

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

JANUARY 17, 2012

The Regular Meeting of the Fayal Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Kniefel. Present were: Chairman Kniefel, Supervisor Erjavec, Supervisor Branville, Supervisor Pernu, Supervisor Tamaro and Clerk Sersha.

Audience members in attendance were: Jerry Ulman, Steve Shykes, Scott Smith, Jim Johnson and Brad Reifsteck. Twelve E-G High School students were also in attendance.

Motion to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2012 Regular Meeting, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Erjavec. Supervisor Pernu abstained, due to his absence from the meeting. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Clerk/Treasurer's Report- All account statements for the month of December 2011 have been received and reconciled. Total revenues were \$385,273.42 and expenditures were \$123,058.80. Ending balances were:

Miners Bank-	\$205,204.36
Assessment Savings-	\$476,369.13
Mt. Iron Checking-	\$697,026.16

For the month of January 2012 to date, there have been revenues of \$28,271.20 and expenditures of \$53,537.06. A transfer in the amount of \$180,600.00 was made on January 4, 2012 from Miners to Mt. Iron Checking.

Motion to approve the Clerk/Treasurer's Report made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the January 11, 2012 EFGSD Joint Rec minutes, made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the December 2011 Road & Bridge Report, made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Pernu. The sign project is coming in about \$1,000 less than anticipated, and we will be in compliance within a year. The new dump/plow truck is anticipated to arrive this week. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the December 14, 2011 Fire Department Regular Business meeting minutes, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

SLC Public Works- We are invited to participate in the 2012 crushing, crack sealing and striping maintenance programs. Referred to Road & Bridge, placed on file.

Fayal Firefighters Relief Association- Request for 2012 township contribution to their fund. Referred to New Business.

Fayal Fire Dept.- Request for Steve Shykes and Matt Hoffman to attend the Fire Department Instructors Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana. Registration fee is \$500 each for four days of training. Travel will be by township vehicle and meals will be per diem. Referred to New Business.

Annual Young Leaders Convention will be held on Feb. 22 at Fortune Bay. Iron Range Youth in Action is requesting donation. Cost for each student is \$50. Referred to New Business.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Erjavec-

Wastewater Contract- Nothing at this time.

Supervisor Branville-

Snowplowing Issue- Branville spoke with both parties and the issue has been resolved.

Supervisor Tammaro-

Solar Project- Pay Estimate #1 has been received.

Motion to authorize payment of Pay Estimate #1 in the amount of \$15,792 to Hometown Electric, made by Supervisor Tammaro, support from Supervisor Erjavec. Chairman Kniefel noted the IRRRB grant documents have been received and executed. Motion carried unanimously.

Road Sign- Discussion on "School Bus Stop Ahead" sign being placed on Thunderbird Trail near a newly built residence where driveway access is blocked by a hill.

Motion to authorized placement of a "School Bus Stop Ahead" sign to be placed on Thunderbird Trail, made by Supervisor Tammaro, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to place No Snowmobiles and No ATV's signs on town complex property, made by Supervisor Tammaro, support from Supervisor Erjavec. Much discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to have the town clerk forward the Ordinance 99-2 to the League of MN Cities attorney for comment on the enforce ability of the snowmobile ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Kniefel-

Eveleth Fee Office License- A license document and bill was received.

Motion to extend the license for sewer easement with the Eveleth Fee Office for 2012 at a cost of \$50, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Korpela Plat- Nothing at this time.

Leonidas Fire Protection Request- The issue was referred to the Fayal Fire Department for consideration and recommendation.

Motion to inform the City we are not interested in providing fire service for the City of Leonidas, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Erjavec reported the PUC approved the extension of a promissary note to Ed and Christine Cvek for a sewer service charge for property owned by them.

Motion to approve the promissary note to Ed and Christine Cvek in the amount of \$7,000 at 3.5% interest for 60 months, first payment beginning February 20, 2012 to be billed monthly, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the request for training proposal for Steve Shykes and Matt Hoffman, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to authorize payment of the 2012 township contribution of \$14,000.00 to the Fayal Fire Relief Association, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Dept. By-Law Changes- Chief Shykes was in attendance to explain the changes, which have already been authorized by the fire department membership. Changes are: 1) Establish a Battalion Chief position, 2) Assistant Chief will be Administrator and Training Officer, 3) Establishes pay for Battalion Chief. Chief Shykes explained the fire department needs to attract some younger people and by establishing the battalion chief position, training can begin for someone to replace some of the older officers.

Motion to approve the changes to the Fayal Fire Department By-Laws, as submitted by Chief Shykes, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to donate \$100 to the Iron Range Youth in Action, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN CONCERNS AND COMMENTS

Scott Smith, Steve Shykes, Jerry Ulman, Brad Reifsteck and the high school students had no comments.

Jim Johnson distributed a map of the airport property to the board members and explained there is a logger who will be using a portion of South Airport Drive. The logger would deviate from the road at a certain point and make a new portion of road. Mr. Johnson questioned if that new portion of road could be used as a suitable replacement for the existing minimum maintenance portion of township road? Chairman Kniefel stated there is much history to the road, with the airport asking it be vacated. A public hearing was held, and the board decided not to vacate, unless the airport would build a suitable replacement. Kniefel stated that if the road is built to standards, he does not see a problem in dedicating a new alignment.

Motion to pay the bills made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Erjavec. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Kniefel adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy M. Sersha
Clerk of Fayal

Approved: _____
Chair

Date: _____

Attest: _____
Clerk