

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

OCTOBER 16, 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 Pernu, Supervisor Tamaro and Clerk Sersha.

Audience members in attendance were Scott Smith, Jerry Ulman, Heidi Coldagelli, Jim Johnson and three E-G students.

Motion to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2012 Regular Meeting, made by Supervisor Pernu, support from Supervisor Tamaro. Supervisor Erjavec stated the request by Supervisor Tamaro for the negotiating committee to re-write the job descriptions should also have included the wastewater operator description. Clerk Sersha asked if the request should include all union job descriptions? Supervisor Erjavec agreed that is what the request should include. Pernu, Tamaro, Kniefel and Erjavec voted yes. Branville abstained, due to his absence from the meeting. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Clerk/Treasurer's Report- All bank statements for the month of September 2012 have been received, and all accounts have been reconciled. Total revenues for the month were \$69,099.46 and expenditures were \$157,663.27. A transfer was made from Mt. Iron Checking to Miners Checking in the amount of \$1,143,778.89. Ending balances are as follows:

Miners Bank- \$1,384,364.31
Mt. Iron Checking- \$200,131.05

For the month of October 2012 to date, there have been revenues of \$28,342.64 and expenditures of \$58,331.60. A transfer from Miner Checking was made to open two savings accounts.

Tentative balances as of this date are:

Miners Checking- \$641,409.91
Assessment Savings- \$341,476.58
CD Savings- \$429,820.46
Mt. Iron Checking- \$141,280.86

Motion to approve the Clerk/Treasurer's Report, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Chairman Kniefel asked if all of the collateral has been received from Miners Bank for our deposits? Clerk Sersha stated the collateral has been received and is on file. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the September 11, 2012 PUC Regular Meeting minutes, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the September 11, 2012 PUC Public Hearing on variance request by Ryan Turner, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the September 11, 2012 PUC Public Hearing on variance request by Kyle & Nicole Nguyen, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the September 2012 Police Report made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the October 10, 20102 Eveleth-Fayal Cable TV Regular Meeting minutes, made by Supervisor Tammaro, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the September 2012 Road & Bridge Report made by Supervisor Tammaro, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the September 12, 2012 Fire Department Regular Business meeting minutes, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

SLC Planning- A variance hearing will be held Tues. Oct. 16, 9 am, Northland Office Center for Kyle & Nicole Nguyen, 8456 Long Lake Road. Placed on file.

District Court- Scheduling Order, Fayal v Gilbert. Placed on file

District Court- Conciliation Hearing Oct. 24, 8:30 am, RCB v Fayal. Referred to Old Business.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Tammaro-

Supervisor Tammaro thanked Chairman Kniefel for notifying St. Louis County Public Works on the retirement of Steve Verkovich. Fayal has a snow plowing agreement with the county and we may need them to plow some of the roads. Supervisor Tammaro reported a plan has been put together by Steve Verkovich on which roads will be plowed by the county, if needed this winter.

Building Expansion- The walls and rafters have been installed, but cannot be finished because all of the metal has not arrived, so they will be working on the inside walls. Garage doors are to be installed tomorrow.

Chairman Kniefel-

RCB- Judy Sersha and Diane Stewart will be attending the conciliation hearing, along with Scott Neff. Supervisor Erjavec will also attend.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to submit a 60 day notice to AFSCME for purposes of negotiating a new union agreement, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Chairman Kniefel. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to have AI research to buy a new ATV to plow the bike trail, made by Supervisor Erjavec. Motion dies for lack of second.

Discussion on whether or not to plow the trail, and the motion made at the last meeting to plow the trail. Supervisor Pernu states he now thinks more research and thought should have went into the decision. Supervisor Tammaro states if we have a winter with not much snow, like last year, it may be feasible to plow, but not if it is a heavy snow year. Supervisor Branville states he went to the public meeting and was assured the Mesabi Trail could be used by snowmobiles, but agrees we should play it by ear as far as how much snowfall is received. Chairman Kniefel states the board took action last year to allow snowmobiles on the trail and if the trail were to be plowed, to what degree is it plowed? Bare pavement? Icy surface? We will then have the liability of slip and fall accidents. Cross country skiing is another consideration.

Supervisor Branville reported he and Supervisor Erjavec had their initial meeting on reviewing the job descriptions.

Supervisor Tammaro reported someone has been making ruts by the fire department.

Discussion on the retirement of Steve Verkovich.

Motion to set up a medical account with Mr. Verkovich's accrued sick time, per the union contract, made by Supervisor Tammaro, support from Supervisor Erjavec. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to amend the retirement date of Mr. Verkovich to October 31, 2012 instead of November 2, 2012, made by Supervisor Tammaro, support from Chairman Kniefel. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion on vacancy for position of equipment operator. The position was posted internally for 7 days, per the contract, and no one applied. Supervisor Branville suggested using the MN Workforce. An application packet will first have to be assembled. Supervisor Tammaro will check with MN Workforce and other municipalities.

CITIZEN CONCERNS AND COMMENTS

Jim Johnson and Scott Smith had no comment.

Jerry Ulman reported over 120 loads were hauled to the brush dump last weekend.

Heidi Coldagelli stated WEVE will air free employment ads.

Motion to pay the bills made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. No resolution yet on the DSGW bill not paid at the last meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Tammaro.

Chairman Kniefel adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy M. Sersha
Clerk of Fayal

Approved: _____
Chair

Date: _____

Attest: _____
Clerk