

**TOWN OF FAYAL**  
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*Judy M. Sersha, Clerk/Treasurer*

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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD**

**JANUARY 20, 2015**

The Regular Meeting of the Fayal Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Tammaro. Present were: Chairman Tammaro, Supervisor Sather, Supervisor Branville, Supervisor Ochis, Supervisor Coldagelli, Clerk Sersha and Deputy Clerk Salin.

Audience members in attendance were Steve Shykes, Scott Smith, Jerry Ulman, Matt Reid and Chris Erickson.

**SCHEDULED GUESTS**

Clerk Sersha reported Dave Bastianelli was unable to attend tonight's meeting but he is questioning if there will be a sewer access charge on a tax-forfeit property the St. Louis County Land Department is currently auctioning off. Mr. Bastianelli owns the property adjoining and has paid a sewer access charge on it. Mr. Bastianelli is wondering if he buys the tax-forfeit parcel and combines it with his if he would have to pay a second sewer access charge. Referred to the PUC.

**AUDIENCE CONCERNS**

Steve Shykes forwarded a request from the fire department for some of its members to attend the FICA fire training school. Referred to New Business.

Scott Smith, Jerry Ulman, Matt Reid and Chris Erickson had no comment.

**REPORTS**

**Clerk/Treasurer's Report**- All bank statements for the month of December 2014 have been received and reconciled. Revenues for the month were \$454,433.16 and expenditures were \$229,906.91. Ending balances were:

Miners Bank- \$635,995.78

Assessment Savings- \$458,207.58

CD Savings- \$537,791.67

Mt. Iron Checking- \$339,275.74

For the month of January 2015 to date, there have been revenues of \$28,923.13 and expenditures of \$96,124.51.

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

***Motion to accept the minutes of the November 12, 2014 PUC Variance meeting, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to accept the minutes of the November 12, 2014 Public Utilities Commission Regular Meeting, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to accept the minutes of the December 10, 2014 Fire Department Regular Business Meeting, made by Supervisor Coldagelli, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to accept the November 2014 Water/Wastewater Operator's Report, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Coldagelli. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to accept the December 2014 Water/Wastewater Operator's Report, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Judy Sersha, Clerk- Letter to MN Public Facilities Authority requesting use of Wastewater Infrastructure Funds in the amount of \$47,414.55 for the replacement of the SCADA system. Referred to PUC.

Nancy Johnson, MN Public Facilities Authority approving use of the WIF funds for the purchase and installation of the SCADA system. Referred to PUC.

SLC Planning- They are seeking input in developing aquatic invasive species plan. Two informational meetings have been scheduled. Tuesday Feb. 3, 12-30-4:30 pm, Public Safety Building Training Room, 2030 N. Arlington Ave. Duluth and Wednesday, Feb. 4, 12-4:30 pm, Mt. Iron Community Center, 8586 Enterprise Dr. S. Mt. Iron. Placed on file.

CARE Commission- Request for donation for E-G All Night Post- Grad Party. Referred to New Business.

Troy Gilcrest, Kennedy & Graven- Letter regarding the Sanitary Sewer Service Agreement with City of Gilbert. Referred to New Business.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Supervisor Sather-**

**PUC By-Law Change-** The PUC has approved the change. The change states that anyone who sits on the PUC Commission must be current on their personal utility bill, and if they are more than three months behind, they cannot serve on the PUC.

***Motion to accept the change to the PUC By-laws effective February 1, 2015, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.***

SCADA System- We are getting an IRRRB grant for \$110,000 and the PFA has approved use of the sewer replacement funds in the amount of \$47,414.55.

***Motion to have the PUC get plans and specs for the SCADA system, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Chairman Tammaro. Matt Reid of SEH stated the plans and specs are already in place, but we need to advertize for bids. Chairman Tammaro asked that we have the bids by the first meeting in April. Motion carried unanimously.***

**Supervisor Ochis-**

**Road & Bridge-** Supervisor Ochis reported he went with Road Foreman Albert Jurenec and inspected all of our roads. They will be meeting with Matt Reid on Friday to discuss road paving projects.

**Supervisor Coldagelli-**

**Police-** The grant submitted by Chief Thompson to the Department of Public Safety for an in-squad computer was approved.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Supervisor Sather thanked Chris Erickson on his appointment as the new treasurer of the PUC. The sewer rate study submitted by Chris Erickson and Greg Buckley recommends no increase in our rate at this time, even though Gilbert has raised our rate again.

Discussion on members of the fire department attending FICA fire training in Indianapolis. No funds were allocated by the board to attend last year, but firefighters paid their own way. This year they are requesting \$3,000 for tuition and rooms, but will pay their own gas, meals etc.

***Motion to allot \$3,000 of the fire department budget to attend FICA training, made by Supervisor Coldagelli, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.***

Clerk Sersha reported that effective on January 1, 2015, PERA will no longer accept the exclusion code for those who make under \$425 per month. The exclusion has now been changed to \$5,100 per year. Sersha stated this is a good change because we need part-time help more in the summer, but when they reach the \$425 maximum they are sent home even if the work is not completed. Sersha also suggested the board look at the rate of pay for casual labor. We are currently paying \$9 per hour and the wage has not been raised for many years. Sersha states we may have better luck finding part-time help if the wage was increased. Chairman Tammaro states the board can think about it and discuss at the next meeting.

Clerk Sersha and Supervisor Coldagelli will be updating the office manager job description.

Discussion on deficits in the buildings & grounds and fire departments.

***Motion to transfer mining effects funds to the fire department and buildings & grounds to balance out both departments, with the balance going to road & bridge, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to donate \$100 to the Eveleth-Gilbert Post Grad Party, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Coldagelli. Motion carried unanimously.***

Discussion on the 2016 levy. Tentatively, the board decided upon \$626,000. More discussions will be held.

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

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Sather.

Chairman Tammaro adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy M. Sersha  
Clerk of Fayal

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

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

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