

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

OCTOBER 21, 2014

The Regular Meeting of the Fayal Board of Supervisors was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Tamaro. Present were: Chairman Tamaro, Supervisor Branville, Supervisor Pernu, Supervisor Coldagelli and Clerk Sersha. Supervisor Erjavec was absent.

Audience members in attendance were: Beth Pierce, Andy Micheletti, Chris Sailstad, Jerry Ulman, Scott Smith, Steve Shykes, Jerry LaCousier, Matt Reid, and Davy Jones.

SCHEDULED GUESTS

Beth Pierce of the Iron Range Visitors and Convention Bureau was in attendance regarding Fayal's lodging tax. The tax must be spent on promotion and advertizing and Ms. Pierce informed the Board that Fayal could become a part of the joint powers agreement with other communities in the area, which would entitle us to a seat on their board. Referred to New Business.

Andy Micheletti of Ziegler was in attendance and gave a presentation on a road sweeper that recaptures road sand. Mr. Micheletti explained the sweeper recaptures road sand instead of sweeping it onto yards and into the air. The sand can be screened and re-used. Free training for employees will be offered with purchase, and if after receipt of the sweeper we find we don't like it, it can be returned. Total price, which is government pricing, is \$18,005.

Motion to purchase the Allied Sweepster from Ziegler in the amount of \$18,005, to be paid from the Capital Equipment fund, made by Supervisor Pernu, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS

Jerry Ulman, Scott Smith, Steve Shykes, and Matt Reid had no comment.

Jerry LaCousier and Davy Jones were in attendance to question why the gate is locked on South Airport Road, and how they can access the land behind the airport for deer hunting. Supervisor Pernu will contact Gary Ulman at the airport.

REPORTS

For the period of October 1-21, 2014, there were revenues of \$134,344.09 and expenditures of \$153,434.93. Tentative balances are:

Miners Bank- \$454,441.23

Assessment Savings- \$311,483.87

Mt. Iron Checking- \$310,514.60

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

Motion to accept the EFGSD Joint Rec Regular Meeting minutes of October 8, 2014, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the September 2014 Road & Bridge Report, made by Supervisor Pernu, support from Supervisor Coldagelli. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the September 9, 2014 Public Utilities Commission Regular Meeting minutes, made by Chairman Tamaro, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the minutes of the September 9, 2014 Variance Hearing, made by Chairman Tamaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

SLCATO- Regular Meeting minutes of May 28, 2014. Next meeting Dec. 3, 7 pm, Cotton. Placed on file.

FEMA- Request for assistance with FEMA Risk MAP Discovery effort. The Discovery process is the first step in determining whether a Risk MAP project is needed within your watershed. A meeting will be scheduled in Cloquet on Nov. 17 and Hibbing Nov. 18. Placed on file.

OLD BUSINESS

Fire Dept. PERA- Chris Sailstad of the Fayal Firefighters Relief Association was in attendance. Mr. Sailstad submitted a letter on behalf of the Relief Association requesting that the assets of their pension special funds be transferred to PERA at a benefit level of \$2000 per year of active service effective January 1, 2015. The benefit level is currently at \$1500 per year of service, and the township contributes \$14,000 per year and the fund also receives funding from the state. If the benefit level was kept the same at \$1500 per year, there would be no township contribution if the funds were transferred to PERA. Mr. Sailstad explained that there is no step between \$1500 and \$2000 for PERA, and once you increase the level, you cannot reduce it. Legislation is supposed to be passed next year to change funding levels, but at this time it not available. Discussion.

Motion by Chairman Tamaro, support from Supervisor Branville to deny the assets of the relief association be transferred to PERA at a benefit level of \$2000. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Coldagelli reported the first Comprehensive Planning meeting will be held next week on Wednesday, October 29 at 6:30 pm.

Matt Reid reported the grant request to the IRRRB in the amount of \$115,000 for the SCADA system has been submitted.

Discussion on the lodging tax. Currently there is over \$10,000 in the fund. Since Fayal is a residential area, there really is nothing to advertize except the Bobber Stop fishing contest. A request has already been made to the IRVCB to advertize that event.

Motion to donate the lodging tax funds in their entirety, except 5 percent for administrative costs, to the Iron Range Visitors and Convention Bureau prior to year end, and make annual donations each year of lodging taxes that are collected, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion on placing sewer special assessment on a parcel of property (CVT 340-0010-03580) that went tax-forfeit, but was re-purchased by the owner. Clerk Sersha distributed a spread sheet of what has and has not been paid starting in the year 2001. Total is \$4,205.49, including pay 2015.

Motion to certify to the St. Louis County Auditor a special assessment for sewer of \$4,205.49 for pay 2015 and \$460.30 per year for the years 2016 through 2020 on CVT 340-0010-03580 (Project Parcel 619), made by Chairman Tamaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Pernu reported there has been a request for a speed limit less than 30 mph. Chairman Tamaro stated all roads that meet the requirements for a residential roadway speed limit less than 30 mph have been designated. Any road that has not, does not qualify under the statute guidelines for a residential roadway.

Chairman Tamaro reported the solar panels have been fixed.

Clerk Sersha reported a request to move a sewer special assessment to a different lot owned by Roger Edstrom. Mr. Edstrom had two special assessments for sewer on two adjacent lots (Lots 4 & 5). Mr. Edstrom has sold his house and the lot next door and would like the sewer assessment to be moved to Lot 11, also owned by Mr. Edstrom. Lots 4 & 5 will be combined into one parcel. Mr. Edstrom paid his two sewer assessments in full, and the water assessment on Lot 5 has also been paid in full. Mr. Edstrom has also been paying a standby water charge on Lot 4, which will continue. Clerk Sersha distributed a map of the area, along with a history of the properties involved. Clerk Sersha stated that if Mr. Edstrom splits Lots 11 & 12, he would be subject to a sewer access charge.

Motion to move the sewer special assessment from Lot 4 to Lot 11, as long as Lot 11 and 12 are not subdivided, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Steve Shykes outlined how the officers are elected for the fire department, and questioned if the board wanted it done a different way? Chairman Tammaro responded the fire department should keep electing their officers and bring the results to the town board so the board can officially appoint them to their respective offices.

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

Motion to adjourn by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy M. Sersha
Clerk of Fayal

Approved: _____
Chair

Date: _____

Attest: _____
Clerk