

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

**JANUARY 19, 2010**

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 Steve Shykes, Jerry Ulman, E-G High School students Kevin King and Eric Vincent.

***Motion to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2010 Regular Meeting, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.***

**REPORTS**

***Clerk/Treasurer's Report-*** For the period of January 1-19, 2010, there have been \$15,590.85 in revenues and \$54,148.35 in expenditures. Balances are as follows:

Miners Bank-           \$111,334.48  
Assessment Savings-   \$475,872.17  
Mt. Iron Checking-   \$709,534.12

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

***Motion to accept the minutes of the December 8, 2009 PUC Regular Meeting, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to accept the minutes of the January 13, 2010 EFGSD Joint Rec Regular Meeting, made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to accept the December 2009 Road & Bridge Report made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.***

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Iron Range Youth in Action- Request for donation for the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Young Leaders Convention to be held at Fortune Bay on Feb. 17. Referred to New Business.

SLC Planning- The SLC Board has adopted procedures to allocate \$6.088 million in bonding authority to local governments for Recovery Zone Facility Bonds. Applications and procedures are available on the SLC website. Placed on file.

Gary Mackley, City of Gilbert- Effluent agreement. The Gilbert City Council is requesting the Fayal Town Board approve the agreement within 30 days. Referred to Old Business.

MN PUC- Notice that the MN PUC has accepted MN Power's application for a general increase in rates of approximately \$81 million or 18.9 percent. Placed on file.

SLC Sheriff, Deputy Marcus Bruning- Memo update regarding the SLC Emergency Communications and the ARMER 800mghz system. Referred to town board, placed on file.

Northeast Service Cooperative- NESCU has submitted a \$43 million grant proposal under the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act for a public regional broadband network. The request continues to receive favorable review, and they will keep us posted. Referred to PUC.

SLCATO- Regular Meeting minutes of Dec. 2, 2009. Next meeting is Feb. 24, 7 pm, Cotton, speaker is Dave Yapel of SLC Planning. Lobby Day is Mar. 15, and there is a bus available. Annual Banquet is Wed. Apr. 28, Cotton Community Center. Each township is asked to bring a prize/donation. Reservations due by Apr. 20, cost is \$20 each. Placed on file.

Eveleth Fee Office- License agreement renewal for sewer line. Cost is \$50. Referred to New Business.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Supervisor Erjavec-**

**Gilbert Effluent Agreement Proposal-** An Agreement for Effluent Treatment was received from Gilbert on January 14, 2010. The agreement states that Fayal will pay 45% of Gilbert's total operating costs. The Gilbert City Council has requested that Fayal agree to the proposal within 30 days. Supervisor Erjavec reported on the special PUC meeting that was held earlier today to discuss the agreement. The PUC made a motion to have the town board respond to Gilbert that we will continue to follow the old contract and present Gilbert with a counter proposal within 90 days. Supervisor Tammaro stated that in the agreement we are currently going by, Gilbert has to give 90 days notice to increase rates. Supervisor Erjavec reported that Eveleth wants twice as much as we pay Gilbert now. Discussion. The PUC also discussed constructing ponds to take care of Fayal's effluent, and they want to take a fast track approach for that project. Several studies have been done on the installation of ponds in Fayal, and the PUC wants to update the studies and move forward with construction. Discussion.

***Motion to contact Gilbert and tell them we will follow the old contract for now, and have a counter proposal for them in 90 days, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.***

Discussion on an engineer for the project.

***Motion to approach Benchmark Engineering to see if they want to be our engineer on this project, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.***

### **Supervisor Tammaro-**

**Grader-** The grader is the next piece of equipment on the replacement list. R & B employees have contacted Ziegler, and they will be doing an assessment on the grader. Depending on the results of the assessment, there may be things we can do to make the grader last longer. There will be no fee for the assessment from Ziegler.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Supervisors Erjavec and Branville reported on the meeting they had with the AFSCME public works members. Discussion. Consensus of the board on the wage increase request is to offer a zero increase the first year and one percent each of the next two years. Another meeting has been scheduled next week with the union.

Supervisors Pernu and Tammaro reported on an assault incident by a parent on another parent, that happened at the rink last weekend. The rink attendant has told the person he is barred from the rink, Tammaro is checking with the League of MN Cities attorney to see if there are further steps the town can take.

***Motion to accept the resignation of Stephanie Johnson from the Fayal Fire Department, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to renew the license agreement with the Eveleth Fee Office and pay the \$50 fee, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.***

**Motion to donate \$50 to the Range Youth for Action, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.**

**CITIZEN CONCERNS AND COMMENTS**

Fire Chief Shykes thanked the board for the matching funds for the radio grant. Chief Shykes made a short report on the new radio system. St. Louis County will be providing local law enforcement with the new radios. The FD has had their new trailer lettered.

Jerry Ulman, Kevin King and Eric Vincent were in attendance but had no comment.

**Motion to pay the bills made by Supervisor Tammaro, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.**

Discussion on the 2011 budget/levy. Consensus is to leave it the same as 2010, at \$519,500.00.

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Tammaro.

Chairman Kniefel adjourned the Regular Meeting at 8:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy M. Sersha  
Clerk of Fayal

**Approved:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chair**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Clerk**