

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

**JANUARY 8, 2008**

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 Branville, Supervisor Pernu, Supervisor Tamaro and Clerk Sersha. Supervisor Stewart was absent.

Audience members in attendance were: Mike Erjavec, Eric Kunnari, Kevin Kunnari, Tom & Jean Beste. Steve Shykes and Mike Knutson.

***Motion to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2007 Regular Meeting, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.***

**REPORTS**

**Clerk/Treasurer's Report-** For the month of December 2007, there were receipts of \$398,160.04 and expenditures of \$106,923.48. Ending bank balances are as follows:

Mt. Iron Checking-	\$747,907.07
Miners Bank-	\$100,726.43
Assessment Savings-	\$416,576.84

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

***Motion to approve the December 2007 Police Report made by Supervisor Branville, support from Chairman Kniefel. The board noted the recommendation of Chief Thompson regarding the purchase of a 4-wheel drive vehicle when the current car is replaced. Referred to Supervisor Stewart. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to approve the December 2007 Road & Bridge Report made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.***

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Cope & Peterson- Summons and Petition for Vacation and Notice of Hearing on roadway vacation of David S. and Marlys R. King. Proposed to be vacated are a portion of Elm Road and Sandy Boulevard. Referred to New Business.

SLC Planning- Variance application for 4576 Cedar Island Drive, forwarded to Planning Committee, which will be holding a meeting on January 29, 4:00 PM, Fayal Town Hall. Placed on file.

SLC Auditor-Treasurer- They anticipate that the 2007 forfeit land apportionment money we receive in 2008 will be proportionally less than in previous years due to the problems in the housing and real estate markets. Placed on file.

SEH, Julie Kennedy- Engineering Proposal for Sparta Sewer Extension Review. Proposal is for \$3,800. Referred to Old Business.

CARE Commission- Request for donation for the Eveleth-Gilbert All Night Post-Grad Party. Last year we donated \$100. Referred to New Business.

SLC Planning- A new Neighborhood Revitalization Program under the CDBG has been created to assist communities with redevelopment initiatives and promote the development of residential and commercial sites. Referred to Planning Committee, placed on file.

Morgan Taconite Oil, Bruce Carlson- Mr. Carlson has decided to move forward with the transition of his business to Edwards Oil. Placed on file.

SLC Public Works- Info on the Crushing, Crack Sealing, and Striping Program for 2008. Referred to Supervisor Tamaro.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Supervisor Branville-**

**Sparta Sewer-** Supervisors Branville and Tamaro, Dale Dickson, Diane Stewart and Julie Kennedy of SEH met with the Gilbert Mayor, Clerk Mackley and John Jamnick of RLK Kuusisto. Fayal's concerns regarding the Gilbert sewer project were brought forth and those issues will be resolved. Three service connections will be charged to Gilbert in lieu of a sewer rate increase to Fayal, the flow issue will be resolved, and one lift station will be moved. As for the rate study, Julie Kennedy and John Jamnick will each be putting figures together and a separate third party engineer will make the rate study for the two entities. The Sparta sewer agreement has been sent back to Gilbert's attorney Sam Aluni for revisions. The meeting was very productive, with the next meeting scheduled to be January 29 in Gilbert.

The water agreement will also be brought to this meeting since we will be purchasing water from Gilbert for Differding Point. The Gilbert officials have been informed we will be buying the bulk of our water from Eveleth starting this spring.

Short discussion on the agreement for engineering services for the Sparta sewer project, submitted by Julie Kennedy of SEH.

***Motion to accept the proposal, not to exceed the amount of \$3,800 for engineering services from SEH for the Sparta sewer project, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.***

**Golf Course Road Sewer Connection-** There was no quorum present for the PUC meeting for discussions on this subject. Eric and Kevin Kunnari were present and asked if they could obtain their own quote for this project? The board agreed this is an option.

### **Supervisor Pernu-**

**Office Air Exchanger-** Work is still being done on the grant application, but it should be finished and submitted by next week.

***Motion to apply for a grant to MN OSHA for air quality equipment for the offices, made by Supervisor Pernu, support from Supervisor Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.***

Discussion on the time line of the grant application process. Supervisor Pernu reported they award grants on a monthly basis. If we are not successful in obtaining the grant, the board agreed the project would go forward anyway, since we are out of compliance.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Storage Garage Door-** The big garage door was backed into. It is unknown who did it. We will be getting an estimate on repair/replacement on Monday, along with an estimate for some prior damage. Clerk Sersha will turn the damage into our insurance company.

**R & B Dept. Printer-** A request has been made for the purchase of a new multi-purpose printer for the Road & Bridge Department. Cost is \$400.

***Motion to approve the purchase of the new printer, made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.***

Supervisor Tamaro stated the need for a new digital camera, for use by all the departments. Clerk Sersha will come back with a recommendation.

**Sandy Blvd./Elm Road Vacation**- A petition for vacation has been filed by Cope & Peterson, on behalf of David and Marlys King. The Road Department has a concern with the vacation, because we have no written agreement to use a portion of Elm Road as a turnaround for the snow plow. Discussion.

Chairman Kniefel stated we can object to the judge when the issue is brought to District Court, stating we have a public purpose for part of the road, or we can request easement. Discussion by the Board.

***Motion to have the town chair craft a letter to Cope & Peterson requesting easement on Elm Road for a turnaround for our equipment, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.***

**2008 Yard Waste Schedule**- Scheduled dates are as follows: April 18,19,20,25,26,27, May 2,3,4 and October 17,18,19,24,25,26,31 and November 1 & 2. Hours are Noon to 5 PM.

***Motion to approve the 2008 Yard Waste Schedule made by Supervisor Pernu, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to table the EFGSD Joint Rec Budget 2008, made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to donate the same as last year to the CARE Commission for the E-G All-Night Grad Party, made by Supervisor Pernu, support from Chairman Kniefel. Motion carried unanimously.***

Chairman Kniefel stated there will be a conflict with our next regular meeting on February 5. The state caucus is held the same evening.

***Motion to hold the February 5 Regular Meeting at 4:00 PM, instead of 7:00 PM, due to the state caucus, made by Supervisor Pernu, support from Chairman Kniefel. Motion carried unanimously.***

**CITIZEN CONCERNS AND COMMENTS**

Tom and Jean Beste were in attendance. Mr. Beste requested that the township vacate Sandy Boulevard, located by his property. Chairman Kniefel explained that the issue must go to district court. Mr. Beste stated he brought the issue to district court several years ago, but the DNR objected to the vacation and it was denied. Mr. Beste requested the township bring the issue on behalf of the property owners in the area. The board took no action.

Mike Erjavec, Steve Shykes and Mike Knutson were present but had no comment.

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

2008 levy discussions were held. Preliminary levy is \$551,125. More discussions will be held in the upcoming meetings.

Short discussion on the IRB grant received for new waterline in O’Laughlin Square.

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Tamaro.

Chairman Kniefel adjourned the Regular Meeting at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted, **Approved:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*Chair*

Judy M. Sersha **Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of Fayal *Clerk*