will need some attention. Chairman Tammaro stated there are Mining Effects and grants that could be used. Chairman Tammaro expressed concerns over the Fire Department attending training in Indianapolis yearly and the large expense it is to the Fire Department Budget. Current proposed levy is a 2.74% increase.

#### **Supervisor Ochis-**

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

#### **Supervisor Ziegler-**

**Old Bullfrogs Building-** Deputy Chief Linde had to petition the Court in order to charge for the blight offense. Owner needs to board up the doors and windows in order to bring compliant.

Emergency Operations Procedures- Should start in January.

Eveleth/Fayal Development Project- No updates.

Chairman Tammaro-

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

Pine Drive Sewer Extension- No update or commitment from the Developer. Property is now for sale.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**2018 Employee HSAs**- Discussion regarding IRS rules and contract. 2018 IRS contribution limits are \$6,900 family, \$3,450 single, and Health Partners medical deductible is \$7,000. Foreman Zavodnik and Equipment Operator Jurenic will receive \$7,000 for family plans, Wastewater Operator Dickson and Billing Clerk Dickson each receive \$3,500 for single plans and retiree Verkovich to receive \$2,500. To clarify, excess contribution would be taxed for Foreman Zavodnik.

***Motion to fully fund the HSA per the union contract, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.***

Supervisor Ochis brought forward the Road & Bridge request to try carbide blades from Pit & Quarry for \$2,250. Chairman Tammaro questioned if that was state bid price? The carbide blades last significantly longer. The County chip sealing leads to rapid wear.

***Motion to purchase grader blades for \$2,250 made by Supervisor Ochis, support from Supervisor Ziegler.***

Chairman Tammaro added that there are at least 6 manholes that will be addressed in the spring that now could also lead to the wearing of the blades. Supervisor Ochis stated that Fayal would work with Mesabi Bituminous to correct. Supervisor Ziegler suggested working on in house or using Northland Concrete as they did all the County roads this year and did a very nice job. Supervisor Ochis will reach out to Northland.

***Motion carried unanimously.***

**2017 Mining Effects**- Needs to be allocated by the end of the year. New pad is needed for the generator and the tennis courts are in need of major repairs. Clerk Coldagelli suggested moving remaining balance to Building and Grounds as the bond payment will also need to be accounted for.

***Motion to transfer remaining 2017 Mining Effects balance of \$17,490.64 to Building & Grounds, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather.*** Supervisor Ziegler questioned funding any of the Fire Department deficit. Clerk Coldagelli stated they could end up positive as she is working on the audit and Chairman Tammaro stated that the General Fund could cover them. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

**Employee Benefits CD**- The Auditor recommended increasing as \$5,000/year will not last very long. Currently using nearly \$15,000/year for one retiree and the current balance of \$58,000 will only last a few years.

***Motion to increase Employee Benefits CD contribution to \$10,000 per year, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

**Lodging Tax**- Fayal is able to keep 5% for administrative costs.

***Motion to pay the 2017 Lodging Tax collected to Iron Range Tourism for \$1,343.36, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.***

**2017 Audit Walker, Giroux & Hahne**- Currently in a three-year contract, but need engagement letter signed yearly.

***Motion to approve one-year engagement letter for \$17,000, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

Supervisor Sather brought forward that the snowblower for the rink will need to be replaced in the future. Equipment Operator Jurenic ordered a new carburetor for it.

***Motion to approve Heidi Coldagelli to perform the nonattest, nonaudit services for Walker, Giroux & Hahne, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.***

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

Chairman Tammaro wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Chairman Tammaro adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Heidi M. Coldagelli*

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Clerk/Treasurer Town of Fayal

Approved:

*Andy F. Brown*

Chair

Date:

*1-2-18*

Attest:

*Heidi M. Coldagelli*

Clerk