

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

OCTOBER 2, 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 Pernu, Supervisor Tamaro and Clerk Sersha. Supervisor Branville was absent.

Audience members in attendance were Jerry Ulman, Scott Smith and Heidi Coldagelli.

Motion to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2012 Regular Meeting made by Supervisor Pernu, support from Supervisor Erjavec. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Clerk-Treasurer's Report- Bank statements for the month of September 2012 have not yet been received so this report is tentative. Revenues were \$66,129.36 and expenditures were \$157,257.27. Due to the decrease in interest rates at Mt. Iron Bank, there was a transfer from Mt. Iron Checking to Miners Bank in the amount of \$1,143,778.89, of which \$341,476.58 was deposited into checking. Two new savings accounts were opened at Miners Bank, with \$429,820.46 deposited to CD savings and \$372,481.85 deposited to Assessment Savings. Tentatively, ending balances are as follows:

Miners Checking-	\$610,145.63
Assessment Savings-	\$372,481.85
CD Savings-	\$429,820.46
Mt. Iron Checking-	\$199,970.00

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

CORRESPONDENCE

SLCATO- The MAT Annual Conference will be held in St. Cloud, Nov 15-17. Bus is available. Next meeting is Oct. 24, Cotton Town Hall, 7 pm.

Jodi Pontinen- Gilbert has set the dates for the detachment meetings- Oct 9, 5 pm, Oct 16, 5:30 pm and Oct. 23, 5 pm, Gilbert City Hall.

RCB- Notice of Hearing. A change of venue has been requested, and the \$10 fee has been paid to the court administrator.

American Bank- Letter stating they are lowering our interest rate on Oct. 1, 2012 from 1/10% of a percent to 1/100% of a percent. They also recommend we contact the MN Assn of Governments Investments and the 4M Fund to deposit our funds.

Bruce Williams- Scheduling conference is set for Thursday, Oct. 4 8:10 am, with Judge Pagliacetti.

Steve Verkovich- Requesting he be allowed to use a portion of his vacation prior to the Oct. 25 date when he earns 5 more weeks of vacation, instead of taking a lump sum payment when he retires on Nov. 2.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Pernu-

Town Hall- The new blinds have been installed in the town hall and offices. Work is continuing in the janitor's room.

Supervisor Tamaro-

Building Expansion- The contractors will be here next Monday to begin construction of the storage building expansion, and will stay until the project is completed.

Chairman Kniefel-

RCB- Fayal has been summoned to conciliation court by RCB. A change of venue has been requested by Fayal to have the case heard in Virginia instead of Hibbing. Chairman Kniefel stated that conciliation cases are not normally represented by legal council, but in this case, he felt the two town employees who will be representing Fayal in court should have access to legal representation.

Motion to direct the town attorney Scott Neff to support our claim, as appropriate, throughout the process, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Detachment Hearings- Three meetings have been set for the Pontinen's request for detachment from Gilbert. All meetings will be held at Gilbert City Hall and dates are as follows: Oct. 9, 5 pm, Oct. 16, 5:30 pm and Oct. 23, 5 pm. Chairman Kniefel stated he will attend the meetings. Other board members expressed interest in attending also. The meetings will be posted accordingly to allow for attendance by the Fayal town board members.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Erjavec stated that Aurora, Biwabik and part of the Eveleth trail are plowed in the winter for walking. Erjavec has had numerous requests by residents for Fayal to plow our trail in winter.

Motion to plow the bike trail this winter, if possible, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Tamaro. Discussion. Erjavec states we will have to check with the trail authority to see if this is allowed. Tamaro states we may be shorthanded this winter and not able to plow the trail. Erjavec states that is why he made the motion "if possible". Erjavec, Pernu, Tamaro vote yes. Kniefel voted no, stating there is not enough information at this time. Motion carried.

Supervisor Pernu reported that instead of purchasing a new board table we will refurbish the old one by having new laminate installed. New chairs will also be purchased.

Motion to authorize up to \$3,500.00 to cover the cost of the table and chairs, with funding to come from the Buildings & Grounds budget, made by Supervisor Pernu, support from Supervisor Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to authorize \$200 to purchase lunch and a token of appreciation for Steven Verkovich upon his retirement, made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Tamaro reported he had a call from a resident on St. Mary's Court regarding mowing of the town road right-of-way.

Motion to deny the request by Steve Verkovich to allow him to take a portion of his vacation prior to his retirement, made by Chairman Kniefel. Motion dies for lack of second.

Clerk Sersha stated the vacancy for town foreman was posted internally for a period of seven days. Albert Jurenic has applied for the vacancy.

Motion to appoint Albert Jurenic as town foreman, effective November 2, 2012, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to declare a vacancy for the position of equipment operator for the Town of Fayal and direct the clerk to post internally immediately, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Erjavec. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Tamaro requested the negotiating committee re-write the job descriptions for the foreman and equipment operator. Referred to Supervisors Branville and Erjavec.

Chairman Kniefel introduced read into the record Resolution 2012-05.

Motion to Adopt Policies and Procedures regarding the Access to, and the Use and Disclosure of, Protected Health Information, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Kniefel stated there will be a conflict with the November meeting schedule due to the election.

Motion to eliminate the November 6, 2012 Regular Meeting and hold only one meeting on November 20, 2012, made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Erjavec. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to authorize the request of Steve Verkovich to use a portion of his vacation prior to his retirement, made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Erjavec. Kniefel questioned to what level will the vacation be allowed? Tamaro states it will be a maximum of two weeks, and if he is needed here, he will not take the vacation. Tamaro, Erjavec and Pernu voted yes. Kniefel voted no. Motion carried.

Supervisor Pernu reported the yardwaste site will be open the following dates, from Noon- 5:00 PM: October 12,13,14,19,20,21,26,27,28.

CITIZEN CONCERNS AND COMMENTS

Jerry Ulman, Scott Smith and Heidi Coldagelli were in attendance but had no comment.

Jim Johnson of SEH arrived and introduced Matt Reid, the new engineer that will be taking his place upon his retirement next year.

Motion to pay the bills, except the DSGW bill for further clarification, made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Tamaro.

Chairman Kniefel adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy M. Sersha
Clerk of Fayal

Approved: _____
Chair

Date: _____

Attest: _____
Clerk