

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

**DECEMBER 20, 2016**

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 members in attendance were Matt Hoffmann, Deputy Police Chief Jesse Linde, Nick Preiner, Matt Reid, Steve Shykes, Scott Smith and Jerry Ulman.

***Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather. Supervisor Branville abstained. Motion carried.***

**SCHEDULED GUESTS-** Steve Shykes provided information regarding the purchase of a water tender. Fire Department Captain Matt Hoffman provided the Board with blueprints from Custom Fire. The design mirrors the former water tender with some minor changes. Mutual aid was utilized four times in 2016 for a water tender. At this point, not having a water tender will not directly result in a reduction to an ISO rating, but a combination with another factor could. Current price for a water tender per the blueprint design was \$283,238.00. If purchased, the chassis would need to be paid upfront which ranges \$80,000-\$90,000 and financing options are available for the remaining balance. Chairman Tammaro suggested waiting to make a decision until after the annual town meeting to understand how the citizens would respond since the increase in the fire truck fund would be included in the levy. Chairman Tammaro also tasked Captain Hoffmann to bring back to the Board how the price was broken down. If the Board were to proceed it would be appropriate to fund similar to the grader with \$30,000 from Capital Equipment.

**AUDIENCE CONCERNS-** Jerry Ulman wanted to wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

**REPORTS-**

**Clerk/Treasurer's Report-**

For the month of December to date, revenues are \$416,298.00 and expenditures are \$234,165.40. Revenues include St. Louis County Apportionment money of \$377,253.06 and the expenditures include the portion of those funds transferred to the assessment savings of \$122,411.19.

Current balances for the month of December are:

Miners Checking- \$1,085,349.86

Assessment Savings- \$456,029.25

***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 Public Utility Commission Meeting Minutes of November 9<sup>th</sup> and the Delinquency Report, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

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

***Motion to accept the E.F.G.S.D. Joint Powers Recreation Board Meeting Minutes of December 7<sup>th</sup>, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to accept the November Fire Department Business Meeting Minutes, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

**CORRESPONDENCE**

December 7<sup>th</sup> - Letter from Mediacom regarding compliance with Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action obligations. Placed on file.

December 12<sup>th</sup> - Letter from Mediacom regarding rate adjustments effective January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Local Broadcast Station Surcharge will increase to \$7.00 (net change of .96), Regional Sports Surcharge will increase to \$3.73 (net change of .76) and Family TV new rate will be \$73.95 (net change of \$2.00). Placed on file.

December 12<sup>th</sup> - Letter from AFSCME Council 65. 2017 AFSCME 65 dues will have no change to the monthly maximum rate or annual maximum but the fair share fee payers has changed for 2017 (does not affect Fayal). Placed on file.

December 12<sup>th</sup> - Letter from RCB Collections with a check for \$288.82 for collections submitted April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and received November 3<sup>rd</sup> of this year. Clerk Coldagelli spoke with RCB and that is accurate even though Fayal no longer holds a contract with them. Chairman Tammaro educated the Board on Fayal's history with RCB Collections. Placed on file.

December 12<sup>th</sup> - Escrow statement from US Bank. Funds have been disbursed to Nortrax and escrow account is now at zero. Placed on file.

December 13<sup>th</sup> - Letter from League of Minnesota Cities regarding work comp claims for policy year. There has been one claim opened. Placed on file.

December 13<sup>th</sup> - Letter from League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust with dividend history. Included was Fayal's 2016 Dividend check for \$4,225 which is nearly double the 2015 dividend. Placed on file.

December 13<sup>th</sup> - Thank you from Keenan's TV & Appliance for purchasing from them. Placed on file.

December 14<sup>th</sup> - Email from RAMS with agenda and official meeting notice for December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Placed on file.

December 19<sup>th</sup> - Letter from RAMS regarding proposed constitution amendment to RAMS By-Laws. Placed on file.

December 19<sup>th</sup> - Letter from St. Louis County Fair requesting donations for the 2017 St. Louis County Fair. Refer to New Business.

December 20<sup>th</sup> - Email from MN Association of Townships. New class added for a full day of Clerk Training on January 10<sup>th</sup> in St. Michael, MN. Also last chance to receive Board of Equalization Training before February 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. Refer to New Business.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Supervisor Sather-**

**Certification of Delinquent Utility Accounts-** It was discovered prior to certification with St. Louis County that one of the account holders on the list no longer owned his home. Contacted new owner and he paid the delinquent balance owing. Actual amount certified to St. Louis County reduced by \$570.64.

***Motion to accept the certification amount reduced by \$570.64 that was submitted to St. Louis County, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.***

**Public Utility Commission Vacancy-** Vacancy is posted.

**Supervisor Branville-**

***Motion to use TruGreen for 2017 lawn care for grounds and ballfield, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.***

**2018 Levy-** With \$10,000 addition to fire truck fund, levy is at 3.48%. Suggestion was to add \$4,000 to Police for a total police budget of \$47,000. Deputy Police Chief Linde was going to look into why Fayal's legal fees were so high compared to fine revenue.

**Supervisor Ziegler-**

**Health Insurance Premiums/Deductibles-**

***Motion to fully fund health insurance deductibles for the employees in January 2017, \$3,500 for individual and \$7,000 for family, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

**Property Disposal**- Nearly all items sold and received approximately \$9,200, not including costs from Do-Bid. Check will be appropriated based upon items sold between Building and Grounds, Fayal Sewer Company and Road and Bridge Departments.

**Chairman Tamaro**-

**Fire Department Co-op**- Clerk Coldagelli drafted a letter for all communities to have council approval to present to the IRRRB. She has not heard back yet from any of the communities whether it was approved. If IRRRB refuses to fund a study, then the communities will have to approach the State Fire Marshall's office with the request.

**Joint Powers Eveleth-Gilbert-Fayal-Leonidas Sewer**- Chairman Tamaro and Public Utility Commission member Cal Turner met with Stantec and the new Gilbert council members to bring everyone up to speed on the sewer upgrades. Questions arose if other plant upgrades would be taken into consideration at the same time as the mercury emission. Chairman Tamaro questioned if there was permitting leniency when communities were looking at other options, which Supervisor Ziegler believed there was.

**Old Bullfrogs Building**- Doors are still open and power removal issues exist.

**Fire Department/EMS**- Fire Department has been getting some facts and figures together.

**Joint Cooperation with Eveleth, Gilbert, Leonidas, ISD 2154**- No updates.

**Pine Drive and St. Mary's Court Signage**- MnDot did not have a direct number to reach the appropriate department, but Clerk Coldagelli was provided an email address and has not received a return response yet.

**Emergency Procedures**- Table for now.

**Generator**- Table for now. Price will remain the same for 2017.

**NEW BUSINESS**-

**Sewer Rate Increase**- Sewer rate will be increasing in 2017. Waiting to hear back regarding a potential water increase.

**Reorganization Meeting**-

***Motion to set the Reorganization Meeting on January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 PM with the regular board meeting to follow, made by Chairman Tamaro, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.***

**Resolution 2016-14**- Clerk Coldagelli added that this was an update to Resolution 2007-01 and had been listed for the past few years on the audit to correct the dollar amounts listed as they have changed.

***Motion to approve Resolution 2016-14, A Resolution to Establish Accounting Policies and Procedures for the Financial Activities of the Town of Fayal, made by Chairman Tamaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

**Donation to St. Louis County Fair**-

***Motion to not donate to the St. Louis County Fair, made by Chairman Tamaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

**Clerk Training**-

***Motion to allow Clerk Coldagelli to attend Clerk Training provided by Minnesota Association of Townships and allow for normal travel expenses, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.***

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

***Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Ochis.***

Chairman Tammaro adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Heidi M. Coldagelli*

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Clerk/Treasurer Town of Fayal

Approved:

*Andy Tammaro*

Date:

*1-3-17*

Chair

Attest:

*Heidi M. Coldagelli*

Clerk