

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

JANUARY 3, 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 Tamaro and Clerk Sersha. Supervisor Pernu was absent.

Audience members in attendance were: Brad Reifsteck, Steve Shykes and Gary Milbrandt.

Motion to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2012 Regular Meeting, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Erjavec. Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULED GUESTS

Dale Dickson was in attendance to request reimbursement for mileage on his personal vehicle for the training seminar he is attending in the twin cities. Mr. Dickson stated that while in the cities, he plans to visit family and would like to use his own vehicle. Also, the township vehicle is rear wheel drive and does not handle well on slick or snowy roads. Discussion.

Motion to approve paying for gas for Mr. Dickson's personal vehicle for the trip to the training seminar, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Erjavec. Discussion. Chairman Kniefel stated that the travel policy does not allow paying for gas for personal vehicles, reimbursement is on a mileage basis based on the Conus rate, which is 55.5 cents per mile. Supervisor Branville stated that on a case by case basis the decision can be made as to whether or not the township pays for mileage or requires use of the township vehicle. In this instance, Supervisor Branville stated he does not have a problem with paying for mileage, so long as Dale's mileage for personal business is excluded.

Motion to reimburse Dale Dickson for mileage to and from the training seminar, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Erjavec. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Clerk/Treasurer's Report- Bank statements for the month of December 2011 have not yet been received, so this report is tentative. There were revenues of \$356,926.91, and expenditures of \$122,239.26, leaving balances of:

Miners Bank- \$182,468.95
Assessment Savings- \$476,179.10
Mt. Iron Checking- \$648,633.12

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

Motion to accept the October 11, 2011 PUC minutes, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the November 2, 2011 E-F Joint Cable TV minutes, made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the December 2011 Police Report made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

SLC Planning- The SLC Sheriff's office is updating its county-wide Hazard Mitigation Plan. To be included each community needs to participate in the development of the plan, if not the community will not be eligible for funding of any projects through the mitigation program. Form is attached to establish contact list.

Motion to participate in the Hazard Mitigation Plan and designate the clerk/treasurer as a contact, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Erjavec. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Kniefel reported the increases voted on at the last meeting for water and sewer were put into resolution form. Resolution 2011-06 is for the sewer charges and Resolution 2011-05 is for the water charges.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Erjavec reported he was approached by Ed Cvek regarding the two sewer access charge bills he received. Mr. Cvek was unable to attend tonight's meeting. The issue was referred to the PUC.

Chairman Kniefel stated the extra-territorial water rates were not addressed with the increases at the last meeting. Discussion.

Motion to set the extra-territorial water rates as follows: \$13.00 per month service charge, \$5.00 per thousand gallons up to 4,000 gallons, \$6.50 per thousand gallons over 4,000 gallons, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Tamaro. Chairman Kniefel stated he will update Resolution 2009-08. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Tamaro reported on happenings at the rink and town complex over the holidays. Temporary flags were put up to try to keep snowmobiles away and off of the rink. Also, someone drove through the fence by the fire department. Flags were also put up under the bridge on the bike trail to try to keep snowmobiles off of the bike trail. Pictures were presented showing marks on the trail, and there is concern the trail will be damaged. Supervisor Branville stated there are abnormal conditions this year, with not enough snow, and people going on the trail when it has clearly been closed to snowmobiles. The gates have been locked, but people have been driving around the gates. Discussion. The sign on the corner will be lettered telling people to keep off the bike trail with snowmobiles.

Supervisor Pernu also submitted a written report on the rink. The skating rink has been closed when it is supposed to be open, and we have not been provided a schedule of when and who is to be manning the rink. Many tries were made to contact Craig Homola, but were unsuccessful. Snowmobiles have also been on the rink, and between the playground and tennis courts. The area is signed with "No Motorized Vehicles", but have been ignored. Supervisor Pernu states he is concerned someone is going to be seriously injured.

Supervisor Pernu also reported he and Steve Verkovich inspected all the road signs in the township on Dec. 28, 2011. The visual inspection was conducted at night and took 3.5 hours. Mr. Verkovich will order all the new signs needed and has all the documentation, in case there are questions.

Chairman Kniefel asked that the board have their preliminary 2013 levy numbers in by the next meeting, to start discussions.

CITIZEN CONCERNS AND COMMENTS

Steve Shykes and Brad Reifsteck were in attendance but had no comment.

Gary Milbrandt was in attendance and reported his neighbor has been plowing from his private driveway, across the road, and pushing rocks and snow into his front yard. Mr. Milbrandt stated he tried to talk to his neighbor about it but was unsuccessful. Supervisor Branville will speak to Mr. Milbrandt's neighbor.

Motion to pay the bills made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Erjavec. Discussion on the health savings account claims and employee contracts that expire at the end of the year. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Supervisor Tamaro to adjourn.

Chairman Kniefel adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy M. Sersha
Clerk of Fayal

Approved: _____
Chair

Date: _____

Attest: _____
Clerk